



Breezy Knoll Child Care Center  
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April 2020 Newsletter  
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### **Tuition:**

While Breezy Knoll is closed due to COVID-19 we are **not** asking for you to pay your tuition. If you paid for the whole month in March, we will apply it to when we reopen. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us! [info@breezyknollchildcarecenter.com](mailto:info@breezyknollchildcarecenter.com)

### **Tax Receipt:**

If you need a receipt for your taxes please email April at [apetruch@aol.com](mailto:apetruch@aol.com)  
Our tax ID # 05044033.  
The deadline for taxes this is year is extended to July 15th.

### **BUTTERFLIES**

Toward the end of the month of April, each of the groups would have begun to hatch butterflies in their classrooms. The plan was for each class to watch the different stages of development, from larva to butterfly. When all of the butterflies are hatched and become strong enough, we release them together. If you would still like to do this with your child you can purchase a kit from Insect Lore.

### **Pinterest**

Many of our teachers have Pinterest and have shared their accounts. If you have trouble finding any of them please send a screenshot of your username and picture to our email and we can have them follow you!

If you happen to find any usefully, educational and fun links on Facebook, YouTube, etc. please feel free to share them with us! We can post them on Breezy's Facebook page and also send them out via email. Thank you to our parents who have already tagged us for fun ideas to share!

During this difficult time we want to send out love and support to all of our families. We hope that everyone is safe and doing well in these uncertain times. To all of our parents who are essential workers we want to applaud and thank you! We hope that you and your family stay safe and healthy while you are working in the front lines of COVID-19. Also, to all of our teacher parents, we hope that distant learning is going well and that you are staying sane while both teaching and watching your child! To anyone with older children who are now helping with distant learning we hope that it is going well! Everyone is missed tremendously! We can't wait to see all of our families and children!

Please feel free to send any pictures or videos to [info@breezyknollchildcarecenter.com](mailto:info@breezyknollchildcarecenter.com) and we can post them on Facebook for their friends to see. Some parents have been reaching out to get numbers or emails of their friends parents. We never give out information unless it is okayed by the other parent.

Some great ways of video chat are FaceTime, Hangouts, Facebook Messenger and Zoom.

## **Lots of Love!**

April, Julia, Gina, Tanya, Patrice, Jamie, Laura, Chelsea, Michaela, Hailie, Alex, Pam and Brianna

One of the children's favorite centers in all of our classrooms is exploring with playdough.

Here is Breezy's easy recipe:

### **Playdough Recipe Mix:**

- 1/2 cup of salt
- 3 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon alum



Add:

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups boiling water
- Food coloring

Mix all together. Knead until smooth. Add a little flour if sticky. Store in an air tight container.

**Toddlers & Transitional Toddlers:** Miss Michaela, Miss Hailie and Miss Alex would like their families to keep up on lots of fine motor activities like a tissue paper ripping activity. One idea is to have them tear the tissue paper themselves and place it on a cut out of a glued bunny. Have your child paint with a toy car by driving it through the paint or you could even do it with shaving cream! Another activity is counting bugs—using toy bugs or pictures of cutout bugs. Help your child count up to five by pointing to each bug one by one or you could always go outside on a bug hunt! Some other fun activities are bunny hop races from a start to a finish line. For mathematics measure your child up against the wall with large flowers and see how many flowers tall they are! With Easter egg tops have your child match them to colored dots on the paper. A fun science experiment is to explore peeps in different liquids (oil, water, vinegar, milk) see what happens. Some songs and finger plays that they would learn were— Spring is Here, Mister Sun, Bunny Pokey and Baby Bumble Bee. Check out Miss Michaela's Pinterest account to see many of these activities. Michaela Jasinowski (no profile picture).

**Young Preschool:** Miss Chelsea would like her group to continue tracing their names. Work on lots of fine motor activities with them like picking pom poms up with clothes pins and matching them by color on colored plates or paper. Work with your child to cut on a line (straight, zigzag and curved). Also, practice puzzles of 8 or more pieces. They were going to talk about living and non living things to lead up to their butterfly kit at the end of the month. Miss Chelsea was going to have the children start a garden in the planter on their side porch to take care of with watering and to observe daily.

**Honeybees:** Miss Jamie and Miss Laura would like all their friends to keep practicing fine motor activities like cutting and gluing pictures. Parents can use highlighters to write your child's name for them to practice tracing and writing letters. If you have plastic cups your child can create towers by stacking the cups. A great shape game is looking around the room for all circle things. Then go into another room and look for squares. This can be done with different shapes in different rooms. Have your child count objects like cars, pennies or crayons by pointing to each one while counting. Another fun activity is combining science and math by walking around outside and count how many flowers are growing in the yard.

You can go to their Pinterest accounts to see lots of great activities! Jamie's is Jamie Blake (a picture of herself) and Laura's is Laura Cunningham (a picture of her and her children).

**Pre-K and Enhanced Pre-K families:** Miss Gina, Miss Tanya and Miss Patrice have great activities on their Pinterest accounts. Gina's is Gina Slattery (no profile picture), Tanya's is Tanya Petrone (picture of her dog) and Patrice's is Patrice Mendonca (picture of herself). You can check them out for some activities to do at home with your child.

Themes this month were Easter activities, bunny headbands, tracing and cutting egg shapes then designing them with paint, markers, glitter, Earth Day, etc. Lots of Spring activities, flower painting, learning about the different parts of a flower. Introducing insects leading up to getting our butterfly kits. They can watch the different stages of development, from larva to butterfly. Also, have them keep practicing their names. If they mastered their first, have them start on their last name. Have them learn their address and phone numbers.

Enhanced Pre-K: Keep practicing the new site words- He, she, with, yes, no, for, to

Last month Miss Patrice introduced "Share the Kindness" with the children. This month she wants them to incorporate this theme with nature and caring for the earth. Go outside and pick up any litter in your neighborhood.