Children's Village

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Spring Art and Craft

**Baby Bubble Wrap Art**

What you will need:
- Bubble wrap
- Paint
- Strong Tape

How its done:
- First we need to create a bubble wrap packet.
- Simply take a sheet of bubble wrap, fold it over with the bubbles on the outside and the seal sides with some strong tape.
- Place some paint inside the packet and seal the remaining edge.
- Tape the entire bubble wrap packet to the tray. This will prevent baby picking it up and putting it in his/her mouth.
Mrs. Clause visited Stratford South End Community Center
“Christmas Holiday Extravaganza!”

On Dec. 15th we had such a lovely celebration here at the site. The celebration was phenomenal! The atmosphere was full of love and happiness among everyone. Special thanks go out to the staff and parents who prepared cultural dishes that were enjoyed by all. As always thank you Ms. Ty administrator of the building and Ms. Evelyn her assistant who made sure that our children’s spirits were warmed with special gifts of love. To the town of Stratford, our angels that supplied gifts for my little ones we’re giving you a special thank you! To Mrs. Clause who volunteered from the town, thank you very much also. All private donors we thank you to. It was just a perfect day from beginning to end! The photos only show the half of how successful the day was. It was truly a blessed and jolly occasion.

With Love,

Mrs. Johnson, SECC STFD.
Spring Treat

Vanilla cake with Strawberries and Cream.

What you will need:
- One box of Betty Crocker Moist vanilla cake mix
- 1 pounds strawberries, hulled and halved.
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Pinch of salt
- 2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup confectioners sugar, plus more for sprinkling.

Instructions:
- Follow baking instructions on the box
- Make berries and cream: while cake is baking and cooling, combine strawberries, granulated sugar, lemon juice, and salt. Let it sit, stirring occasionally, 1 hour.
- Just before assembling, beat cream and confectioners’ sugar until medium peaks form.
- Remove the cake from the pan after it cools and cut it horizontally into two layers.
- Spread the strawberry mixture on the cake and drizzle lemon juice.
- Spread the whipped cream over berries, then top with the top layer of cake.
- Sprinkle confectioner sugar on cake.
- Cut and enjoy.
Fun Spring Facts

- The first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. The term vernal is Latin for “spring” and equinox is Latin for “equal night.”

- “On the first day of spring, a person at the North Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, beginning six months of uninterrupted daylight. A person at the South Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, signaling the start of six months of darkness.

- Children actually grow faster in the spring than during other times of the year.

Spring Children Poem

Spring
Open the windows and open the door
And let the fresh breezes blow in, blow in.
Jack Frost has gone to his home in the north
And all of a sudden it’s Spring!
~ Author Unknown ~

A BIG thank you to our friends at Books A Million for their generous book donations to the Early Learning Department !!!
Spring Arts and Craft

**Egg Carton Flowers**

What you will need:
- Paint
- Egg Carton (Not Foam)
- Paper straw
- Mini pom poms
- Paint brush

**Instructions**
- Cut the carton into sections of fours
- Squirt some paint colors onto a paper plate and have kids paint their flowers. Use any colors they choose.
- After the paint is dried glue the paper straw to the back of the flower.
- Glue the pompom to the center of the painted egg carton.
PJ Story Night with Ms. Simpson

Books donated by Books A Million
Jessica Erica Steeze

The rivers are flowing, they're overgrowing
And all the rosebuds are suddenly showing
But don't tell Jessica Erica Steeze
Because all the pollen makes her sneeze

Poor Jessica, she hates the spring
The pink cherry blossoms don't make her sing
She doesn't care about birds that warble
Jessica thinks spring is horrible

In summer Jessica really is nice
In winter she likes to skate on the ice
Even in fall she loves to rake leaves
But spring just makes her cough and wheeze

Jessica's allergies really are sad
She won't take pills, she says they taste bad
Go and play, she won't be mad at you
All she wants to say is atchoo!
Spring Fun Word Search
Can you find the words associated with the coming of Spring?

