



April

Classroom names: PS (Preschool), PreK (Pre-kindergarten), K1 (Kindergarten 1), and PSK (all three classroom). Infant/Tod (Blue)

Notes

Curriculum:

Infant/Toddler theme for this month is “Spring and Plants”. The classrooms will explore what happens during the season using their five senses. They will also learn about the changes in weather and plant growth.

PS & PreK curriculum theme is “Trees Study”. PsK classroom will focus on learning about Spring and growing plants. Children will have hands-on activities that will provide them with experiences of preparing soil, observing seeds, and planting in the garden. Children will also continue working on letter recognition, phonemic awareness, and concepts of print and vocabulary development.

K1– The Owl curriculum unit 5: Children will continue working on Shadows and Reflections. Children will be learning about the property of light and the ways light is beneficial to humans, animals, and plants. The children will have numerous opportunities to investigate scientific concepts outdoors.

Special Events:

NAEYC’s Week of the Young Child will be celebrated April 24-28 which coincides with EEC’s Brain Building Week. Teachers will have special activities throughout the week that will be specifically focused on Brain Building.

On Thursday April 27th there will be a special event to celebrate “Talk, Read & Play Day”, Brain Building week, and Week of the Young Child. Parents are welcome to attend and participate in different art and craft activities from 3:30– 5pm. More details will be announced as the event gets closer.

Team Ellis is lacing up their sneakers to run the 121th Boston Marathon on Monday April 17th. Team Ellis consists of Ellis’ social worker Molly Quinn, Ellis sponsor and past volunteer Megan Riley and Nesson Birmingham, a past School Age parent. You can donate to the runners at www.ellismemorial.org/2017BostonMarathon or you can make signs of encouragement for the team.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 April Fool's Day
2 Happy 3rd B-day Maceo! 	3 Wear your Red Sox Gear! Red Sox Home Opener! Preschool Jumpstart session Happy 2nd B-day Olivia! 	4 Preschool/PreK Music with Lucille PreK Jumpstart session Ps & PreK will be learning about the characteristics of the trees in our community? K1 will be on reflection hunt.	5 Preschool Jumpstart session	6 PreK Jumpstart session Happy 4th B-day Latif! Happy 2nd B-day Daniella! Happy 1st B-day Morgan! 	7 Hooray Heidi 9 yrs with Ellis!	8
9 Ps & PreK will be learning about who lives in trees?, K1 will be working on shadows explorations.	10 Preschool Jumpstart session	11 PreK Jumpstart session Happy 3rd B-day Hudson! Inf./Toddler Easter Egg Hunt with Natixis 	12 Preschool Jumpstart session Happy 5th B-day Jedrianny! PSK Easter Egg Hunt with Natixis 	13 PreK Jumpstart session Happy 5th B-day Jaede! 	14 Lara's last day ~Thank you~ Lara for all the years of service at Ellis. We wish you the best.	15
16	17 Ellis Closed for Patriots Day! Boston Marathon Go Molly! Happy 2nd B-day Malia! 	18 Preschool/PreK Music with Lucille PreK Jumpstart session Ps & PreK will be learning about what foods comes from trees? K1 will be reviewing learning with their new teacher Aiyauna.	19 Preschool Jumpstart session	20 PreK Jumpstart session Happy 1st B-day Arnie! Parent Workshop Session1: Knowing your child's temperament 5-7pm, Please sign up at	21	22 Happy 2nd B-day MyE!
23 30	24 Brain Building- Talking about feelings! Ps & PreK will be learning about taking care of trees? K1, will be working on stained glass windows.	25 Brain Building - Talking about books! Preschool's last Jumpstart session & Graduation! Week of the Young Child: Brain Building in Progress	26 Brain Building- Counting to build brains! Preschool's last Jumpstart session & Graduation! Happy 3rd B-day Lola! 	27 Brain Building- Building with little hands! Talk, Read & Play and Brain Building event! 3:30-5pm. Please join us! 	28 Brain Building - Words and letters! 	29