



HAPPY EASTER!

Nathaniel smiles big for the camera!

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Administrative Corner

What a beautiful and warm month of March we have had... Even without the April showers – we have seen flowers blooming early, leaves popping up on the trees, and the grass is starting to grow! It's a beautiful time of year!

Our staff is currently in the process of renewing their First Aid and CPR credentials. The State of New York only requires one person on each shift to be trained – we MAKE all our employees take Red Cross First-Aid and CPR training so that your child has the best care at ALL TIMES!

Have you taken advantage of the Bright Red Bookshelves from the Family Reading Partnership of Owego-Apalachin? They are located in the center of the building near our office and also down by the Head Start office. Books on the Red Shelves are free for all

children to take... You will also be able to donate books for kids. We encourage everyone to read with their kids and are happy the Red Shelves are here to help!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in communities. We take child abuse very seriously. Our staff is trained to identify child abuse, maltreatment, and neglect; and are all mandated reporters. If you would like more information please see Donna, Mark or Ben in the office...

It's time to think about enrolling in our fantastic summer program! We also have space open for our fall Pre-K program!

Happy Easter to all our families!
AVCCC Administration

April Birthdays!

Megan B.	4/2
Mrs. Hoover	4/8
Miss Jetaime	4/12
Ethane N.	4/14
Julia C.	4/20
Miss Wendy	4/23
Aliyah R.	4/29



Scripture Corner

*"He is not here;
He has Risen,
just as He said."
Matthew 28:6*



We would like to wish all our AVCCC families a very HAPPY EASTER!



Haley sits down for snack time...

A Word from the Fishy Pond - Toddlers

March flew by! The warm weather was wonderful. We like to spend as much time outside as possible. We found a woolly bear caterpillar outside. I brought it inside all curled up. Some of the children touched it, others just looked. Later it opened up and everyone was so excited. Of course, we put him back outside. ☺

All the children really enjoyed the bagpipe band. What a treat to see them up close.

April will bring Easter. We have begun our Easter baskets.

We will be busy making butterflies, our own "clothesline", tulip handprints, and dancing a lot! This is a classroom full of music lovers!!!

Miss Linda &
Miss Brenda



We're on the web!
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Turtle Times - Toddlers

We have sure been enjoying the warm weather in March and are looking forward to having a lot more fun in the coming months outside. We got a lot of neat new outdoor toys to explore with on our playground like shovels, buckets, and cars.

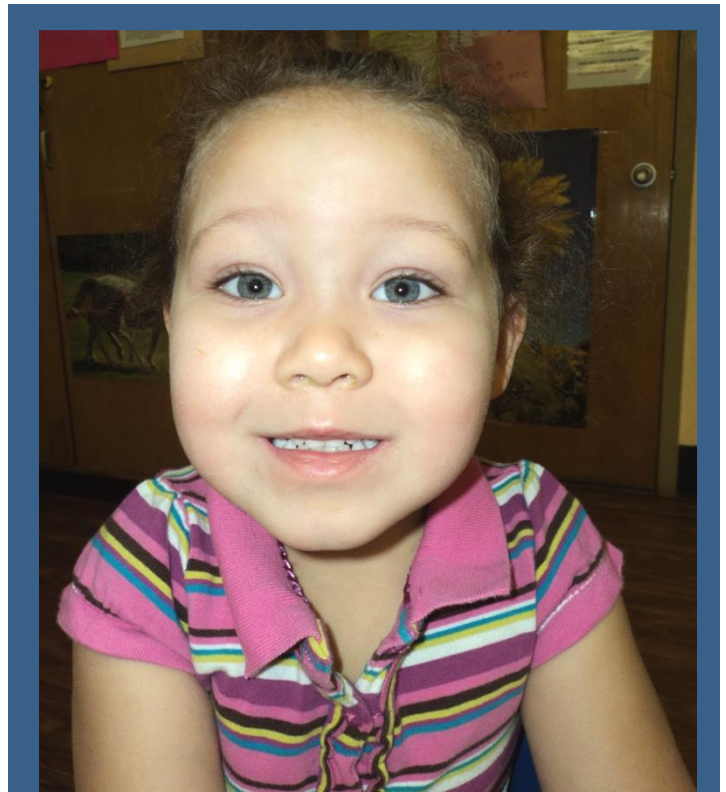
To celebrate St. Patrick's Day we listened to bagpipers and a naughty leprechaun visited our room and turned our milk and apple sauce green. He also hid gold around the room and we had lots of fun finding it and filling our pots.

