

Rainbow Factory News



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The School Year Comes To And End...

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to be your children's teachers and to see these little ones grow and develop and gain confidence in themselves and their abilities. Thank-you for allowing us to experience these precious moments with your children.

One of the stated goals of the Rainbow Factory is to nurture each child's self-reliance and independence. Because we care about children's feelings, the staff avoids long, teary good-byes on our last preschool day. It is always hard to say goodbye to our children, many of whom we will not hear from again. We know there is a time to let go and to send forth the birds from the nests so they may soar to new heights. We will send the children forth in happiness so they will not feel tied to preschool and will be able to form new ties with future teachers. This is as it should be. We feel privileged to have shared in the growth and development of your child. For those children returning in the fall, we whisper "See you in September".

May your summer be wonderfully fun and relaxing, and may you and your families continue to grow in love together.

Sincerely,
The Rainbow Factory Staff

Dates to Remember...

- May 1 - May Day
- May 1 - Rainbow Factory Board Meeting
- May 8 - Mother's Tea 11am Just 3's MWF
- May 9 - Mother's Tea 11am Just Barely 3's and Just 3's Tues/Thurs
- May 10 - Scholastic Book Order Due
- May 10 - Tuition Due
- May 10 - Mother's Brunch 11am MWF AM & PM and M-F AM
- May 16 - Un-Birthday Party Just 3's Tue/Thurs
- May 17 - Un-Birthday Party Just 3's MWF; MWF AM; M-F AM
- May 22 - Family Picnic at 11am / Last day of preschool
- May 23 - Staff last day

May 2013 Tuition...

Just Barely 3's - **\$75.00/mo.**
Thursday

Just 3's - **\$120.00/mo.**
Tuesday / Thursday

Just 3's - **\$150.00 /mo.**
Monday / Wednesday / Friday

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AM/PM - **\$150.00/mo.**

Monday -Friday (5 days)
AM/PM - **\$225.00/mo.**

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Un-Birthday Parties...

Many of our children have summer birthdays (June, July & August) which do not fall during the regular preschool year (September-May). Therefore, we have Un-Birthday Parties to celebrate the birthdays of those children. We will decorate, play party games and, of course, receive birthday crowns and blow out candles on our special cake. If your "un-birthday" child would like to bring treats for the class, we will add them to the party bags. Check with a teacher if you have questions. MWF/M-F and MWF 3's classes will celebrate on Friday, May 17 and Just 3's Tuesday/Thursday will celebrate on Thursday, May 16.

Suggestions for party bag treats are: stickers, bubbles, small books, kites, etc.

Reminder: All food items must be peanut-free. Please check ingredient labels. Thank you!



Family Picnic...

The family picnic to mark the end of the preschool year will be Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 am on the preschool patio. If it is raining, the picnic will be in the gym. **Each family is asked to bring food to share with everyone.** The food should consist of a main dish (sandwiches, chicken, pizza, pasta are examples) and a second dish of your choice (chips, salad or dessert are examples). The Rainbow Factory staff will be happy to give you ideas! Please bring your own plates, cups, etc. Lawn chairs and blankets will be needed for sitting on the grass. All Rainbow Factory families and children are welcome (Just Threes, Just Barely Threes and MWF/M-F). Please no peanuts or peanut butter sandwiches.

Children in the MWF and M-F AM classes will meet at 9:15 am on Wednesday, May 22 and will be dismissed at 11:00 am for the picnic. Children in the MWF 3's class will meet at 9:30 am and will be dismissed at 11:00 for the picnic. All families are welcome.



Camp Rainbow...

The Rainbow Factory will again be offering Camp Rainbow this summer. What is Camp Rainbow? It's a wonderful, hands-on experience for preschoolers (and those heading to kindergarten in the fall). Even though it's held at the preschool, Camp Rainbow provides a completely different experience for your child- all of the children are together in one group to learn and play indoors and outdoors. Best of all, it's FUN, FUN, FUN! You won't want to miss this opportunity.

