

#### Important Dates.

 April 1 : Happy Easter



 April 2 : Wednesday Preschool Class meets with **Monday Preschool** Class

• April 4 : School Age two hour late start.

• April 3—5: Preschool Conferences

• April 10 : Toddler Conferences

• April 20 : Picture Day at Kids Inc

 April 22: Earth Day



 April 28: "We Care About Kids!" at the **Hutchinson Mall** 10:00am - 2:00pm.

## **Week Of The Young Child: April 16**<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>



## Under the Big Top!

Kids Inc is celebrating *children* during the Week of the Young Child with a circus theme. There will special snacks, activities and projects for the children to explore and enjoy! "Come one, Come all to see the "Special Attractions Under the Big Top"!





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There is still time to sign up for School Age Summer Adventure Zone! See Kathy for more information.

Get ready for an Adventure!



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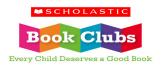
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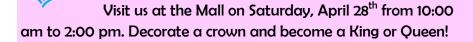
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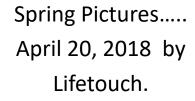
April Book Orders will go home with your child. If you would like to place an order, you may do so on-line at the Scholastic website or bring in your order form and money and turn it in to Kathy or Emily. Please let us know if you have any questions. Books make great gifts!

### We Care About Kids!

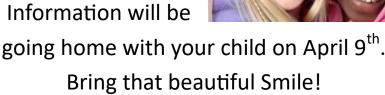




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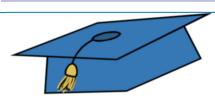








Graduating Preschool Children will also have their picture taken in their cap and gown.



#### **Preschool Class Graduation**

for those children enrolled in Kids Inc Preschool Class and attending Kindergarten Fall of 2018 will be

held at CrossPoint Church in Hutchinson on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. There will be a short program followed by refreshments.





Register now for 2018 - 2019 Preschool Classes! If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda, Emily or Kathy at 320 - 587 - KIDS (5437)

#### Benefits of Early Childhood Education - Vicki Palmer/ ExchangeEveryDay

<u>Socialization...</u> with people other than the child's family in a safe environment is an essential foundational element to the below areas.

<u>Concept of Cooperation:</u> Learning how to share, cooperate, take turns and persevere within a safe learning environment, guided by professionals who have the children's best interests at heart.

<u>Encouraging Holistic Development:</u> The approach taken to build a strong foundation for a child's emotional, social, physical and mental development.

**Enthusiasm for Lifelong Learning:** We need to inspire a thirst for learning with eagerness and enthusiasm.

<u>Convey the Value of Education Through Experience:</u> While parents will always be the most important influence on a child's early life, introducing [children] to a preschool environment provides them with a new perspective on the importance of education that will remain with them throughout their schooling journey

**Respect:** There is no better place to learn this virtue than in a hectic preschool environment, where everything is shared and civility and manners are both taught and learned.

<u>Teamwork:</u> Demonstrating and instilling the importance of teamwork that can teach respect for the opinions of others, listening, cooperation and equality.

Resilience: It's important that early childhood educators and parents work together to develop resilience in children as early as possible.

<u>Concentration</u>: During preschool years, children explore at every opportunity to discover new experiences, new friends and new environments.

<u>Patience:</u> Children need opportunities to be involved in an abundance of social experiences, where they can explore and practice the social skill of patience.

<u>Confidence and Self-Esteem:</u> A strong sense of wellbeing provides children with confidence, optimism and self-esteem which will encourage children to explore their talents, skills and interests.

**Exposure to Diversity:** Valuing difference and diversity are crucial to a child's early development.



# Tips for Spending Quality Time With Your Child

From Article by Jessica Alvarado

- 1. Have a daily "connect" time with your child. Do this face to face, if possible; but if this isn't an option, create a routine for doing so in other ways, such as leaving a note in your child's lunch bag, posting a note by his toothbrush, or writing an encouraging saying on a shared whiteboard in the house.
- Create a special ritual for you and your child—something that can be done every day. For example, let your child choose and read one book with your at bedtime.
- 3. Tell your child you love him/her every day. And tell him/her how important she is to you and how he/she makes you feel.
- 4. Reinforce positive behavior. For example, if your child completes his chores without your asking, acknowledge it with words of appreciation even if you don't have the chance to do so until the next day.
- 5. Make and eat meals with your children whenever possible. If time is limited, look for simple meals that require very little preparation, or grab a healthy snack such as an apple and sit for a few minutes and chat with your child.
- 6. Schedule time for doing an activity of your child's choosing. Be sure to follow through and complete the activity without any distractions.
- 7. Play with your child, even if it's during bath time or outside before you drop off at preschool. Every little bit of time make a positive impact!
- 8. Laugh and be silly with your child.
- 9. Turn off technology when you spend time with your child. Try not to text, answer calls, scroll through social media, or watch television.

Meaningful connections are about quality of time, not quantity of time. Each Connection has a lasting impact and provides the support and reassurance that your child needs.