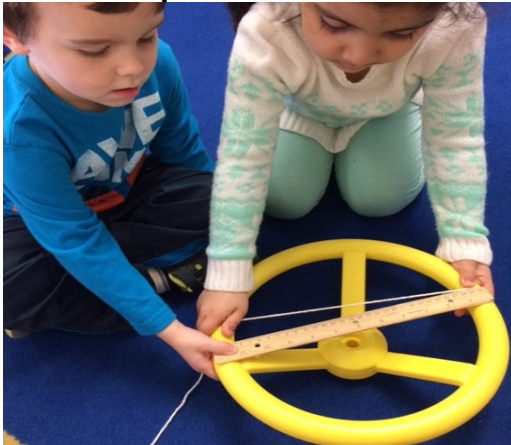




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Lucas and Natalie measuring the circumference of a steering wheel

Preschool Investigative Study: Wheels

During the first part of April, we will continue our investigative study on wheels. Wheels are everywhere, and many children love every wheeled object: tricycles, bicycles, cars, trucks, wagons, trains, skates, and scooters. Wheeled toys give children mobility, ignite their imaginations, and enable them to get places more quickly. Vehicles driven adults are fascinating for their speed and size. Our preschoolers ride in cars, buses, trains, and airplanes.

We will continue to build on our preschooler's experiences with wheels as we observe and gather data. Our wheel study also offers a meaningful way for children to use skills in mathematics, literacy, and the arts. Our children develop thinking skills as we observe, investigate, make connections, ask questions, solve problems, organize information, and draw conclusions. Whew!!!!

We will also be celebrating Earth Day and The Week of the Young Child. We have a lot to do in April!

Next up - Flowers Investigative Study



Mark Your Calendars

- 5 Toddler/2's: Organized Parachute Play
- 6 Bike Rodeo-2 older classes
- 9 Museum Visit
- 10 Smokey the Bear Visitor
- 10-16 Week of the Young Child
- 11 Toddler/2's: Kite Making
- 17 Plant Happy Hairies-preschoolers
(one for each class)
- 19 Toddler/2's: Hopscotch Fun
- 20 Spanish Class with Ms. Mariela
- 23 Butterfly Hunt-preschoolers
- 25 Toddler/2's: Plant Lima Beans...
...and watch them grow!
- 30 Wacky Hat Day-preschoolers

Fitness Fridays

- 6 Stop & Go
- 13 Obstacle Course
- 20 Throw Hard, Throw Far
- 27 Galloping

Our Specials

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>
Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Gymmie & Friends Fitness	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson

WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

April 16 - 20, 2018

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

Programs for young children across the nation celebrate this week. **Durant Road Preschool** will celebrate each day:

Monday: Handprint Banner

Tuesday: Wear Your Favorite Color Day



Wednesday: Ice Cream Sundae Day
Thursday: Favorite Book Day
Friday: Picnic Day-bring in a bag lunch!



Kayleigh and AJ learning about wind

Infant and Toddler Program

This month our children will explore wind, trees, plants, and rainy days.

By experiencing the wind, children begin to understand the wind's power to move things. Look for bubbles, wind socks and kites.

In spring, trees begin to show signs of new growth. The children will see, touch, and smell the changes in nearby trees. Be on the lookout for twig collages and tree pictures.

Young children learn about plants by observing them and growing them in the center. By watching the plants develop, they learn that plants need water and sun. We'll enjoy rooting plants and exploring sunflower seeds.

Spring rains bring the water that plants need to help them grow. The infants and toddlers will focus on rain through stories, games, and songs, and by exploring raindrops.

NC Museum of Natural Science

This month we will meet an amazing group of reptiles – lizards! We will learn

about their characteristics and where they live as we see them close up and find out what they feel like.

Our Music Program

During April our preschoolers will use their gross motor skills as they pretend they are growing seeds to classical music. We'll also learn rain songs, complete with pretend puddle jumping, and some new spring songs.



SPANISH

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!
 This month the children will be learning opposites in Spanish through musical exercises. They will also learn the names of different fruits and will sing *cancion del mes* (the song of the month) which is about the fruits they just learned.



Focus On Literacy

Book of the Month

This month our preschoolers will read, ***Llama Llama Gram and Grandpa*** by Anna Dewdney. “It's an exciting day for Llama Llama; he's going to visit Gram and Grandpa Llama and spend the night! His first night away from home....and from Mama. But he makes sure to pack everything he needs. And there are so many fun things to do with Gram and Grandpa. It's not until he gets ready for bed that he realizes that he's forgotten something important. Fuzzy Llama! Fortunately, Grandpa Llama has a wonderful solution and soon Llama Llama is having sweet dreams.”



Happy Birthday



Natalie	Ryder	Keller
Lena	Adam	Aden
Evelyn	Brooks	Emerson