

Get ready for

Week of the Young Child

April 8 - 12, 2019

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration hosted by NAEYC to spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities.

Children learn so much as they enjoy music, explore food and cooking, build together, create art, and celebrate their families! Get inspired by the activities below and start planning your celebration today!

Music MONDAY

Kick off WOYC with Music Monday! When children sing, dance, and listen to music, they develop their language and early literacy skills while being active and encouraging movement. Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own, and tag us on Facebook @smartstartofdavidsonty

Tasty TUESDAY

On April 9, focus on healthy eating and fitness at home and school! This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and crackers. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage healthy nutrition and fitness habits at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes and photos of your creations. Tag us on Facebook @smartstartofdavidsonty

Work Together WEDNESDAY

When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home. Build and share pictures of children's creations on Facebook. Tag us at @smartstartofdavidsonty

Artsy THURSDAY

Think, problem solve, create. Children develop creativity, social skills and fine motor skills with open-ended art projects where they can make choices, use their imaginations, and create with their hands. On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials—from crayons to paint, clay to crafts!

Family FRIDAY

Engaging and celebrating families is at the heart of supporting our youngest learners.



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