

# **Message from our Director**

## **JULY 2023**

Many families will be taking vacations this summer. We will miss our kiddos when they are gone with families exploring different cities and parks. One of the benefits of family vacations to or programs that kiddos get share with their friends new experiences they had when they were gone. We invite families to send classrooms postcards, take pictures that they can bring to school, bring back nature specimens that they find on hikes or on the beaches. Bring in items that they created with extended family. Our kiddos love learning about the world and they beam with pride when they can share a part of themselves and their families



with friends. We can't wait to see all the adventures you have as a family this summer.

#### Upcoming Events

- July 10th– Teddy Pear Picnic Day. Bring your favorite Teddy Bear for a Picnic during outdoor time.
- July 14th- Our Fundraising Coin War Project Ends. Thank you for all the support you have given us to help improve our outdoor space.
- July 20th- Space Exploration Day. We will be talking about the stars, moon and sun and what they do for us. Feel free to send cool space things to school this day.
- July 26th– National Disability Independence Day. We will be reading lots of our favorite books today talking about differences and similarities.

## Supporting Your Child's Development. One Step at a Time...

Time to get outdoors! There is so much you can teach your kiddo from being outdoors. You can teach not only science to your children but Large motor, fine motor, math, language and sensory skills as well as socialization. Our outdoor environments play a huge part in our children's learning. We are so excited to revamp our playgrounds. Thank you for playing a huge part in creating a fun and inviting space for your kiddos. We can't wait for the playground improvements. Stay tuned for

changes this month.



#### **Focus on Fun**

This month we will be focusing on Differences and similarities in our community. This is a subject we dive into on a daily basis, but we want to highlight how fun this subject can be for our kiddos. We learn these subjects through books, song, free play and circle time. Teachers play a vital role in learning about differences and similarities through open ended questions and role modeling the importance of community and inclusivity. If you are looking for resources on how to dive into these subjects at home, please stop by the office. We would love to point you to some great resources.



#### **Songs & Signs**

Everyone is Differently Abled

Everyone's differently abled Everyone has ability Everyone's differently abled Making their lives work differently

Now you might use a chair with wheels to get around You might use your hands to speak without a sound 'Cause there's a million ways to do most anything

Some people love to dance, some people prefer to sing Now you can use a working dog to help you see Or use your mouth and feet to paint and write poetry There's a million different ways that you can be

It's true that all of us live inter-It's true that all of us live inter-dependently I will not be defined by my limitations But rather by my possibilities We can respond to the needs of those around us The best ability is response-ability

FRIEND



**Elementary School Schedules & Closures** 

CLOSED on July 4th-Independence Dav!!



#### **Featured Photo**

Look who got recognized From Brightspark! Congrats to Miss Christina in (Disco) for your dedication and Inspiration in the ECE World. We are so proud of you!!



### **Featured Craft**

Look how cute Canyon's Chicken craft is.



### Play...Teach...Love

What I love about teaching. I'm not in the classrooms on a regular, as much as I would love to be. I've taken on a variety of roles since starting in the ECE profession and a classroom teacher is my ultimate favorite.

As a teacher you get to see all those special moments. You get to see the light bulb moments when a kiddos finally gets a concept. The reward we get to take home, after working so hard to help guide that learning. It is what keep teachers going.

My role now is to support our teachers as much as I can on a daily. So they can succeed in their positions. I know how hard they work and how much of a difference they make. I can see that in the kids in their care. That is what I love about teaching. To see the process and outcome of learning. -Miss Jenee



#### Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary to our following LPW staff-

Miss Helena– Miss Helena has been working as a lead Pre-K teacher in our Canyon Classroom the last 3 years!! Thank you for your dedication to our kiddos.

Miss Sara– Miss Sara is one of our favorite people to our kiddos. Miss Sara has been our cook the last two years and works super hard to make sure every child gets all the good nutrients. Thank you Miss Sara!

Miss Jennifer- Miss Jennifer has been working super hard the last two years in our Preschool Apple Grove classroom. Her kiddos adore her and she has sure created a wonderful environment for her kiddos. Thank you for all your hard work!

Miss Eve- Miss Eve has been working throughout the center to support all our teachers and spend time with kiddos. She is super sweet and you can see all the joy children bring her throughout the day. Thank you Miss Eve for all you.