Three sessions will be offered this summer: June 6-10 (Underground Animals), June 13-17 (Big Box Play), and June 20-23 (Rock Hounds). The sessions run Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The fee for each session is \$85.00. Three-year-olds with previous preschool experience and children who have not attended kindergarten may attend. As always, children must be toilet-trained (no diapers or pull-ups).

Spring Bedding Plant Sale...

All plants will be delivered to the preschool on Tuesday, May 7th. If you are available to help sort and organize the delivery, we'll need you to come to the gym as soon as your child is dropped off in their classroom on that day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Thompson.

Thank you for supporting the Rainbow Factory.



Parent Corner: Important Stuff for the Big People!

Many thanks for the support you have given us this past year. I am confident we could not have the program that we have if it weren't for parents like you. Your suggestions, comments, and questions help Rainbow Factory be the best it can be. Thank you.

It is with sadness that I announce the resignation of Mrs. Bourne and Mrs. Kvpil. Each has given the children at the Rainbow Factory excellent care and guidance. Mrs. Bourne will be taking time to help with her grandson, Jason, and Mrs. Kvpil will be moving from Omaha. We have truly been blessed to have them be a part of the Rainbow Factory team. I ask that parents stop by and wish them well before the last day of preschool.

-Linda Thompson, Director of Rainbow Factory Preschool



Week of the Young Child...

Kudos to staff and families for the Week of the Young Child event! Thank- you to the Everroad family and the Butts family for helping obtain the food for the evening. Also, a big thank- you to Mrs. Welch for getting our face painters! Your help was greatly appreciated.

At this time I would also like to thank Mr. Kirsch for preparing our monthly newsletter. I am so grateful for your willingness to take this project on each month. Thank You.

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May Skills...

MWF 4's and M-F 4's Classes...

Mark your calendar for our Mother's Brunch on Friday, May 10 at 11:00 am. Each child may bring one guest. The children are working diligently on preparations for this special day - we hope you enjoy this one-on-one time with your child. No siblings please.

Un-Birthday parties for summer birthdays for MWF and M-F classes will be held on Friday, May 17. If you would like to send a treat or favor, we'll include it in the treat bags.

The family picnic will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 am. All families are invited to the picnic.

Just 3's Tuesday/Thursday Class and MWF Class...

We are inviting the Just 3's mothers to come for a Mother's Tea on Wednesday, May 8 (MWF 3's) and Thursday, May 9 (Tue/Thurs 3's) at 11:00 am. This is an important event for the preschoolers and their mothers!

The Un-Birthday Party for summer birthdays will be Thursday, May 16 (Tue/Thurs 3's) and Friday, May 17 (MWF 3's). If you would like to send treats for the class, we'll include them in the treat bag. No peanut products please.

The last day of preschool is May 21 (Tue/Thurs 3's) and May 22 (MWF 3's). All families are invited to the family picnic on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 am

Just Barely 3's Thursday Class...

On Thursday, May 9 at 11:00 am the Just Barely Threes mothers are invited to a Mother's Tea in the classroom. See you there!

The last day of preschool is May 16.

All families are invited to the family picnic on Wednesday, May 22 at 11:00 am



May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 HAPPY MAY DAY! RAINBOW FACTORY BOARD MEETING	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 MOTHER'S TEA 11AM JUST 3'S MWF	9 MOTHER'S TEA 11AM JUST 3'S TUE/THU JUST BARELY 3'S	10 TUITION DUE BOOK ORDERS DUE MOTHER'S TEA 11AM 4'S M-F AM	11
12	13	14	15	16 LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL JUST BARELY 3'S JUST 3'S UN-BIRTHDAYS	17 UN-BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED	18
19	20	21	22 FAMILY PICNIC 11AM LAST DAY OF PRESCHOOL	23 STAFF LAST DAY	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	