

Growing Years Infant Center

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Spring Poem:



Spring is Here!

sung to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"

Spring is here.
Spring is here.
Goodbye, snow.
Flowers grow.

Birds and bees,
leaves on trees.
Hello, spring.
Hello, spring.



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Spring Song:

Herman the Worm

[https://www.youtube.com/watch](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-rg7EI)

[?v=0-rg7EI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-rg7EI) This song is a popular children's camp song filled with silly, fun movements. This favorite kid's song also teaches counting, vocabulary and sequencing...

General Information

Thank you to everyone who responded to our parent survey as well as meeting with me individually to discuss suggestions and ways to improve our infant and waddler center.

Some of the feedback we received from parents was that the newsletter did not always pertain to infant and waddler parents, therefore we will have a newsletter dedicated just to our infant and waddler parents. I am also adjusting my schedule to work in the infant and waddler side more to get to know all of you better. I have been able to build great relationships with your children, but unfortunately don't see you that often with my main office being in the Redbrick building. I will have my schedule posted on the little office door, feel free to stop by and say hi.

Please share any feedback as far as our newsletter or anything that is on your mind with me via email or in person. I really appreciate all parents' feedback.

We are working on our summer enrollment, please find attached a summer enrollment form. We ask all parents to please fill it in and return it to school. We have pretty long waitlists for each of our classrooms and do not



want to open enrollment until we know that all of our current families are accommodated.

General Updates cont:

- Colorado reported its first confirmed two cases of COVID-19, commonly known as coronavirus. We want families to know that GYS is following the RE-1 school district policy who is coordinating with the Garfield County Public Health Department (GCPHDD) as we all monitor the global outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). For the most current and accurate information about this situation, please visit the [Garfield County Public Health coronavirus information page](#) frequently, which will be updated with relevant news and information.
- Learn what we are doing to plan and prepare for a possible outbreak; how you can stay informed; how you can protect your family and our community from coronavirus; and travel recommendations for spring break [here](#).

Nutrition News

If you are looking for a good resource that brings together existing information and practical strategies on feeding healthy foods and drinks to infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months, visit this great website from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

[Infant and Toddler Nutrition | Nutrition](#)

Meet the Teachers

- Adele Melnick / Director
- Erica Thorne-Keziah / Waddler
- Lupita Esparza / Waddler
- Jenna Powell / Infant & Waddler
- Gigi Salvatierra / Infant
- JoJo Burkholder / Infant
- Rosy Robinson / Infant
- Andrea Ryan / Break Person
- Nyah Luciano / Teacher Assistant
- Sue Hankinson / Office & Floater
- Patty Lopez / Floater
- Amayra / Floater
- Jeanne MacKay / Sub

Important Dates

- March 17th: Board meeting
- March 27th: School Closed-Spring break

Parent Education Nights:

We are in the process of putting together two different parent “education” nights. One we hope to have in April and the other one in September. The April one will focus on the importance of sleep and the second one will focus on nutrition. As soon as we have these scheduled we will notify parents.



Parent Participation Opportunities: March 2020

Here are some ways in which families can earn Parent Participation hours for this month. If you have a participation opportunity which is not on the list, please speak with Adele.

In class participation:

- Come in any day between 8 and 9:30AM to do a project with the kids! Cooking, art, and science experiments are all encouraged. If you are having trouble coming up with an idea, ask your child's teacher!
- Clean sleeping mats
- Clean chairs and tables
- Take home stuffed animals or dress up clothes to wash (ask teachers)
- Plant veggies or flowers in backyard planters with the kids

Classrooms:

- Trash bags
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher detergent
- Kleenex
- Flour, veg oil & salt to make playdough

Food Items:

- Cheerios- or any health alternative
- crackers
- animal crackers
- goldfish
- puffs

