



Tiny Tot Preschool
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Increasing Preschool / Kindergarten Influence

By Levin, 1991; Schweinhart & Weikart, 1993

Children developing sense of autonomy need to learn the boundaries they can operate within, and must learn to identify new ones they will encounter as they separate from home. As parents give their children necessary support, they must also give them freedom to try things on their own. For preschoolers and kindergarteners, the significant others in their home setting continue to influence their development as they move from basic trust to autonomy and independence. Their sense of self first develops in the home; at school, the teacher and their peers begin to alter or reinforce this sense. Children modify their behavior in school in response to perceived teacher and peer expectations.

Some children have school-like experiences in their preschool years. For other children, school as a culture first comes into focus when they enter formal public or private schooling. In the preschool years, children may encounter several different types of school-like experiences. Child care centers, nursery schools, and play schools all demonstrate somewhat different philosophical orientations. Some programs provide rich experiences for children; others provide only custodial care. It is difficult to conduct rigorous studies to determine the influence different programs have on developing children, and such research is always confounded by socioeconomic factors, community support systems, types of curriculum, and parental interaction style. However, we have evidence that quality preschool programs do have lasting positive effects on children's academic growth and on subsequent life skill development.

Welcome to Spring

Spring, for the northern hemisphere, is the beginning of warmer days and end of the cold winter. We are lucky to be living in Southern California where we do not have to endure real cold winters. Unfortunately, we do not have it that easy either. Spring is the time of bloom and pollination. For many of us it is the start of the allergy season. Many children and adults are physically affected by the small particles that float in the air during this time of the year. No need to say that allergies can make children, moms and dads very miserable.

Allergic rhinitis, or hay fever, is a common problem in infants and children. The most common symptoms include a stuffy or runny nose with clear drainage, sneezing, itchy eyes and nose, sore throat, throat clearing and a cough that may be worse at night and in the morning. These symptoms usually occur during certain times of the year for people with seasonal allergies, corresponding to being exposed to outdoor allergens, such as tree pollens, grasses and weeds.

The best treatment for allergic rhinitis is to avoid what your child is allergic to by following prevention and environmental controls. For seasonal allergies, this includes keeping windows closed in the car and at home to avoid exposure to pollens and limit outdoor activities when pollen counts are highest (early morning for tree pollen in the spring, afternoon and early evening for grasses in the summer, and midday for ragweed in the fall).

This Month's Assignments

April is the beginning of spring. It is time of the year when flowers and other plants begin to bloom. It is also the time to plant new crops and the month when humans give appreciation to mother earth. Therefore, we will be learning about our planet, our nature, our environment and how plants grow.

Recipes

Hippity Hop Easter Bunny Cake

Categories: Desserts, Cakes, Easter recipes

Yield: 16 Servings

- 2 1/2 c Coconut, divided
- Red food coloring
- 2 Baked 9-inch round cake
- Layers, cooled
- 8 oz Cool Whip, thawed
- Assorted candies for garnish

Tint 1/4 cup of the coconut pink using red food coloring.

Cut 1 cake layer as a half circle shape on each side of the cake (for the ears) leaving a bow tie shape in the center of the cake. The bow tie shape should be about 1 1/2" wide at the widest part.

Leave one layer whole. Arrange whole cake layer in center of cake platter, place half circle shapes on the top pointing up for the bunnies ears. Place the remaining piece at the bottom of the whole cake layer to make a bow tie.

Frost: With whipped Topping.

Sprinkle center of bunny's ears and bowtie with pink coconut. Sprinkle white coconut over bunny's head and outer edge of ears and bowtie.

Decorate with candies for eyes, nose, mouth and whiskers

Hint: For decorating you could use red string licorice, chocolate chips for the eyes nose and mouth and maybe to outline the ears and bow tie.

This Month's Highlights

4-12-09

Easter

4-6-09 to 4-12-09

National Week of the Ocean

4-22-09

Earth Day

4-24-09

National Arbor Day

April is:

National Frog Month

National Kite Month

National Garden Month

School Library Media Month

Reading Recommendations

Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes

As Told to Jennifer - ISBN: 9780395159903

The Story of the Easter Bunny

ISBN: 9780060587819

The Golden Egg Book

ISBN: 9780307135025

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