

March 2023

Dates to Know:

- ◆ **March 10**– No Public School
- ◆ **March 12** – Daylight Savings Starts (Spring Forward)
- ◆ **March 14 & 15**– Picture Retakes
- ◆ **March 17**– Lucky the Leprechaun Visits Small Wonder
- ◆ **March 20**– First Day of Spring!
- ◆ **March 24**– Public School Early Dismissal @ 1:30 pm
- ◆ **March 29**– Small Wonder Board Meeting @ noon
- ◆ **April 1** – Central Montana Family Health and Resource Expo
- ◆ **April 3-7**– Week of the Young Child



Both of our Centers absolutely loved celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday week! The Preschool Center had a week full of dress up fun and the Infant Center had a ton of activities planned along with a birthday party! Thank you for celebrating with us!

St. Patrick's Day is quickly approaching and this is always one of the most favorite days of the year at Small Wonder. Lucky the Leprechaun causes so much mischief and the children can never believe how messy he makes our buildings! This year we will be searching for his pot of gold in the building and everyone will be going home with a special surprise from Lucky!

I want to say a quick **thank you** to all of the families for no longer using the Griffith Construction parking lot at drop off and pick up. They really do appreciate us working with them.

This year during our annual Picture Days we decided that it was time for all of our staff to get their pictures taken, too! We got them back and have made displays at each center. At the Infant Center—right inside the front door you can see all the wonderful teachers, and at the Preschool Center we have put them up by the classrooms doors that the teachers teach in. Since we have gained some new teachers, they will be getting their pictures done on Picture Retake day and then we should have a complete display. The hope is that all families new or current will be able to meet the teachers outside of their classrooms and feel more comfortable during transition times.

Have a great month! Lacey Gloyne, Executive Director

Picture Retakes!

Melissa Kelly Photography is offering picture retakes or new pictures if you missed our first sessions on March 14 at the Infant Center and March 15 at the Preschool Center. She will be set up from 10-11:30 am both days. If you are doing retakes, please make sure to bring your old packets to turn in. We will have order forms by both sign in kiosks.

Central Montana Family Health and Resource Expo

The Central Montana Coalition is putting together a Family Health and Resource Expo that is based around all the different agencies and services that help out the families of our community. On April 1, the Expo will be going on at the Fergus County Fairgrounds from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is a free event with a lot of fun activities for the children and some great information for families. There will be an easter egg hunt, too!



STAFF CORNER



Small Wonder welcomed Miss Toni in February to the Yellow Room. She has had previous experience at a different child care facility and as a paraprofessional for the school system.

She has been working alongside Miss Bree and they have been having so much fun in the Yellow Room. We are so excited to see all the activities and fun lessons that Miss Toni and Miss Bree incorporate to the Yellow Room.

Please stop in and say “Hi” as a warm welcome to Miss Toni! Small Wonder is very lucky for her to choose to be a teacher for us!

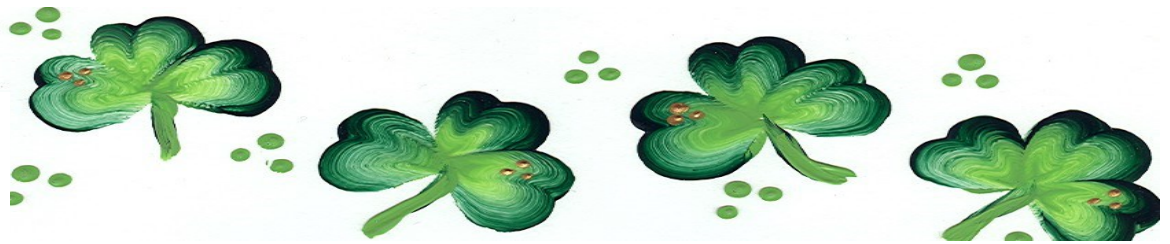
Policy and Procedure Highlight

TARGET STATEMENT

At Small Wonder Child Care, we believe in the individuality and uniqueness of each child and in fostering their very best and most positive life outcomes by providing high quality care and education.

Therefore, we provide:

1. The community with an open door, acceptance of all families, children, and community members;
2. Families with positive, trusting, and supportive relationships;
3. Continuing professional development training and education in the early childhood field for our teachers.



Little Caesar's Pizza Kit Fundraiser

Starting April 1, we will be hosting a Little Caesar's pizza kit fundraiser. We were hoping that this will be a beneficial time for everyone because the spring and summer tend to get so busy and these pizza kits are so easy and quick to put together on those busy, busy nights! This is also such a fun way to get the children in the kitchen are start learning some cooking skills.