



# Positive Happenings

## Early Childhood Programs

### Week of the Young Child

During the week of April 8, the Early Childhood Programs celebrated the 48th year of Week of the Young Child™.

This is an annual celebration hosted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families. We were so excited for a week long celebration of our youngest learners!

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. It also recognizes that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

More than ever before, we know the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. The needs of young children and their families have never been more pressing.

The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, childcare, school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

During the week, we had exciting entrances for families using bubbles and music to celebrate them. We also had a fun tape maze for students to follow to their rooms.

Teachers also used the following themes, designated by the NAEYC, to plan a fun filled and educational week:

- Music Monday
- Tasty Tuesday
- Work Together Wednesday
- Artsy Thursday
- Family Friday



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