



APRIL 2022

-THE SWEET SCOOP-

CHILDREN AND NATURE

Early childhood is the most powerful time to explore our natural world. Children need to spend time outdoors to appreciate its wonder. Be careful not to restrict experiences. Dirt is messy but not unhealthy. Children digging in dirt for worms may not be aesthetic, but it isn't unsanitary. Lie on your back and look at the patterns of the clouds or the sunlight through the trees. Viewing the outdoors as natural gives children permission to explore the world around them. And, helps them to appreciate the inspiration, awe, and majesty of our earth. We as parents can role-model being open to our messy-natural world, appreciate a dirty child making mud pies and delight in helping them measure rainfall. Teaching children to love and care for their environment will have life long positive effects for kids and our earth around us!



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-REMINDERS-

Go Blue for Child Abuse Prevention Everyone can play a role in supporting families in order to prevent child abuse and neglect. Help raise child abuse awareness in our community by wearing blue on April 9.

Easter Egg Hunts on April 15 Hippoty, Hoppity Easter's on its way. Watch on Facebook and our website for pictures of this year's Easter Egg, Hunts.

-EVENTS-

Apr 1 - Int'l Children's Book Dav Apr 1 - April Fool's Day

Apr 2 - Apr 8: Week of the Young Child

Apr 4 - Wear Blue for Autism

Apr 9 - Go Blue for Child Abuse **Prevention**

Apr 11 - Bring pictures of pets

Apr 15 - Easter Egg Hunts

Apr 15 - Wear purple to recognize the military child

Apr 17 - Happy Easter Sunday

Apr 11 - Apr 15: Spring Break for School-Age Kids

Apr 21 - Kindergarten Day

Apr 22 - Earth Day (Wear Green)

Apr 25-29 - Playground Safety



