

REGGIO'S JOURNAL



APRIL 2024

Commerce Department Child Care Center by Reggio's Treehouse



IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/2 - International Children's Book Day
- 4/5 - Staff Development Day (Center Closed)
- 4/6 - National Pajama Day
- 4/8-4/12 - Week of the Young Child
- 4/22 - Earth Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



There are no birthdays to celebrate in this month.

A Note from the Director/Assistant Director:

March has been very busy. We had to deal with the ever-changing weather, and a possible government shutdown. Nevertheless, we have endured. We are excited about April and celebrating Earth Day and NAEYC's Week of the Young Child (April 8- 12, 2024) in lots of fun ways. Be sure to check out our class canvas artwork, which will be displayed in the center hallway all week. We have spaces available for our summer program for children three to five. If you are interested or have a colleague who may be, please get in touch with Ms. Karen.





LATEST NEWS and REMINDERS

Event Details

- "Earth Week Activity" April 23-24, 2024. The children have been invited to participate in a hands-on plant-seeding experience to foster a sense of environmental stewardship and connection with nature, in the DOC cafeteria lobby on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. After the event, the children will take their plant seeding activity to their classroom, and observe how seeds transform into mature plants.



Parent Referral Program



Refer your friends, family, & co-workers & earn a \$250 referral bonus! For each family that you refer and that enrolls with us, you will receive a \$250 for each full-time enrollment and \$100 for each part time enrollment. The referral bonus will be applied 60 days from the referral's start date & your friend gets free registration!

Donations



We kindly request donations of recyclable materials for our classrooms including fabrics, yarn, and old electronics. These items will greatly enhance our learning environment and provide hands-on experiences for our students. If you have any of these materials that you would be willing to donate, please send them to our classroom. Your generosity will have a lasting impact on our students and their education. Thank you in advance for your support.



EVACUATION LOCATIONS

Primary Site

Triangle Tots - Ronald Regan Building
1300 Pennsylvania., NW
Washington, DC 20229

Secondary Site

Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center
National Museum of Natural History,
Room CE-G50
Washington, DC 20013-7012

Command Center Phone Numbers

FPS Police: 301-763-0040
DOC Security Office: 202-482-2222



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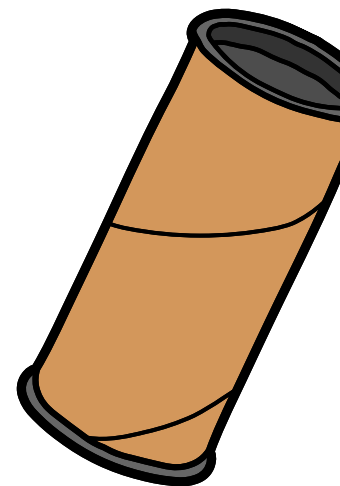
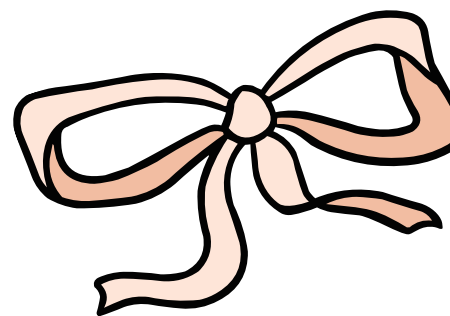
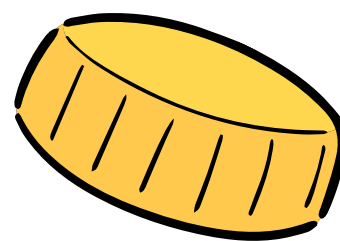
With all the talk about loose parts and donation requests for our centers, you may be wondering what exactly we do with all of these supplies. It's a great question, and there are so many creative ways we put these materials to use! We appreciate every donation, no matter how small or random it may seem. Bottle caps, ribbons, fabric scraps, cardboard tubes - anything can spark imagination and exploration.

The article below outlines 22 genius ways we can incorporate loose parts into our classrooms, from math manipulatives to pattern practicing. These open-ended materials promote creativity, problem-solving, collaboration, and discovery in children of all ages. Loose parts allow kids to engineer, build, balance, sort - the possibilities are endless! We may use popsicle sticks and pipe cleaners to practice fine motor skills, turn empty food boxes into dramatic play props, or let children create their own art tools from

odds and ends. With some guidance and supervision, we can usually find a fun way to repurpose random items.

So next time you're tempted to throw something away, consider donating it to our center instead. No matter what it is, we'll put it to good use fueling young imaginations and hands-on learning experiences. We can truly never have too many loose parts!

[22 Ways to Use Loose Parts for Learning - We Are Teachers](#)



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

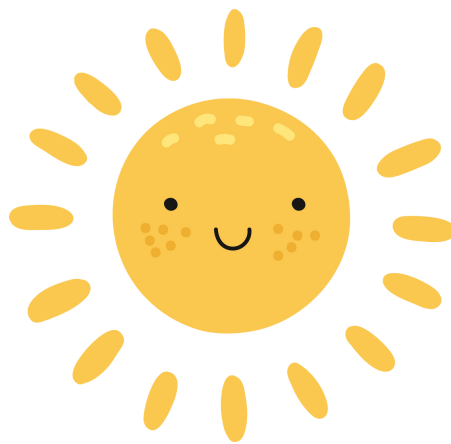


GAMBO

The Gambos discovered things about the color green throughout March. The children explored things such as green foods, shamrocks, plants, and frogs through pretend play, story time, finger plays, music, and arts. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who brought green food items for our St. Patrick's Day party.

RADICI

Happy Spring everyone! During March and April, the Radici's discussed spring. We are excited about the beginning of a new season and the warm weather. We have been going on walks and creating art projects. We are excited about celebrating the Week of the Young Child and creating an art project. Fiona is pulling up on furniture. Atlas is holding his bottle and crawling around the classroom. John enjoys looking in the mirror and doing tummy time.



ALBERELLO & FOGLIA

During March the Foglia and Alberellos were busy doing all sorts of fun things. We learned about St. Patrick's Day and celebrated with a party. The children made birthday cards for their friends, learned about rainbow colors, created a shamrock art activity, and took nature walks around the neighborhood. In March, our focus was on the wind, green things, Cherry Blossoms, and things that grow. We discussed several things that are green including vegetables and fruits. We also planted flowers, watered them, and watched their growth. The students enjoyed going on a nature walk to Ellipse Park to see the Cherry Blossom trees. The children collected sticks from the playground to create a Cherry Blossom display.