April
Baseball
Birds
Blossoms
Buds
Daffodils
Easter
Flowers
Gardening
Green
Growing
Kite
Marbles
March
May
Nesting
Planting
Puddles
Rain
Robin
Seeds
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Upcoming Events

- The Observatory at the Westport Astronomical Society.
  Free on Wednesdays from 8PM—10PM.
  Phone: 203-293-8759
  Website: was-ct.org

- Pillow Concerts (Suzuki Music School)
  Free
  246 Post RD East
  Westport CT, 06880
  Phone: 203-227-9474
  Website: http://fairfieldcounty.kidsoutandabout.com/content/pillow-concerts
  Seats are limited register SOON
  DATE: March 11, 2018

- Kids & Do It Yourself Workshops
  Free
  All Home Depot Locations
  DATE: The first Saturday of every month
  Website: https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/6206
  You can change the location to one close to you on the website.

- Job Search Boot Camp
  Free
  Fairfield Public Library
  Every Thursday
  9:15AM

- Preschool Cars 3 Drive-in
  Free
  Fairfield Library
  2:00 PM
  DATE: March 03, 2018
  Please Register for this event on the Fairfield Library website.

- Lego Stores monthly Mini Build
  Free
  Ages: 6-14
  Location: 7 Backus Ave, Danbury CT 06810
ABCD’S PARRANDA NAVIDENA

Thank you Edwin Rivera, Family Worker at Lucille Johnson and George Schneider father at Inner City Children’s Center for participating in our Parranda Navidena.
The Great Kindness Challenge: Family Edition

Let’s create a kinder world. Take a week, month, or a year. Have fun and complete as many acts of kindness as you can.

- Smile at 25 people
- Take a treat to your local firefighters
- Do a household chore without being asked
- Donate something to an animal shelter
  - Read a book to a younger child
- Entertain someone with a happy dance
- Go a full day without complaining
- Hold the door open for someone
- Learn to say thank you in a new language
- Embrace your family with a big hug
- Make and display a “kindness matters” sign
- Breathe, stretch and think a happy thought
  - Thank a bus driver
- Be kind to yourself and eat a healthy snack
  - Say “good morning” to five people
- Draw a heart in the sand, dirt or snow
- Make a wish for a child in another country
  - Say “hi” to someone who looks sad
- Let someone go ahead of you in line
  - Create your kind deed
Site Appreciation
Black Rock Early Learning Center

To whom it may concern,

I’m writing to let you know about the amazing and wonderful experience I had there. Elijah loved it there. Alicia is great! Along with Ms. Catherine Dicks, Ms. Erika, Mrs. Carmen Tesa, and the new member Mrs. Joanne. When he was in room 1 he enjoyed his time also. Keep up the good work.

Thank again,
Sabrina Sallati

Black Rock Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Enedina Montes (on the right) for winning the Black Rock Parent Meeting raffle on February 14th. Ms. Montes was very excited that her daughter Alexandra Vaela pictured next to her pulled her name from the basket. Ms. Montes filled with joy said she has never won anything before and could not believe it. I hope you are enjoying your Valentines day raffle prize.
buildOn Christmas gifts wrapping for Lucille Johnson

Thank you to Central High School buildOn students for donating their time to such a great cause.

Thank you to Me and the Boyz for their continuous donation to ABCD Lucille Johnson.

Gifts were donated by Me and the Boyz
Thank you to everyone who showed their support. The bake sale was a success because of your donations and sweet tooth.
Talk To Your Baby

Many parents think they start talking to their babies when the baby talks to them. In fact:

Parents talk or make noises

Babies listen

Later babies respond

Parents respond to babies’ noises

Now babies and parents are communicating!
HELLO
SPRING

SPRING
IS WHEN LIFE’S ALIVE IN EVERYTHING.