

Spring Newsletter

2022

Welcome to the Spring Quarter! The sun is coming out, and the flowers are blooming! We would like to welcome a couple of new teachers: Teacher Kate in the Pre-K room, and Teacher Karima in the toddler room!

With Spring comes new growth! We will be creating a garden in the back, where the children will watch a variety of different fruits and vegetables grow, and eventually eat! Additionally, we will be planting flowers and other flora in the front of the school to liven up the building as the days grow warmer. Check out the new gnome garden by the stairs on your way in! Some of the children have already begun planting their own flower seeds in small pots, and are watching their flowers sprout as we've started the seeds indoors.

This quarter, we will appreciate and celebrate many lovely holidays! We will appropriately recognize Ramadan and Passover, and celebrate Easter with egg hunts, as well as Mother's Day in May, Father's Day in June, and we will observe Juneteenth as a time to appreciate African-American cultures!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun. Apr 17: Easter
 Fri. Apr 22: Earth Day
 May 1-7: Teacher Appreciation Week
 Wed. Mar 4: Star Wars Day
 Sun. Mar 8: Mother's Day
 Mon. Mar 30: CLOSED for Memorial Day
 Sat. Jun 18: International Picnic Day
 Sun. Jun 19: Father's Day
 Tues. Jun 21: Summer Solstice

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- APRIL
- Teacher Hanien - 4/05
 - Alice - 4/11
 - Sofia - 4/14
 - Phoenix - 4/18
 - Olivia - 4/26
 - Shiden - 4/27
- MAY
- Avi - 5/26
 - Leonardo - 5/27
- JUNE
- Sid - 6/06
 - Ariana - 6/08
 - Allister - 6/11
 - Skylar - 6/12
 - Jonah - 6/26

Did You Know?

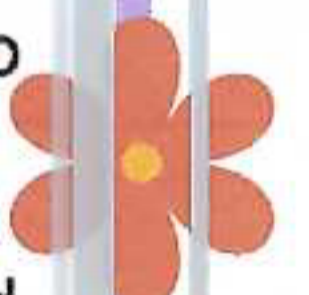
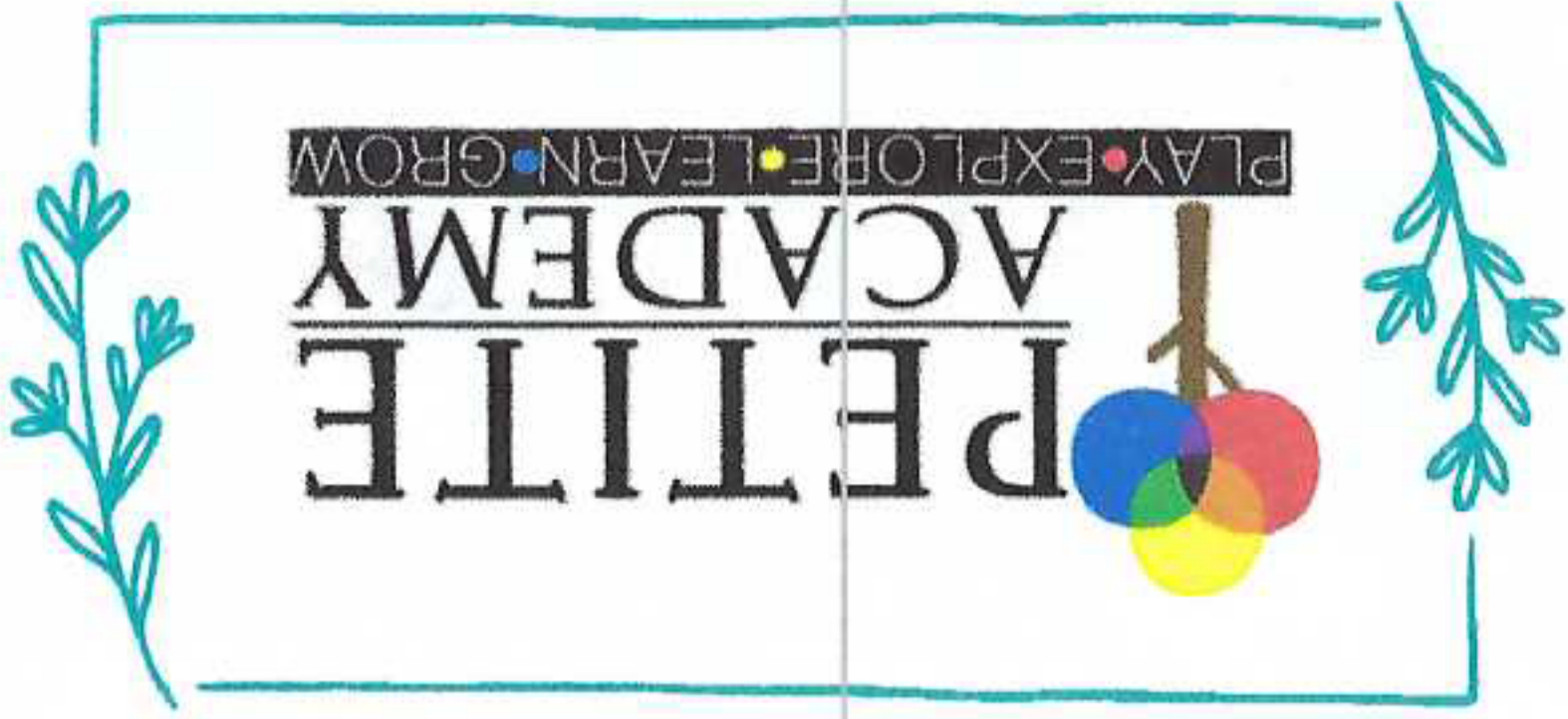
Bees have 5 eyes and can fly up to 20mph!

