



Little Munchkins Learning Center

“Where learning and loving go hand in hand”

Monthly Newsletter

April 2026



We would like to wish a special HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all of our April Birthdays!!

Chloe A	4/15	Daphne A	4/15
Drew C	4/27	Paris S	4/26
Hania Z	4/01	Charlie S-D	4/05
Declan A	4/16	Celeste D	4/24
Mckenzie D	4/30	Nigel H	4/28
Anderson W	4/26	Shriram P	4/13
Aria E	4/19		

Social-emotional development in preschool-aged children and younger focuses on how children learn to understand their feelings, build relationships, and develop confidence in themselves. At this age, children are learning how to express emotions such as happiness, frustration, excitement, and sadness in appropriate ways. They also begin to understand simple social rules like taking turns, sharing, and using words instead of physical reactions when they are upset. A strong foundation in social-emotional skills helps children feel safe, secure, and more ready to learn in a classroom environment.

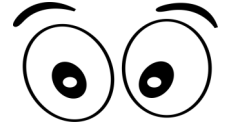


For infants and toddlers, social-emotional development starts with attachment and trust. Children build this by forming close, responsive relationships with caregivers and teachers. When adults respond consistently—comforting them when they cry, talking to them, and encouraging them—they begin to feel secure and confident exploring their surroundings. As they grow into preschool age, they start to show more independence, play alongside other children, and gradually move into cooperative play where they learn empathy and begin to recognize how others feel.

Supporting social-emotional development at this stage includes modeling calm behavior, helping children name their emotions, encouraging positive interactions, and providing predictable routines. Activities like reading books about feelings, role-playing social situations, and praising kind behavior all help children develop stronger emotional regulation and social skills. These early experiences are extremely important because they shape how children handle relationships, learning, and challenges as they grow.



Looking Ahead...



- April 2nd– **Easter Parties & Activities**
- April 3rd– **Closed for Good Friday**
- May 22nd– **Earth Day**
- May 5th– **Cinco De Mayo**
- May 10th– **Mothers Day**
- May 25th– **Closed for Memorial Day**



PreK Graduation



Graduation will be held at Little Munchkins Learning Center on our green top. The ceremony will begin at **10:00 AM sharp**, and all graduates must come dressed to impress.

I will be holding on to all caps, gowns, and graduation items to help ease some stress and make sure nothing gets forgotten at home. All graduates must be present and in class by **8:00 AM, NO EXCEPTIONS**. I know this can be difficult, but we want to have time to do one last run-through with your child while making sure all caps, gowns, and sashes are on correctly.

Please feel free to invite friends and family to help our graduates celebrate the end of one adventure and the beginning of a new one. You are also welcome to take your graduate with you after the ceremony if you would like to continue celebrating.



Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied with an adult AT ALL TIMES. This also includes children not enrolled at Little Munchkins. Failure to comply with this policy could result in termination of childcare.

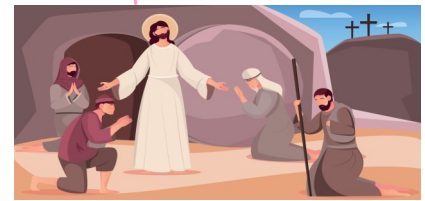
VERY IMPORTANT



Smart Snippets



- ◆ A baby's brain grows faster in the first five years of life than at any other time in their life. By age 3, a child's brain has already reached about 80% of its adult size. This is why talking, reading, singing, and playing with young children is so important – every interaction helps build new connections in their brain.
- ◆ Easter is the most important Christian holiday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. According to the Bible, Jesus was crucified on Good Friday, buried, and rose from the dead on the third day, symbolizing victory over sin and death and offering believers hope, renewal, and eternal life. Easter marks the culmination of Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem; Maundy Thursday, remembering the Last Supper; Good Friday, observing His crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, a day of reflection. The date of Easter changes each year, falling on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Christians around the world observe Easter with church services, sunrise vigils, the lighting of the Paschal candle, and festive meals following the 40-day period of Lent. Traditional symbols such as Easter eggs, the cross, lambs, and lilies represent resurrection, new life, sacrifice, and purity. While Western Christian traditions often include family gatherings and egg hunts, Eastern Orthodox and Latin American communities celebrate with elaborate liturgies, processions, and reenactments of Jesus' death and resurrection, all emphasizing the themes of life, hope, and spiritual renewal.
- ◆ April is also National Poetry Month, a time to celebrate creativity, storytelling, and self-expression through words. It's a great opportunity for children to explore rhymes, stories, and poems from around the world, as well as to try writing their own. Poetry helps develop language skills, imagination, and confidence, and it can be as simple as creating short rhymes or fun acrostics. From reading classic poems to making silly, playful verses, National Poetry Month encourages kids to enjoy the magic of words and express themselves in unique ways.



Crystals Corny Corner

- What do you call an Easter egg from outer space?

Egg-straterrestrial!

- Why do cows have hooves and not feet?

They lactose

- Why shouldn't you tell ducks jokes on April Fools Day?

They'll quack up

