

### From the Desk of Admin

Hi everyone and welcome to our new families! We welcome the month of April in celebrating new beginnings.



As we head into the busy spring season, we'd like to gently remind all families about the importance of following our Safe Arrival Policy. For the safety and well-being of all children in our care, it is essential that we are informed of any changes to your child's attendance.

If your child will be arriving after 10:00 a.m., please notify the office in advance. Additionally, if your child will be absent for the day, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible

Thank you !

### Board and Staff News

Our next Board meeting will be May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoom



NEW STAFF

We would like to welcome Aga to our Toddler 1 room, and we would like to wish Anna all the best at our Eatonville location.

### Special Dates

- April - World Autism month
- April 1<sup>st</sup> – April Fool's Day
- April 7<sup>th</sup> – World Health Day
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday  
**(Centre Closed)**
- April 5<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - Easter Monday **(Centre Closed)**
- April 12<sup>th</sup> – Orthodox Easter



April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Earth Day



### Interesting to Note: "Gardening with Children"

Help kids grow! Get them outside in the garden for hands-on learning experiences. Here are activities and tips on how to set up a garden with kids in mind—plus, how to plant a school garden!

Being outside gives kids time to cut loose and burn off some steam. Your garden can serve as an outdoor classroom for showing your kids how and where we get our food while connecting them to nature and the environment. Even the littlest ones love to learn about dirt, plants, and bugs.

### How to Plant a Garden with Children

Start small! The best way to prevent any interest in gardening is to make it seem like an overwhelming chore. A sandbox-sized plot is perfect for the younger set. Give them their own sturdy, child-sized tools, and expect them to get wet and dirty.

Set them up for success by making small, raised beds that are easy for them to reach into but which keep them from climbing in and walking on the plants. Let them outline the borders with rocks and define the paths with stepping stones or mulch so they know what is and what is not a garden. School gardens demonstrate, hands-on, where good, nourishing fruit and vegetables are grown and what they mean for our bodies. Make sure to encourage and have fun while doing this!

**Robin Sweetser, Gardener**