

# SCOTTY'S NEWS

## April 2021



### DIRECTOR'S KORNER

Happy Spring! This warmer weather has gotten all of us at Scotty's excited for more outside time and fresh air.

That being said, please make sure you send your child in with proper clothing. It may be chilly in the morning, but by the afternoon it can get quite warm. Layers work best!

We have had some great feedback on our new website, and we greatly appreciate it. Please share our website with friends/family/neighbors who may be looking for childcare.

This month is full of exciting projects and activities I know the children will love exploring.

Wishing you a warm and healthy April!

*Lillian*

### IS YOUR CHILD ENTERING Kindergarten

If so, please inform us in writing with the following:

- Which school your child will be attending
- Will your child need transportation to or /and from school

As we compile the transportation needs, we will keep you informed on our transportation schedules and availability.

**PLEASE!! NOTE** Scotty's is a Peanut Free Facility. This includes peanuts, peanut butter and tree nuts. We have children in our care who have extreme allergies and cannot be exposed to peanuts in any way. Please be mindful in what you are packing in your child's lunches/snacks. There are some great alternatives available, such as Sunbutter. If you have any questions or concerns, please address them to Lillian.

### April HIGHLIGHTS

**WARM APRIL DAYS** start with **Spring** activities filling Week 1. Budding trees, animals awakening from hibernation and birds migrating back north are some topics we will cover. We will also explore **Prisms!**



Week 2 we venture into the world of **Bugs and Insects**. Not only will we be busy bees making some fun art projects, but we will also go on a **Bug Hunt!** Oh and we get plenty of practice pretending to be different bugs.



Week 3 will concentrate on the weather and explore **Clouds, Wind and Rain**. The children will learn about different types of clouds, as well as experience a science experiment called **Shaving Cream Rain Clouds**.



April concludes with a week learning about **Gardening** and how important it is for humans. Parts of plants and their life cycles will be discussed, as well as different types of **Fruits and Vegetables**. Who knows, maybe your child will come home asking to try a new fruit or vegetable! (We are not making any promises.)



April's projects will be fun, educating and exciting! Have your child share with you what they learn each day.

### WELCOME

We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

- Max Blinn
- Barrett Byrnes
- Maggie Chesterton
- Levion Howard
- Christopher Kelly
- Matthew Kelly
- Liam Mongeau
- Laurel Ladouceur



**This & That** **EXTRA CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCIES**  
With the change of seasons, it is time to make sure that there are 2-complete sets of extra clothes for emergency changes in your child's cubby and that they are seasonally appropriate.

### 2021 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

<p><b>Good Friday - Apr 2nd</b> Scotty's is closed <b>Friday, April 2nd</b> in observance of Easter Full tuition is due the week of Mar 29</p>		<p><b>Thanksgiving - Nov 26-27</b> Scotty's is closed on <b>Thu, Nov 25th &amp; Fri, Nov 26th</b> in observance of Thanksgiving Full tuition is due the week of Nov 22</p>
<p><b>Memorial Day - May 31st</b> Scotty's is closed <b>Monday, May 31st</b> in observance of Memorial Day Full tuition is due the week of May 31</p>	<p><b>Summer Vacation Shutdown</b> Scotty's will be closed the week of <b>July 12 thru 16</b> for our Summer Vacation Shutdown <b>No</b> tuition is due the week of July 12</p>	<p><b>Christmas Eve- Dec 24th</b> Scotty's is closed <b>Friday, December 24th</b> in observance of Christmas Day Full tuition is due the week of Dec 20</p>
<p><b>Independence Day - Jul 5th</b> Scotty's is closed on <b>Friday, July 5th</b> In observance of Independence Day Full tuition is due the week of July 5</p>	<p><b>Labor Day - Sept 6th</b> Scotty's is closed <b>Monday, Sept 6th</b> in observance of Labor Day Full tuition is due the week of Sept 6</p>	<p><b>Winter Vacation Shutdown</b> Scotty's will be closed the week of <b>December 27 thru December 31</b> for our Winter Vacation Shutdown <b>No</b> tuition is due the week of December 27</p>

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**OUTDOOR PLAY:** Spring has arrived and while the weather is warmer it is important that the children have the proper clothing for outdoor play. Each child must have sneakers and a light coat or sweater. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.