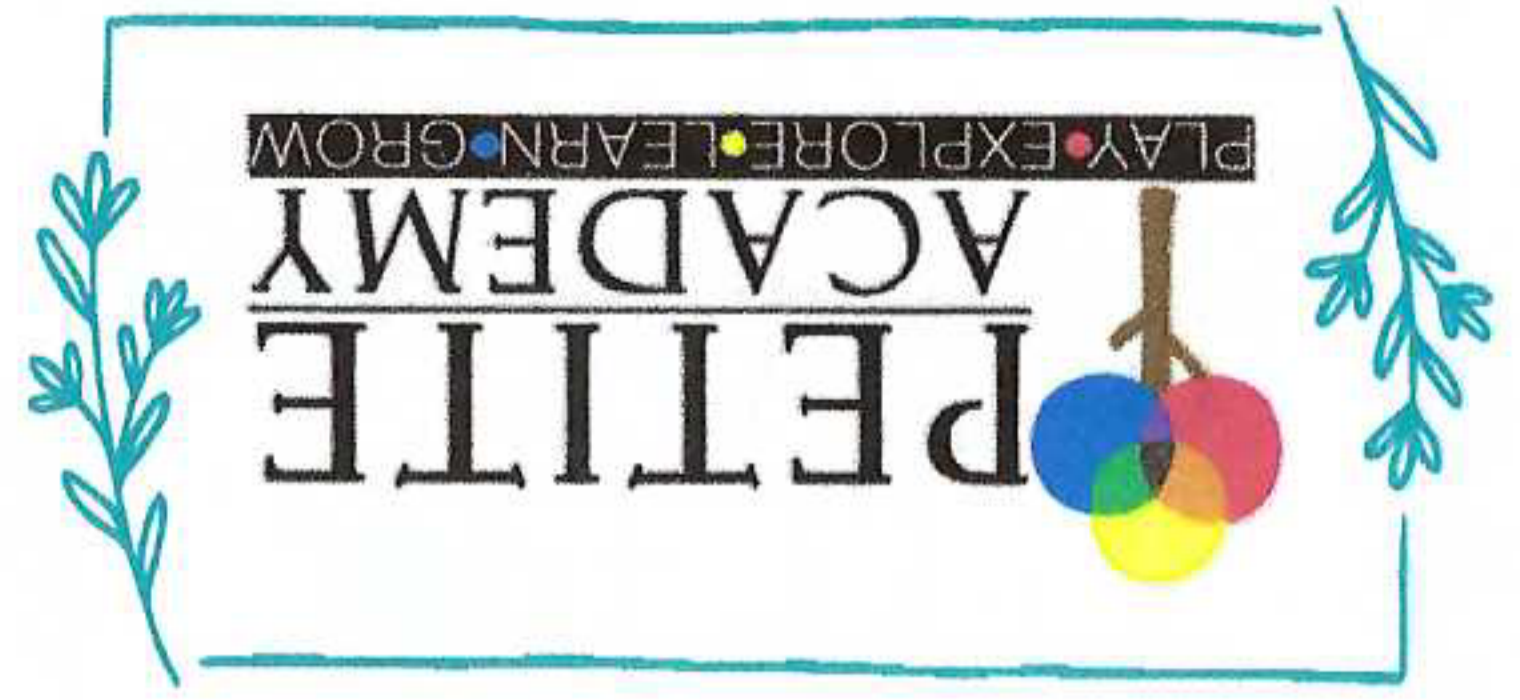
The average forager bee makes about 1/12 of a teaspoon of honey in its life.

