

The Provider

Early Learning = Lifelong Learning

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Upcoming Statutory Holidays:

Victoria Day

May 20

Providers receive this day off
and the office will be closed.

Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday

8:00am ~ 4:30pm

Closed most days between
12:00pm ~ 1:00pm for Lunch



Hello All! This is my first month with Wee R Kids and I am thoroughly enjoying my time. I have had the pleasure of meeting most of you already and am very impressed with your homes. My role will be to help alleviate some of the workload that Gini has the responsibility of completing every month! You will see me in your homes, either with Gini or without, for some of your monthly visits in the future. I have a variety of experience working with children, I was a behavioural therapist for children diagnosed with Autism, I have been working as a school teacher for the last four years and continue that part time as well. I have also been a dayhome provider for an agency, and as a result, I do understand what it is like to be you! My most important accomplishment is my son, who is 19 months old now. I am excited to learn what Wee R Kids is about. I have great mentors here in the office and many great providers to work with out in the field! See you soon!

Bonnie

Biology is the least of what makes
someone a mother.

- Oprah Winfrey



Cooking Activities



Banana-Nutella Wontons

You will need:

2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp cinnamon
16 wonton wrappers
5 tbsp Nutella
1 medium rip banana
2 tbsp unsalted butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Mix sugar and cinnamon. Lay wonton wrappers out, place 1 tsp Nutella in center of each wrapper and two very thin slices of banana on the Nutella. Dip finger in water and run it along edges of wrapper. Fold wrapper in half diagonally, press edges to seal. Bake wontons for 8 to 10 minutes, until crisp and lightly browned.

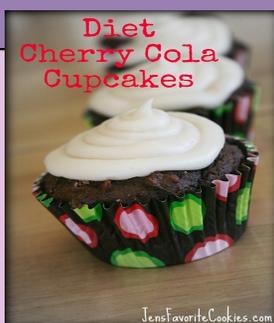
<http://www.delish.com/recipes/cooking-recipes/easy-dessert-recipes#slide-1>

Diet Cherry Cola Cupcakes

You will need:

1 box Devils Food cake mix
1 can diet cherry cola
1 egg white
2-3 tbsp butter, softened
Powdered sugar

Combine cake mix with egg white and 10 oz. soda (about 1 1/4 cups). Scoop batter into lined cupcake pan, bake according to package directions. For frosting, mix butter with about 1 oz. diet cola and powdered sugar. Add sugar until frosting is desired consistency. Frost cupcakes. Yields approx. 14 cupcakes.



<http://www.jensfavoritecookies.com/2012/05/07/diet-cherry-cola-cupcakes-and-mothers-day-extravaganza/#.T6ncQ-tYurV>

Art Activities

Waving Flowers Mother's Day Gift

You will need:

Coloured Construction Paper
Pipe Cleaners
Markers or Crayons
Tape
Pipe Cleaners
Scissors
Flower Pot (optional)



Trace each of your child's hands on a piece of colored paper. Cut out a circle that fits in the palm and have your child write their name in it. Cut them out. Glue the center into the palm of the hand.

Turn it over and tape a pipe cleaner to it.

Take a green piece of colored paper, fold it, and cut out half of a heart.

Have your child, or you, write I Love you because... on one side, and then the reason on the other side of the heart half.

Tape the leaves on from the back of the pipe cleaner.

If you'd like to make it a flower pot, put the waving flowers in a foam block and place inside a terracotta pot. Cover foam with green strips of paper.

Mother's Day Thumbprint Bookmark

You will need:

Bookmark Sized Strips of White Paper
Acrylic Paint
Printed Mother's Day Message (optional)

Draw a circle for the child to use as a guide for their fingerprint flower and a stem. Then have the child use paint to create the flower petals and leaves of the flower with their fingerprints. May include a mother's day rhyme or message from the child.



Fun Activities

Science Activities

Colorful Volcanoes

You will need:

Baking soda

Vinegar

Liquid watercolor paint
(optional)

Place baking soda and liquid watercolor in a container. Pour in vinegar. Watch as the reaction takes place!



Pine Cone Bird Feeders

You will need:

Pinecones

Vegetable Shortening or Peanut Butter

Popsicle sticks

Birdseed

String

Put Crisco or PB on a plate, roll pine cones or spread on pinecones with popsicle sticks. Dip in birdseed or sprinkle birdseed on top. Tie a string to the pinecone for hanging.



