

REGGIO'S JOURNAL

The Children's House by Reggio's Treehouse



APRIL 2024



IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/1 - Family Bunny Hop
- 4/5 - Staff Development Day
- 4/8-4/12 - Week Of The Young Child
- 4/12 - WOYC Family Event
- 4/15-4/19 - Spring Give Back Drive
- 4/22 - Earth Day Celebration



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jude 4/2 1 yr

Neteylah 4/24



A Note from the Director/Assistant Director

The arrival of spring signifies rebirth and renewal, making it the perfect time to celebrate the blossoming achievements of Ms. Neteylah and Ms. T as they complete their Child Development Associate (CDA) credential. This nationally recognized certification demonstrates their dedication to nurturing young minds and commitment to providing high-quality early childhood education. Their accomplishment is truly worth cheering from the rooftops! Likewise, the entire Reggio Treehouse HUD team deserves applause for supporting one another through this journey, whether by covering extra duties or providing words of encouragement

along the way. It takes a village to raise a child, and the village at Reggio Treehouse HUD, from teachers to support staff to families, has come together beautifully. Without the team's collaborative spirit and the families' trust, the children's growth would not be possible. So as spring's warmth breathes new life into the world around us, we also celebrate the growth happening within the walls of Reggio Treehouse HUD. The relationships built here are planting seeds of knowledge in young minds that will continue blossoming for years to come. With the dedication Ms. Neteylah and Ms. T have shown, as well as the continued support of the team and families, Reggio's Treehouse HUD is poised for a bright future of nurturing children's limitless potential. The completion of this CDA program marks only the beginning!





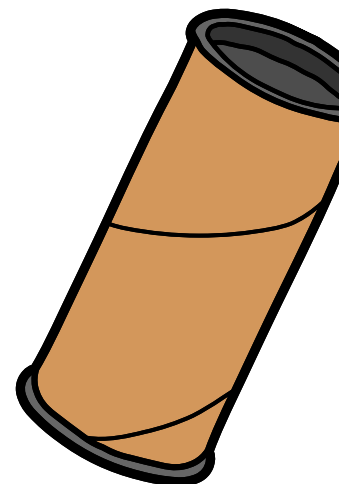
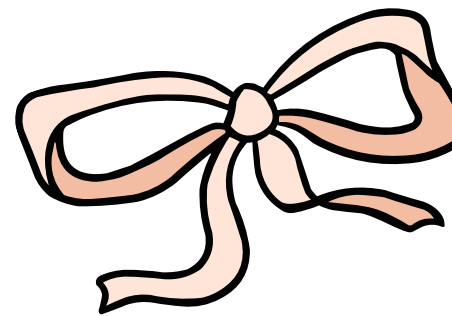
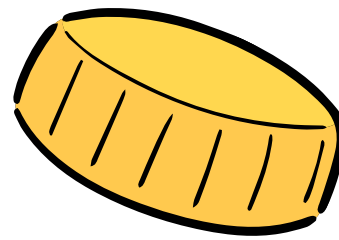
ARTICLE

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](#)





LATEST NEWS and REMINDERS

Events

- April 1st Easter Monday - The children's Easter celebration at school will be a fun-filled event for both students and parents. To prepare for the festivities, we kindly ask each family to provide a contribution. Parents are requested to send in a tasty food snack along with a bag of fun Easter candy. These goodies will allow the children to have the exciting experience of stuffing their own Easter baskets at school. At 4pm, we invite parents to join us for more Easter fun. Families are welcome to participate alongside their child in a lively bunny hop dance and other themed games and crafts. This is a chance for parents to come into the classroom and engage in memorable activities with their child.
- Week of the Young Child - April 8th - 12th
- Music - Monday 4/8 The children will move their bodies to music, stimulating large muscles
- Tasty - Tuesday 4/9 We will have a facial feature contest {sweet and Sour} taste testing worst facial expression
- Work Together Wednesday 4/10 The children will work together to create a Cherry Blossom Tree using their fine motor skills to creatively place each Blossom on the branch.
- Artsy Thursday 4/11 "It Looks Like Spilt Milk" Children Will create and design on paper using Spring colors, { What is It Guessing Game }
- Family Friday 4/12 Parents are invited to participate in a FUN Filled evening of activities with their children as well as sit for a Family Photo shoot then help the children make a picture frame.

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 to include 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

The Children's House
451 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20410

Secondary Site

St. Dominic's Church
630 E Street, SW
Washington, DC

Command Center Phone Numbers

(202) 402-3930



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?



RADICI

In our Radici Class, we will provide a wide range of enriching sensory experiences for students to explore the world around them. Each day we introduce engaging activities that awaken the senses through touch, sight, and movement. Students can delight in discovering a spectrum of textures, from soft cotton balls to bumpy seashells, learning new descriptive words like fuzzy, silky, and rough. We will surround them in cheerful pastel hues, like buttery yellows, robin's egg blues, and blushing pinks, and watch their faces light up as they take in the vibrant colors. Playful games will allow them to seek out hidden objects, honing their focus and attention to detail. Fine motor challenges, like lacing cards, stringing beads, and grasping small items, will help strengthen little hands and fingers. Gross motor adventures, whether rolling across mats or tossing soft balls, will get their bodies active and energetic. Through these multisensory experiences, our students will absorb new concepts, make cognitive connections, and expand their literacy foundations. Our Radici Class provides a nurturing environment where curiosity is welcomed, creativity blossoms, and children can discover the world in a joyful, hands-on way.



GAMBO & ALBERELLO

During this month, our attention will be on building essential skills such as independence, language development, and fine motor abilities. Children will participate in activities that help improve their coordination and discover new subjects of interest. Our students will also discover the change in the season by observing the warmer weather and the blooming of the trees outside our classroom windows. The children will engage in creative projects learning about Spring animals like bunnies, chicks, and lambs. We will explore the bright colors associated with the season like pastel pinks, yellows, greens, and blues. To celebrate Easter, we will decorate baskets with stickers, glitter, and ribbons and fill them with plastic eggs, fake grass, and chocolate bunnies. The class will go on an exciting egg hunt outdoors, searching high and low for the hidden eggs. We support the idea of becoming comfortable with trying new things and expanding their knowledge base by learning about the natural world around them - dirt, sun, water, flowers, trees, bugs/insects and animals. Through hands-on activities and explorations, the children will gain independence, improve their language and coordination, and discover the wonders of Spring.