Forager bees have to collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make just 1 pound of honey.

PLAY • EXPLORE • LEARN • GROW

PETITE ACADEMY





As mask mandates are being lifted, we are relieved to announce that as of May 1st, masks will no longer be required at Petite Academy.

This means that teachers, staff, parents and children will not need to wear a mask inside of the building.

We will be continuing to sanitize and disinfect as much as possible to keep germs and illnesses at bay.

Additionally, we still ask that parents and guardians don't come in the rooms for drop off and pick up, if possible. Teachers will prepare your child for departure.

As colds and other illnesses are still going around, please keep your child home if they have multiple cold or illness symptoms, or a fever.

COVID-19 UPDATES

- Resources for Families & Children
- ParentHelp123.org - For parent support, local services and assistance, health insurance programs, and more.
- <https://kcls.org/storytimes/> - The King County Library offers online storytimes for children and families, and in multiple languages
- Seattle Art Museum - A fun family outing activity, kids under 12 are free!
- <https://asl-kids.com/sign-language-for-kids/> - Teach your kids sign language!

DONATIONS

We are in need of a few things, especially in the toddler classroom. If you're looking to get rid of anything, we would be happy to take these items off of your hands:

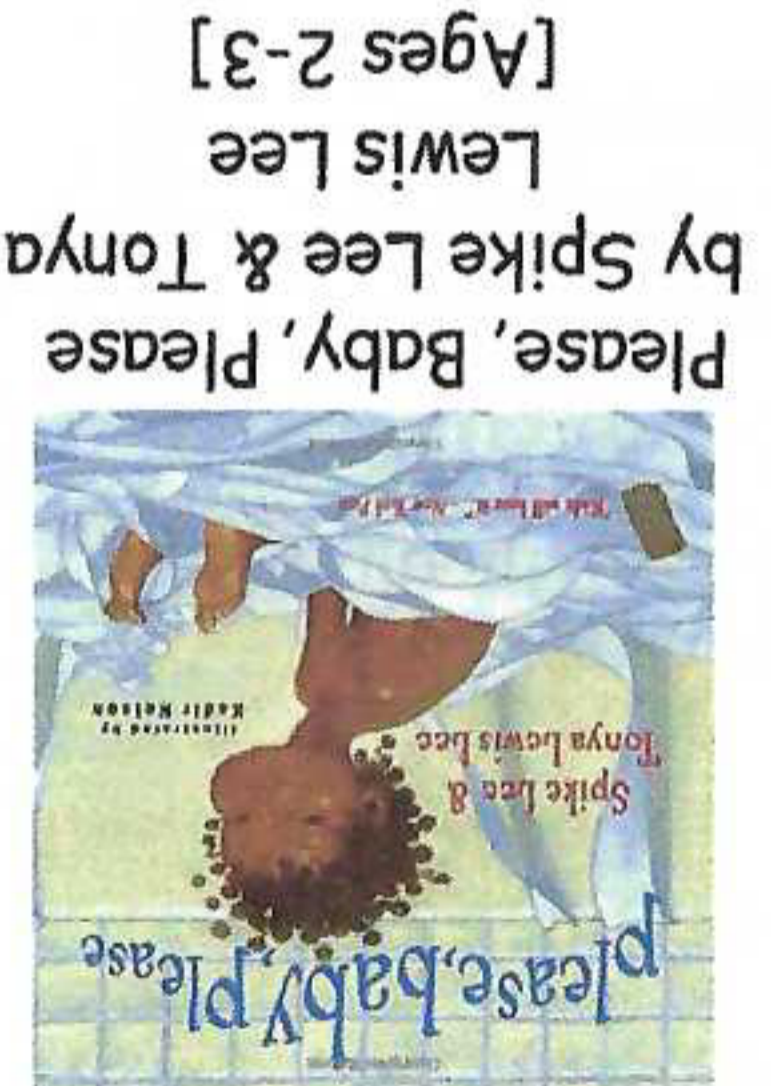
- Extra clothing, especially pants & socks
- Battery Operated Toys (in working condition)
- Small sheets for cots

If you have anything else you'd like to donate to the classrooms, talk to Amy!