Math Activity

Flower Matching Game

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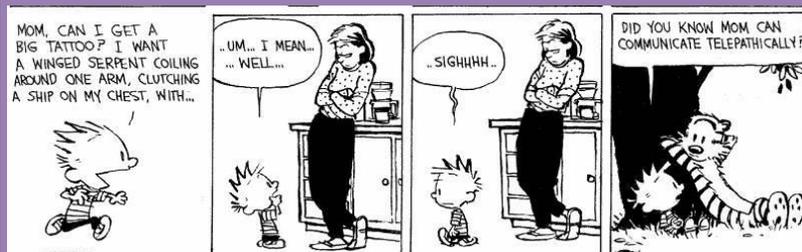
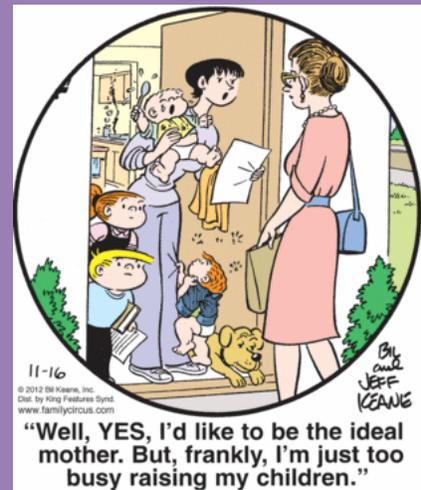
White paper

Markers or crayons

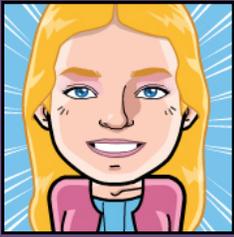


Draw several matching flowers and cut them out. Play traditional memory matching game with the older kids and have younger kids just match the same flowers together! You can talk about colors, count the flowers, or use this time to teach the children about flowers in general.

FUNNIES!



A Message

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Happy May!!

Well, April came in like a lion, and sort of went out like a lamb.. I think we saw more snow this April than we had in March! I personally have quite a bit up in my flower beds, and garden, and I hope the snow is done for this year... I for one cannot wait for the weather to warm up so I can get out in my garden!

It has been busy at the office, with providers coming and going, children coming and going, and us welcoming Bonnie as our new office staff member! She will be a second consultant in the office to help me out with my visits and paperwork! It has been awesome to have her!

As the weather has been warming up, please make sure when you are going out that you have your field trip forms all signed BEFORE you go!

We had a very informative presentation on Emergency Preparedness for our meeting in April, Preparedness week is from May 6-12, I hope you will all get a 72 hour kit prepared for your families!

Our May meeting will be on May 22, 2013, as the third Wednesday is the licensing meeting that quite a few of us are attending.

I want to thank all of you who are working so hard on their activity lists, I asked you to be more specific, and you are all doing fantastic with it, please do not be afraid to ask for help if you need some, we have some great resource books here at the office, and online there are a million ideas! Don't overthink, can be simple, remember, art and indoors are not the same, and outdoor activities are outdoor!

We are currently working on a new attendance sheet that I hope you will find more user friendly, and are starting to work on new programming sheets for your center activities that we will be concentrating on in the fall!

As we are also working on our resource list for our toy lending library, please remember to bring in your borrowed equipment and toys monthly so others can also borrow them! We are also working on a few prop boxes, so when they are ready for lending, we will let you know!

Please remember that Angel is out of the office for most of May, so be patient with Bonnie and I as we muddle through the month without her! See you soon!

Provider Spotlight



April: Emma

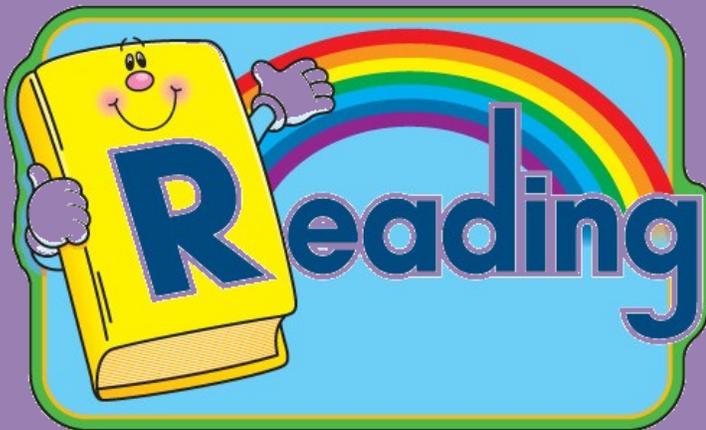
Emma has done very well setting up her playroom and having a great quantity of toys available for all ages of children.

