

The Family Connection

Important Dates

March 21	New Family Enrollment Ends
April 1 – 5	Spring Recess --Parent/Child – <i>Closed</i> --Half-Day Pre-K/Pre-K PLUS- <i>Closed</i> --School-Day Pre-K - <i>Closed</i> --Full-Day Pre-K – Open --Kids' Club– Extra Care by Sign Up --Club Mid – <i>Closed</i>
April 1	Final Payment Due Parent/Child, Half-Day, Pre-K PLUS, School-Day Pre-K
April 11, 6:00 p.m.	Opening Night – Children's Exhibit @ Northville Square
April 11 – 29	Children's Exhibit Open at Northville Square
April 19	Good Friday All Programs Closed
April 25 & 26	Elementary ½ Days Extra Care by Sign-Up Deadline to register is April 11th.
April 25	Final summer Schedules Due

Registration Information for New Families . . .

Prospective families (living within the Northville School District) are currently able to complete a *Program Request Form* on our website for the 2019 Summer Programs and the 2019-2020 School Year Programs. Forms may be submitted until March 21, 2019.



From the Coordinator . . .

March is National Reading Month and our teachers have been incorporating a wide variety of literacy-based activities into their planning. This month serves as a great reminder about the importance of early literacy skill building and how important your role is at home.

Did you know if you start daily reading at birth, and read with your child for 30 minutes a day, they will go to Kindergarten with over 900 hours of literacy time? If you reduce that to 30 minutes a week, they lose over 770 hours of this critical "brain food" and go to Kindergarten with just 130 hours of literacy time.

Make a commitment to help your child be ready to succeed in school and commit to engaging in 30 minutes of daily literacy skill-building time. There are also other fun activities you can do to build literacy skills.

- Promote high-quality language interactions by engaging in thoughtful conversations with your child.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes with your child.
- Provide literacy-rich environments. Read cereal boxes at breakfast, magazines in the doctor's waiting room, street signs while you are driving and also make books accessible to your child.

For more information on early literacy skill-building, check out MSU Extension. **Get to reading!**

~ Chelsea Simons

Summer Update . . .

Important Reminder: Final summer schedules are due in writing to the EC office by April 25th. All changes after this date will incur a \$50.00 schedule change fee.

Spring Recess . . .

Just a reminder that **Spring Recess Extra Care** is open from Monday, 04/01/19, through Friday, 04/05/19 for **registered** Kids' Club students. Care will be held at Ridge Wood for Ridge Wood, Winchester & Silver Springs students & at Thornton Creek for Thornton Creek, Amerman & Moraine students. EC Office hours for this week will be 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: Full-Day Pre-K programs are in session this week. Full-Day Pre-K will be held at Thornton Creek, Ridge Wood & OVS (Winchester children will join the OVS Full-Day Pre-K.) If you plan to use vacation days during this week, please complete the Vacation Request Form. A two-week notice is required

"Children are made
readers on the
laps of their
parents."
Emilie Buchwald

Northville Public Schools

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Children's Exhibit . . .

The Children's Exhibit includes a sampling of work from each of the classes in our programs. In our Annual Exhibit we invite you to join us as we celebrate children, honor their unique qualities and capture the power of ordinary moments that constitutes the *child's story*.

Opening Night will be
Wednesday, April 11, 2019
from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at
Northville Square,
133 W. Main Street,
Northville, MI 48167.

The Language of Art
April 11 ~ 29, 2019



April 8 - 12, 2019

Join in April 8–12, 2019 for five fun-filled, themed days to celebrate our youngest learners! The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.

*Discover the
Daily WOYC Themes!*

Music Monday

Tasty Tuesday

Work Together Wednesday

Artsy Thursday

Family Friday

Go to

<https://www.naeyc.org/events/woyc/overview> for more information.

Billing Information . . .

Final payment for Half-Day Pre-K, Pre-K PLUS, School-Day Pre-K & Parent/Child classes is due by April 1st. All accounts must be paid current to be placed for summer and fall during our priority re-enrollment process for currently enrolled families. Those families with past due accounts may be placed on a wait list.

Help Your Child Build Fine Motor Skills

Many of your child's daily activities—like getting dressed, eating, and writing—require control of small muscles in the hands. We call these skills fine motor skills. Your child can do more things for himself when he has opportunities to practice these skills. There are lots of activities that can increase muscle strength and coordination, preparing children for more advanced skills, from writing with a pencil, using a computer mouse, or playing a musical instrument. Help your child build fine motor skills at home by providing opportunities to...

- Set the table
- Hold silverware to eat
- Pour juice into a cup
- Wipe the table after eating
- Help with meals—stir, shake, chop, cut, and mix
- Get dressed—button, zip, snap, buckle, and fasten
- Use Velcro tabs
- Open and close containers with lids
- Cut with child-safe scissors
- Finger paint
- Use a paintbrush
- Play with play dough and clay—roll, smooch, pat, pound, and use tools like popsicle sticks or stamps
- Draw, scribble, or write with crayons, pencils, and markers
- Put together puzzles
- Place pegs in a board
- Build with small blocks
- Play board games
- Play with puppets

See more at:
<http://families.naeyc.org/learning-and-development/>