During April we are looking forward to celebrating Spring with flowers and sunshine!

We want to say a sad goodbye to Miss Jetaime who will be visiting other rooms and a happy hello to Miss Christina who is back from maternity leave.

A BIG happy birthday to Aliyah and Hunter and Miss Jetaime!

Miss Jill &
Miss Christina



Geonah smiles for the camera...



Miss Cassie is SO PROUD of her class!

Paw Prints from the Puppies & Kitties - Preschool

Spring is officially here! We welcomed it in with a beautiful flower activity and a circle time dedicated to all of the changes taking place around us with the new season.

We have also been spending extra time outside which is why you all received sun screen & insect repellent reminders. Please fill these out and provide the items as soon as possible - we want to stay safe and happy! ☺

Looking ahead, we have a month dedicated to April showers and more fun spring activities!

A very warm welcome to our new puppy friends, Christian, Elizabeth, and Makenzie! We also wish Megan the best as she buzzes up to the Bees room! What a great class we have!

Happy Spring!

Miss Cassie K. &
Miss Emily



*Enrolling now for our
Summer Programs!*

Buzz from the Bees - Pre-K

Hooray! Spring is here! This means the children will be going outside a lot more to enjoy the nice weather. Parents, please make sure your child has the appropriate gear. Thanks!

We started March with discussing farm and city life. The children were able to explore some of the similarities and differences using graphs, pictures, and stories. The children also had a blast creating many St. Patrick's Day crafts which looked beautiful on the door and windows.

We hope you all loved the movie bulletin board outside our classroom. The children had so much fun posing for the camera.

April starts us off with a new theme, "Let's move." We will be experimenting with things that move like sand, water, movement and rhymes. We will also learn about comparing size, weight, and capacity. As well as ordinal numbers, combining and separating. The Bees are doing a great job with their writing. This month we will be focusing on letters H, I, & J. The Bees look forward to creating many Easter crafts.

Miss Miranda & Miss Ja'Tona



Practicing tumbling in the Bees Room...

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Babysitting.*

The Lions & Eagles - School Age



During the month of March our School Agers were busy making St. Patrick's Day bulletin boards: The Leprechaun & Shamrock Patch, Our Rainbows and Pots of Gold artwork... and on Friday the 16th we celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making fun and delicious green milkshakes.

Miss Samantha has been teaching all of us about the book of Genesis and we are in the process of making artistic books about the 6 days of creation.

As we go into the month of April we will be working on a lot of spring crafts as well as making our own baskets for the Easter Bunny to come fill during our spring school recess. We will also be spending a lot more time outside and on a few of the nicer days during the week we will be going up on the hill out back and having lots of fun with games and activities. We will keep you posted the day before we plan to go out and will be sure to have the children bring their belongings with them so pickup time will run smoothly and you won't have to come back inside. ☺

Wishing you a very happy Spring!

Miss Kathy & Miss Samantha

A visit from the Bagpipe Band in honor of St. Patrick's Day



REMINDER:

**ALL NATURE'S VISION
FUNDRAISER ORDERS
& MONEY ARE DUE
BY WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 18th, 2012.**

THANK YOU!

Recipe of the Month...

Slow Cooked Pork Goulash

Ingredients:

- 1 20 oz. (1 ¼ lb) boneless pork butt (shoulder), cut in 1-in. chunks
- 1 can (14 oz) crushed tomatoes in purée
- 1 packet beefy-onion soup mix (from a 2.2-oz box)
- 2 Tbsp sweet paprika
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp caraway seeds
- ¾ cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 3 Tbsp snipped fresh dill

Preparations:

1. Mix all ingredients except sour cream and dill in a 3-qt or larger slow-cooker.

2. Cover and cook on low 7 to 9 hours until pork is tender. Stir in sour cream and dill.

Slow-Cooker Tip: Heat settings can vary from brand to brand, so check for doneness after the shortest **cooking** time given.

Prep Time: 5 Minutes
Cook Time: 9 hours
Number of Servings: 6



Important Dates:

April 6th - 13th
**Spring Recess - Owego
Apalachin Schools Closed**

April 6th
Good Friday

April 8th
Easter Sunday