



As a Reggio-inspired early learning center, the Lane Child and Family Center philosophy is based on the core principles of respect, responsibility and community.

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## **Director's Corner~ Katheryn Blair**

Dear parents~

Happy spring term! Thank you for making the teacher appreciation day a great success! The teachers loved the treats and notes from the all of you.

### **PRESCHOOL PROMISE APPLICATIONS**

We are now accepting applications for Preschool Promise in Starfish classroom. Preschool Promise Provides FREE childcare from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM in the Starfish classroom. To be eligible to participate in Preschool Promise you must be income eligible based on household income.

Please stop by the office if you have any questions or pick up an application.

### **IMMUNIZATION REPORT (click on link)**

[Immunization report 17-18](#)

### **SUMMER CLASSROOM AND NEXT YEAR**

It is time to enroll for the summer and next academic year. We will start open enrollment for current families on May 24, 2018 we open enrollment to new families on May 31, 2018. If you want to secure a spot, please enroll before May 31st. Our office hours will be Monday- Friday 8-5 pm. Keep in mind we will only have one classroom open during the summer, it will fill up quickly.

Please remember we have a \$75 registration Fee. \$20 at the time of enrollment and the remaining \$55 will be billed to your mylane account.

Also, if this is your last term please make sure to give the front office a 2

weeks written notice.

## News & Updates

June 14th is the last day of childcare for Spring term.

Summer Term begins [June 25th](#).

## Little Free Library

Please bring book donations to the Child and Family Center office. Feel free to take a free book as well!

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## Sea Turtles

Dear Families,

Spring has arrived, and the Sea Turtle classroom is filled with new ideas, new interests, and new friends! We would like to welcome Benny, Miriam, Nahele, Meridah, and Blake to our classroom for spring term. We've been very excited about all kinds of friends, old and new, and friendship is a big emerging theme for our class.



Our friends have shown great interest in showing their friendship through hugs, invitations to play together, comforting a friend who is upset, helping one another solve a problem, helping to put their cot away, doing partner projects such as marble painting, taking pictures together, and transforming our "quiet space" into a "friendship space" for small groups to play together. We are learning about all the new

ways we can express our friendship with each other!



Our "small world" space has been transformed into a springtime "Fairy Forest" filled with flowers and greenery, and we have also created a "dinosaur land" to reflect our children's growing excitement about dinosaurs. New life and springtime are finding their way into our classroom in a variety of ways!

We are working on new types of collaborative projects to do as partners, small groups, or the whole class. We're also practicing social skills and expanding friend circles to include new friends. It's exciting to see how our children have learned to navigate different social situations so adeptly since school began, and how welcoming they are to new members of the Sea Turtle class!

Emma, Shannon, and Amy



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## Starfish

Dear Starfish Families and Friends,

This term, the Starfish children have been focused on the outdoor world and the nature that we are so fortunate to have all around us.



The starfish are continuing to work on "bucket filling" and developing positive relationships with others. We have seen many new friendships blossom. Children are able to validate one another by letting each other know when that they are being a 'bucket filler.'



Each Monday we spend our mornings in our outdoor school. Children are excited to get a hands on experience with 'wildlife.' We are eagerly searching for slugs, worms and other insects. Teachers have brought in worms and snails for children to observe, record documentation and handle. We have also continued our analysis of birds; children are excited to look up information on any new bird that might happen upon us.

We will be getting Painted Lady butterfly caterpillars. The children will watch them grow, build chrysalises and see them emerge after complete their metamorphosis into butterflies. As part of our Reggio inspired program, we will explore and document the transformation process.

As part of outdoor school, children spend time climbing trees and making forts out of natural items. We have also brought out camping equipment for dramatic play.

With spring weather upon us, The Starfish have been going on weekly walks to explore. Our campus is large and offers many opportunities for children to see sculpture, art, and of course the ever popular turkeys. If you would like to participate on our walks, please feel free to join us. Our scheduled walk time is each Wednesday at 10:00 am.

The children enjoy drawing, painting and sculpting out of clay. We have many budding artists in our class this year. The Starfish are interested in making their own books. They draw pictures and dictate stories for teachers to write down what they have drawn. These have been such refreshing developments, their imaginations are endless.



Upcoming events:  
Come enjoy  
an evening of outdoors!  
Our Family Event will be on  
Friday, May 18th, from 5-  
7. We hope that you can all  
make it for some food, fun,  
and light entertainment.

Also, if you have any  
clothing that your child has  
outgrown, please consider  
donating them to our  
clothing swap. We will wash  
every item we receive, and  
have them available before  
and during fun night. Even if  
you do not donate, you are  
welcome to take what you  
need.

Parent conferences  
will be held on Monday,  
May 14th, and Tuesday,  
June 5th.

We are looking  
forward to the rest of the term and seeing where the children's interests lead  
us.

Sincerely,  
Amber, Heidi, Marsha

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## Seals

Springtime in the Seal room! At least, we think it is Spring...we've had plenty of April Showers, anyway.

Our group has gotten bigger and busier and sometimes, our room seems a little small for all the energy. We've been dividing the children into two groups when possible and using our amazing playground as a second classroom. This



allows the children to have a more comfortable opportunity to explore both areas.

Water flowing exploration started off our year and continues to hold their attention. We have added pump bottles with colored water. The children discovered that they could "layer" the colors if they were slow and careful then shake it up into a new color. Color exploration has also been happening with mixing paints. We are seeing an increase in interest in writing, drawing and storytelling. We support this growth by providing opportunities for children to come back to the same materials many times. We're also finding that the children have

mastered many of our materials in expected ways and, by leaving them in the environment, children are finding new and different ways to explore them. For example, block building has become more intricate. Children are finding new ways to move around the climbers. Our year long exploration of child created obstacle courses has continued but with increasingly challenging designs.



Another characteristic of our larger 4 year old population is the exploration of friendship and feelings. Here are some messages we've been hearing: "If someone feels sad, you can bring them something to make them happy!" "If someone is being mean, you can become their friend and they will like you and then they won't be mean anymore." "When someone wants to play, you should say yes." These are all important skills as Kindergarten and beyond approaches. We continue to be proud and amazed by these capable little people.

Your teachers: Chris, Karyn, and Sandyha

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### **Free books for your child if you live in Eugene (delivered to your home)**

#### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education that they will ever get.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library can help! Every child who lives in the City of Eugene can receive a new book each month by mail from ages birth through four. Free!

The books are a gift to keep. All you have to do is read to your children - which will make a huge difference for their futures and the future of our community!

<https://www.eugene-or.gov/2692/Imagination-Library>

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