Spring Quarter Book Recommendations



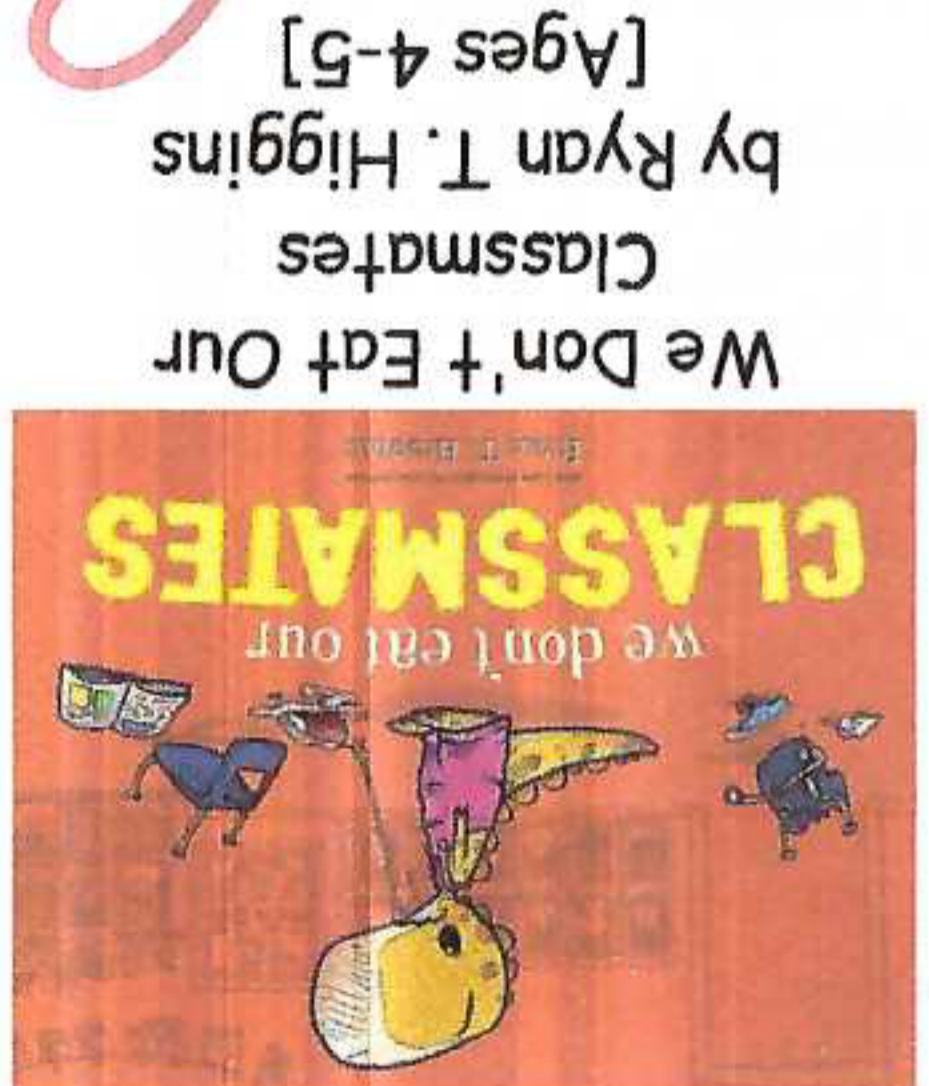
Mad, Mad, Mad
by Leslie Patricelli
[Ages 1-2]



Please, Baby, Please
by Spike Lee & Tonya Lewis Lee
[Ages 2-3]



Group Hug
by Jean Reidy and Joey Chou
[Ages 3-4]



We Don't Eat Our Classmates
by Ryan T. Higgins
[Ages 4-5]