**Outdoor Temperature Policy**  
 We will be able to enjoy outdoor play when the temperature is between 30' and 85' Fahrenheit. For cold temperatures we will factor in wind chill and for hot temperatures we will factor in the heat index. For the temperatures in the lower and upper ranges of our policy we will adjust play times and hydration requirements. **Outdoor play may be cancelled when inclement weather conditions are forecast.**



**FAMILY TIME**

The following are **Reading Tips** from the website Reading Rockets.

- **Read together every day.** Make this a warm and loving time.
- **Give everything a name.** This helps build your child's vocabulary.
- **Say how much you enjoy reading.** Talk about "story time" as the favorite part of the day.
- **Read with fun in your voice.** Use humor, expression and different voices.
- **Know when to stop.** Put the book away for awhile if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.
- **Be interactive.** Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page and ask questions.
- **Read it again and again.** Repetition is one of the first steps in learning how to read.
- **Talk about writing, too.** Mention how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.
- **Point out print everywhere.** Talk about the written words you see in the world around you.
- **Get your child evaluated.** Always talk with your child's pediatrician if you have concerns about their language development, hearing or sight.

**STAFF Spotlight**



**Miss Lynn**  
 Teacher

Our next staff member we would like to spotlight is Miss Lynn. Miss Lynn has been with Scotty's for 5.5 years. Miss Lynn works in many classrooms, but you can mainly find her in Infants. One of her best qualities is she is always a team player; willing to help out whenever and wherever she is needed. When Miss Lynn isn't working, she loves taking weekend trips with her husband (especially to the beach), trying different cuisines, and spending time with her three children and three grandchildren (the youngest two are twins)! Lastly, we would like to congratulate Miss Lynn on her recent promotion to Teacher! It is very well deserved and we are all lucky to have you.

**2021 FAMILY INFORMATION FILE UPDATE:**

**THANK YOU** to all of the families who have reviewed and returned their updated child's CHILD and FAMILY INFORMATION and EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMS

**Many families still need to review and return them. We will be sending out a 2nd notice to those families that haven't returned theirs.**

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Q: Why did the bird go to the hospital?  
 A: It needed tweet-ment!

**SUMMER CAMP**

Planning for our **Summer Camp Program** is underway and soon we will be speaking with all Pre-K and Latchkey families to discuss the openings available for this year's Summer Camp program.

Our Summer Camp is a safe, fulfilling, active and fun summertime program that will start when school lets out. All age groups will be spending time outside when the weather permits. Fresh air and sunshine are sure to promote happy faces and use pent up energy. After outdoor fun in the sun and warmth, the children will cool down with activities in the comfort of our cool, air conditioned classrooms.

Latchkey age children (children ages 5 and up) will be making trips to the park for outdoor activities that include sports, science & nature and games. Local and educational field trips to explore the world around us are also being planned (subject to COVID regulations).

Preschool and Pre-K age children (children ages 3 and 4) will be participating in a Mini Camp program. Sports, science & nature, art, games - both outdoor and indoor are in the program, Some age appropriate field trips are being planned as well (subject to COVID regulations).

A program brochure will be published by the end of May to outline our Summer Camp.



Q: Why are frogs so happy?  
 A: They eat whatever bugs them.

**This & That**

**DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?**

From time to time you may have a question on how things happen here at Scotty's.

From policies, procedures, curriculum, daily activities to other happenings, we are here to answer your questions.

You can talk with us at anytime and we will happily address your questions or concerns. Simply let us know what you would like to know and we will provide you with answers.