

**MARCH 2022**

# TCP's Monthly Newsletter

## Welcome to TCP!

### A Message from Our Director

I'd like to welcome you and your family to our center. Our mission is to serve you and your children with excellence and integrity.

As a mother of five, I understand how important it is to find a place that is more than a childcare, but a place where we can be sure our children are well taken care of. I understand how precious each and every child is not only to their family, but to the future of our society, and we want to support you in their early childhood journey.

I enjoy being a teaching director. I honestly don't think I could stay away from the classroom for too long, but even if you see me with my hands full, I want you to remember I will always make time to listen to your concerns, and to what's important for you.

I am looking forward to knowing you better, and to a great year together!

América Leticia Figueroa

### Library Fieldtrips

Story Time at the Indio Library is back on and we're ready to go! As of Wednesday March 2nd, we will begin our weekly fieldtrips to the local library across the street.

Please remember to sign a permission slip every month so your child can come to the fieldtrip with us. If you choose not to allow him to go, some of our staff will stay behind with those who chose not to attend.

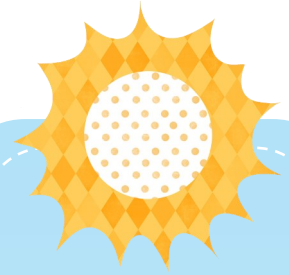
If your child is attending the fieldtrip, we recommend you send a hat to avoid sunburn. If your child has a TCP t-shirt, have him/her wear it on Wednesday for the fieldtrip.

### Recommend a Friend Challenge

We are working hard to come to full capacity. During the month of March, if you recommend The Children's Place to a friend or family, and they enroll their child, you will receive a gift basket from us. Help us reach our enrollment goal of 25 children. We are currently at 10, so we have room for 15 more!

### Picture Day Success!

Picture Day was a success on March 1st, if your child was absent on picture day and would like to have a First Day of Preschool picture taken, please notify his/her teacher.



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### The Children's Place CDC

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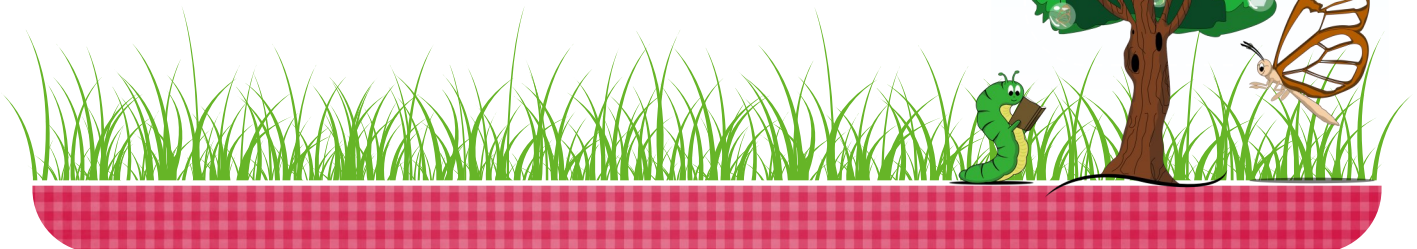
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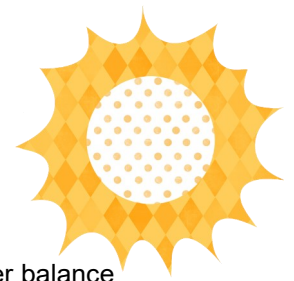
### Important Dates

03/02 Dr. Seuss Birthday

03/17 St. Patrick's Day

03/21 Spring Begins!





## Motor Skills: Big and Small Body Movements

Your preschooler can do more and more with her body!

From big body movements like playing sports, to small muscle activities like writing letters, preschoolers are learning to do a lot more with their bodies.

Here is what you can expect at this age:

- Walking up and down stairs one foot at a time
- Using larger writing tools, like fat crayons, and holding them in a writing position
- Balancing on one foot for a few seconds
- Skipping, throwing a ball overhand
- Drawing stick figures showing head, body, and legs
- Turning book pages one at a time

- Turning door handles
- Jumping and climbing with better balance
- Buttoning with large and small buttons
- Dressing self.
- Pouring liquids from cup/pitcher
- Catching a ball
- Running easily and smoothly
- Beginning or independently using the bathroom
- Eating by him/herself with the appropriate utensils.
- Riding a tricycle or bicycle with training wheels (remember to use a helmet!)

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*"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."*

*-Frederick Douglass*

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## What is the Creative Curriculum?

The Creative Curriculum's foundation is based off the findings of six main theorists. Through their views on children, the curriculum is constructed as a guideline for how a center can provide the best possible care.

T. Berry Brazelton and Abraham Maslow believed that children need their basic needs met, which include safety, belonging and esteem. Erik Erikson and Stanley Greenspan focused on the necessity of having supporting, trusting relationships with adults, which increases social, emotional development. Jean Piaget and Lev Vygotsky discussed how interactions with others are crucial in cognitive development.

At TCP, we use these principles along with our knowledge of child development, and each child's individual needs, strengths and interests, to provide high-quality care and a firm foundation.

The Creative Curriculum works within four main categories of interest:

**Socio-emotional:** It helps promote independence, self-confidence and self-control. Within this stage, children learn how to make friends, how to have group interactions and how to follow rules.

**Physical:** It is intended to increase children's large and small motor skills.

**Cognitive:** This category is associated with thinking skills. Children learn how to solve problems, ask questions and think critically.

**Language:** This deals with communication. Children learn how to communicate with others, listen and participate in conversations. In this stage, children begin to recognize letters and words and begin writing for a purpose.

There are five basic components that comprise the curriculum: Knowing children, Creating a responsive environment, What children are learning, Caring and teaching, and Building partnerships with families.

**Letters of the Month:** A, B, C

**Value of the Month:** Patience

**Numbers of the Month:** 1, 2, and 3

**Colors:** Red and Orange

**Themes of the Month:** All about me, Spring, Street Safety, All about bugs!