



# Hummingbird News

*Spring Edition  
Read me!*



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The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things.  
\*Plato



## Warm Weather

### Slap on that Sunscreen!

Please apply sunscreen in the morning & we will re-apply in the afternoon. Your child's tender skin thanks you!

### Wet & Wild

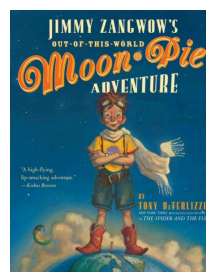
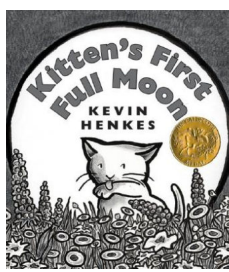
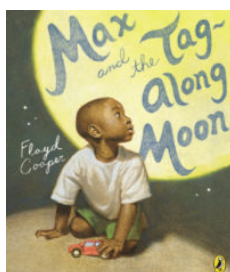
It's time to replenish your child's extra clothes bag with warm weather clothes. With water play and other messy outdoor explorations, we will need a good clothing supply on hand. Please label all!

## Our Moon Project Continues

Has your child been talking about the moon lately? Does he/she take a big bite out of a dinner roll and declare it to be a crescent moon? The children have made moons out of clay and papier maché, created moon craters with glue, and stamped moon-shapes with sponges. We read a multitude of books featuring moons and watched space videos. The children point out the moon in all manner of things every day. They have moon on the brain!

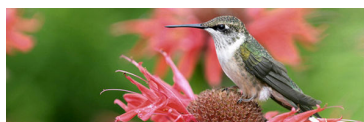


## Favorite Moon Books



## Please consider our *Wish List*:

- \*Some pretty part-shade/part-sun flowers for our pots on the deck
- \*A big bag of soil for the potted plants and sensory bin
- \* Bags of dried beans, peas, lentils and/or uncooked pasta for our sensory bin



### Afternoons With Jess

The children and Jess are mostly exploring art in the afternoons. They always love painting with watercolors and have also been drawing with new mediums such as charcoal, which they are fascinated by!

In addition, the children have been very interested in learning how to cut with scissors and glue paper together. We are revisiting clay work as well.

We look forward to more ice/water play in the afternoons, as the weather gets warmer!

Thank You,  
Parents,  
*for all your love and  
support in the classroom  
and as well as on our  
urban adventure field trips.*

Your kindness, participation,  
thoughtfulness, and time given  
is noticed and appreciated.



### Toddler Behavior

You are not alone if you find yourself wondering how to deal with your child's occasional (or often!) challenging behavior. Toddlers are learning to navigate the world and deal with strong feelings, and they need their parents/caregivers to set loving but firm boundaries and remain calm. We recently filled the shared reading folder on our parent communication board with an article about healthy discipline. Below is an excerpt from another article that we hope you will find helpful in navigating the turbulent waters of toddlerhood:

"The year between age 2 and age 3 is an exciting one. Toddlers are realizing that they are separate individuals from their parents and caregivers. This means that they are driven to assert themselves, to communicate their likes and dislikes, and to act independently (as much as they can!). Toddlers are also developing the language skills that help them express their ideas, wants, and needs. At the same time, toddlers do not understand logic and still have a hard time with waiting and self-control. In a nutshell: Two-year-olds want what they want when they want it. This is why you may be hearing things like "no" and "me do it" and "no diaper change!" more than ever before." To read more about *Why They Do It And How To Respond*, see the link below:

<http://www.zerotothree.org/child-development/challenging-behavior/toddlers-and-challenging-behavior.html>

### Upcoming Calendar Events:

Class Meeting Night: Thursday, March 24th – 6:30-8:30 (BYOB)  
Spring Break: April 4th -8th