She is awesome with the babies and is really starting to use recycled materials in her open ended art experiences!

Emma's menus are full of healthy foods, with great variety offered!

May: Teresa

For May, we have chosen Teresa as our spotlight provider! She keeps immaculate profiles for her children in care, and her own, and has a wealth of knowledge from her ECE training that she applies in her work every day. She has great centers accessible to her children at all times!

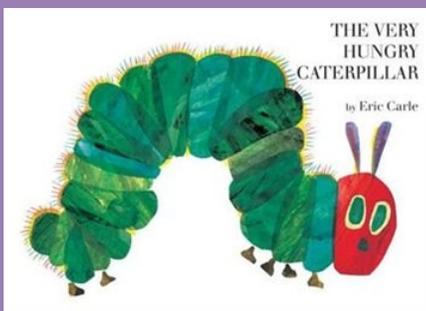


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The Very Hungry Caterpillar Board Book

By Eric Carle

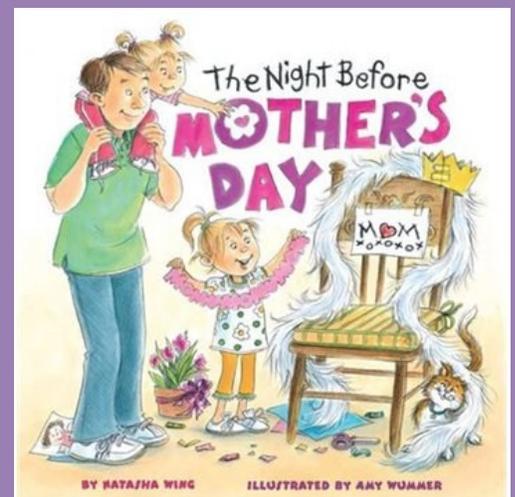
The Very Hungry Caterpillar is a story that emphasizes numbers and days of the week. The caterpillar is not only very hungry, but he also has unusual tastes in food, ones that delight children.



The Night Before Mother's Day

By Natasha Wing

It's the night before Mother's Day, and Dad and the kids are determined to show Mom just how much they love her. They whip up a cake from scratch, and offer a special coupon for a day at the spa, right in their own kitchen! Kids and moms will love reading this sweet story aloud together for a fun way to celebrate Mother's Day.



Listed on this page are books that may be found in the Public Library, online or even in our Lending Library. If you have any other books that fit this theme, please let us know.

Additional Information



Toddlers do not hit because they are **naughty or bad**.
Toddlers often hit because they are not yet able to fully
express feelings such as fear with words.

Positive Parenting Connection

How to Stop Toddlers from Hitting

Why do toddlers hit?

Toddlers are not yet developmentally able to control their impulses.

Toddlers may hit when they feel overwhelmed with feelings they cannot yet explain with words.

Very often when toddlers hit their parents, caregivers or peers they are feeling **scared, frightened or anxious**.

A hitting toddler is not naughty or bad.

Setting Limits

If your child does hit, it is important to handle the situation with respect, kindness and firmness. Using short but descriptive phrases can be very helpful.

“Do not hit.” “Hitting hurts.”

Gently removing your child from the situation or placing yourself between two children may be necessary to hold your limit.

“I will not let you hit. I am going to keep us all safe.”

Empathizing with your toddler can be a really helpful way to address the situation while still being kind and firm.

“It seems like you are very mad.” “I am noticing you are frustrated.”

By responding with kindness your child is likely to feel safe enough to release some of that anger or frustration by crying. Although it may be difficult to accept those feelings and tears, children do need that opportunity to release feelings so they can move forward.

If your child will accept a hug, go ahead! Affection will not reinforce hitting and it will show your child that you are a source of safety and that you care.

Trusting that our children are capable and interested in learning how to handle frustrating or frightening situations may be difficult in the heat of the moment but they really are. Although this developmental phase may be at times challenging, remembering to focus on guidance and teaching from a place of compassion and understanding can be really helpful.