

# Message from our Director

# **JUNE** 2023

As we go into summer, now is the perfect time to think about extra curricular activities for your kiddos to participate in. One of the most important things we can do as parents is guide them to make social connections outside the home. When children learn proper social skills it helps them build confidence, thrive academically and leads to happier lifestyles. We encourage you to make connections with other LPW families through playdates and celebrating close friendships. We also want parents to have children to join theater, dance, sports teams, Martial Arts Dojos, Music and art classes, etc. These programs are so beneficial. Please stop by the office if you are looking for ideas! We would love to help you out and provide resources.



#### Upcoming Events

FRIDAY JUNE 23RD- WE WILL BE HOSTING Preschool Graduation and an all center BBQ from 12pm -330pm. Graduation starts at 1230pm. Parents are encouraged to come to see rooms, look at Portfolios and meet with other families. We will be serving hot dogs, Hamburgers, Fruit, Chips and Lemonade. Families are welcome to bring a nut free dish labeled with ingredients. What Fun we will have!!!!



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

Child Milestones are Due at the end of this month for Classrooms. We will be requesting parent signatures on these forms to input into Portfolios. We encourage all families to attend the BBQ we have planned at the end of the month and to look over your child's Portfolios. We can't wait for you to see all your child's progress at work!



#### **Focus on Fun**

In the Month of June we celebrate Pride Month, Juneteenth and Father's Day. Racial and Gender identity is an important everyday topic in our classrooms. These topics are always child lead and we wait for ques from the kiddos to help teachers lead in discussion.

We welcome Parents to share with our classrooms your cultures, traditions and what is important to your family. If you would like to share some of your traditions, or fun activities with our center, please stop by the office. We welcome all parent participation. If you would like my information on these topics, please feel free to stop by the office.



## Songs & Signs

"Butterfly" Butterfly, flying in the sky I wonder where you are going? Flutter fast through the trees and grass and the garden where things are growing. Wish you'd land here inside my hand but I know it's better for me to watch you dance while I have this chance and just be happy to be with you. Butterfly flying by I'm happy we were together. Hope you know as you go: Being with you just made this moment better.



Elementary School Schedules & Closures

IN-SERVICE DAY- FRIDAY JUNE 23RD

SEATTLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAST DAY IS MONDAY JUNE 26TH!! OUT FOR SUMMER





#### **Featured Craft**

For Cinco De Mayo we had our LPW kiddos make Tortillas!! How good do those look?! Yummy!





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

I am a deep believer in play-led teaching. In my 18 years in this field I've learned that children's brains and bodies instinctively know what they need to learn, and we are here to guide them in those pursuits. In our classroom we look for clues in our kids' actions and curiosities and go from there! Messy babes at breakfast? Let's fingerpaint! Climbing the furniture? Let's make a squishy fort! Spider in the classroom? Bugs, bugs, bugs!!! Teaching in this way keeps children and adults fully engaged in our day, our community, and the world around us.

Love, Miss Crista (Coconut-Waddler Lead Teacher)



### Happy Anniversary

We are celebrating our whole amazing team this month!!! Stay tuned for next months Anniversaries!!



