



## GARDEN GAZETTE | APRIL 2021

### -BUZZWORTHY-

We are so excited April is here! The children are getting ready for our Easter Egg Hunts. We are also looking forward to opening our new "Peach Room".

#### CHILDREN AND NATURE

Early childhood is the most powerful time to explore our natural world. Children need to spend time outdoors to appreciate its wonder. Be careful not to restrict experiences. Dirt is messy but not unhealthy. Children digging in dirt for worms may not be aesthetic, but it isn't unsanitary. Lie on your backs and look at the patterns of the clouds or the sunlight through the trees. Viewing the outdoors as natural and open gives children permission to explore the world around them. And, helps them to appreciate the inspiration, awe, and majesty of our earth.

During April, we as parents can role-model being open to our messy-natural world, appreciate a dirty child making mud pies and delight in helping them measure rainfall. Teaching children to love and care for their natural environment will have life long positive effects for kids and our earth around us!

\*Note article adapted from Scholastic at <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/personal-perspective-why-children-need-nature/>

### -REMINDERS-

Classrooms will be doing Easter egg hunts on April 1st. Don't forget their baskets and to bring pre-filled eggs!

Closed on Good Friday, April 2nd

Have a Happy Easter Sunday. Post some cute pics of those chocolate smiles for us to see on Facebook!

Please let us know if your school age child will be attending our summer program so we can staff accordingly.

### -EVENTS-

- 4/1: Easter Egg Hunts (bring baskets with plastic eggs)**
- 4/2: Closed for Good Friday**
- 4/2: Autism Awareness Day**
- 4/3: Children's Book Day**
- 4/3: Find a Rainbow Day**
- 4/4: Happy Easter Sunday**
- 4/10-4/16: NAEYC Week of the Young Child**
- 4/10: Nat'l Siblings Day**
- 4/11: Int'l Pet Day**
- 4/22: Earth Day (Wear Green!)**
- 4/26-4/30: Nat'l Playground Safety Week**

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