



TAKE MY HAND

CHILD CARE CENTER

NEWSLETTER

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Please return your summer registration form by April 7th

Greetings

Goodbye winter and snow! We are so excited to be spending more time outdoors, riding tricycles, shooting baskets, kicking the soccer balls, drawing with chalk, blowing bubbles and getting lots of exercise. Changes aren't just happening with the weather, watch for a big playground update coming this spring!

TMH PARKING LOT SAFETY

1. **Hold your child's hand** at all times.
2. **Never** let children walk in front or behind you.
3. **Never** park facing the playground.
4. **Always** park in a parking space.
5. **Don't** block other cars in.
6. **Turn off your car** – don't leave it idling.

**ALWAYS CLOSE THE GATE SECURELY BEHIND YOU
WHEN ENTERING OR EXITING THE PLAYGROUND**

"It's Not Just Play"

Play is an essential part of early learning. It is the lifeblood of the learning process. As children play they are developing the cognitive, socio-emotional and physical skills they will need to take them into a successful adulthood.

They are developing their curiosity, problem solving, intentionality, flexibility and verbal and non verbal skills.

Socio-emotionally they are developing their emotional intelligence -- learning confidence, cooperation, negotiation, sharing, empathy and how to communicate appropriately.

Physically their fine motor and gross motor skills are practiced and developed.

It's not "just play" they are skills for life!

-- MHC Early Childhood Solutions

Upcoming Events & Closings

- April 6th Caterpillars Arrive
- April 7th Summer/Fall Paperwork Due
- April 12th Chick Eggs Arrive
- **April 14th Closed-Good Friday**
(teacher in- service day)
- April 22nd Earth Day
- **May 26th 12:30 - 2:45 Family Picnic**
3:00 pm Closing
- **May 29th Closed Memorial Day**
- June 16th 9:30 am Pre K-4 Graduation!
- June 26th 1st Day of Summer Camp

Visit [TMH's Facebook Page](#)
for daily happenings.



WELCOME TO TAKE MY HAND

Simona Bellon	Isabella Russo
Dylan Levy	Bryson Richards
Elaine Lee	Jackson Kirshner
Daniel Lee	Gavin Moskowitz
Ruby Brescian	Jessica Koslowe
Kyle Liu	Mia Holmes
 Elias Kim	Nathaniel Peralta

\$50 FAMILY REFERRAL

Referring family and friends is a great way to show you are happy with the care and education your children receive!

Referring families receive a one-time \$50 credit off their tuition.

Waddler & Toddler Class Happenings

As the Waddlers and Toddlers welcome spring they are excited to be spending more time outdoors. They will be introduced to Earth Day by playing with leaves; collecting, crunching, ripping and painting with them. They will explore the difference between trees, flowers and grass and delight in the sight of the colorful butterflies flying away.

When they arrive in the morning they are happy to see one another and greet each other by name. It's amazing to watch their circle time. They sing songs, sit for stories, answer questions and wait their turn.

The children look forward to music and dancing daily, but especially on Wednesday when Mr. Jared visits. They clap for him when he enters the room and can't wait for him to start playing his guitar, ukulele and drum. They pick up their instruments and play along, singing and dancing to the beat.

When you're one, everything is new and exciting!

News From The Twos

The Twos have many exciting activities planned for this spring. They will have a teddy bear picnic outside with their cuddly friends from home. Now that it is warmer and we can spend more time outside they are observing the seasonal changes on the playground. They talk about leaves appearing on the trees and the plants and flowers sprouting. The children will also plant their own seeds and watch them grow. They will have a butterfly habitat in their classroom to observe their caterpillars spin cocoons and become beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. After the metamorphosis is complete the children will feed them sugar water with a dropper and pieces of flowers. Finally, they will take them outside to the playground and set them free. The children will also have the opportunity to go upstairs to the preschool to see the incubator where we will be hatching chicks. After the chicks have hatched we will bring them downstairs for the children to see how quickly they grow.

As the weather warms up, they will be spending more time outdoors. Springtime is fun time!

Update From the Threes

With warmer weather here, the children in the Threes class are enjoying activities like growing green beans and learning the importance of caring for the Earth. A good place to start is our own playground where they will clean up litter. The 3s will use recycled materials to make "litter bugs" to help them understand that things can have more than one use. They will also do many "buggy" arts and crafts projects as they learn about caterpillars. They will have a butterfly habitat in their classroom to see firsthand how our caterpillars turn into Painted Lady Butterflies. At the end of April they will join their friends in the 2s class for a Teddy Bear Picnic and in early May visit the Pre-K 3 class to observe the chick eggs hatching.

There's lots of learning going on!



What's Going on in Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4

It's time to get ready to set up our incubator to hatch our chicks! The children take this responsibility very seriously. They prepare the incubator; making sure the temperature is just right, wait for Jonathan to bring the eggs back from the farm and carefully place the eggs inside. They learn scientific words like thermometer, incubator, rotate and terrarium and begin the 21 day count-down till the chicks hatch. When the chicks hatch they will help set up the terrarium with wood shavings, lights to keep the chicks warm, and a dish for food and water and of course decide on names for the new additions to TMH. We watch as they grow rapidly, and even try and weigh them. After a week they say good-bye and our little friends go back to Abma's Farm in Wyckoff to be with all the other animals. Abma's Farm is a great local place to visit. They have a petting zoo as well as lots of yummy treats. Both classes will also have butterfly habitats in their classrooms. When the butterflies emerge from their cocoons, the children will release them outside and watch them fly away.

It's going to be a busy spring!

INTRODUCING THE TMH 2017 GRADUATES

Our Pre-K 4 class is full of thoughtful, unique and bright children. We have watched many of them grow from infancy, others joined us as toddlers and a few are new friends we have made just this year. It has been such a gift for all of us to be a part of their everyday achievements. We hope they all come back to visit and share their new accomplishments with us. Looking to the future and their plans for after graduation we asked each child to answer the question...

"If you could go on a trip, where would you go and who would you go with?"

Ava would like to go to the beach with her Granny.

Avery wants to head to the beach with Momma, Daddy and Foxy and June.

Ayden is planning a trip to the beach to play in the sand with Mommy and anyone else who wants to come along.

Daniel wants to take a trip to South Korea with his family to visit everyone.

Elaine would like to travel to Australia with her Mom.

Eric would like to go to Nina and Papa's house with Mommy, Daddy and Ada.

Euahn would like to go to Grandma's house with her Momma.

Jacob would love to go to Disney World with all of his family.

Jeremy wants to take a trip to the zoo with his family.

Kimaya is planning a vacation to the Caribbean with her family.

Mark would like to go to Ecuador with his Mom, Dad and big brother.

Max would like to go to South America with his whole class.

Morgan is planning a trip to Europe with Timmy.

Mychael plans to take her Mom, Dad and Griffin to Pittsburgh to see her Granny and Grandpa.

Sophi would like to go to Florida with Mommy, Daddy, her sisters, cousins, Tia and Tio.

Stella wants to go to Bermuda with her friend, Estella.

Yuxin is planning a trip to Algeria with his mom and dad.

Zoe would go to the beach and build a sand castle with Mommy, Daddy and her whole family.

**GOOD LUCK IN YOUR KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURES!
TMH WILL MISS YOU!**