



Child Care Chatter

...showers bring May Flowers...

April 2017

Friends and Families,

March came in like a lamb (I even turned my heat off for a week), and the lion appeared two weeks into the month bringing our first significant snowfall of the season! According to the calendar, spring has sprung and Easter celebrations and the Week of the Young Child are just a few weeks away! As in years past, the National Association for the Education of Young Children has chosen to emphasize the importance of early learning and development during the week of April 23rd -29th, 2017. As advocates of young children, we all know that the **Early Years Are Learning Years!** We have chosen the Pennsylvania's One Book, Every Young Child 2017 selection as our theme for the special community event and some of our special activities throughout the week.

The Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child Early Literacy Program 2017 selection is **Daniel Finds a Poem**. Written and illustrated by Micha Archer, the book was published in 2016 by Nancy Paulsen Books, an imprint of Penguin House LLC, and is for children ages 3 to 6. Daniel wants to participate in the Poetry in the Park event, but first asks his animal friends for help. After a week of discovery, he is able to share a magical poem that incorporates the essence of the entire book. The collage illustrations help to celebrate a sense of wonder and poetry everywhere.

We hope that everyone can take the time away from their busy schedules to join us for one or more of the many activities we have planned (see the attached flyer for additional information). We look forward to seeing the inner child in each of you come alive as you join us celebrating the most precious years of life – Early Childhood!

Important Notes and Dates to Remember:

- Summer school age enrollment form has been distributed in Kids Club. If you haven't returned your form with payment for the activity fee – do so as soon as possible.
- Please submit all requests for schedule changes to me as soon as you possibly can so we can continue to meet your needs. We will honor requests on a first come, first serve basis and part time space is limited. We will do our best to accommodate your timely requests put in writing.
- Parent Questionnaires attached. Please complete and return yours to the box across from the office by Monday, April 10th, 2017.
- Week of April 23 – 29, 2017 – Week of the Young Child – see attached flyer for center activities and additional flyer for community celebration.

Coming Soon....

- Teacher Appreciation Week May 1 – 5, 2017 – Special Activities to come later in April.
- Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in May this year. More information to follow in the May 2017 Newsletter.