



Busy Bees April – 2026



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK:

Welcome Spring! We are so happy to welcome the warm sunshine and look forward to spotting signs of spring and observing the changes that take place during this beautiful season. This month we'll explore all kinds of wild and wacky weather. After vacation, we will dive into prehistoric times while we learn about dinosaurs! We will have caterpillars delivered after vacation and look forward to watching them grow and go through their life cycle right in our own classroom!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER:

Scholastic book orders are due on Tuesday, April 9th. Please order online www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. (Our code is HBMN4).

APRIL THEME:

Wild and Wacky Weather

I Love Dinos!

SAVE THE DATE:

Our year-end family picnic is Monday, June 8th (MWF class) and Tuesday, June 9th (TTH Class). **This will be rain or shine!** More information about this great event will be in the May/June newsletter.

IN HOUSE FIELD TRIP: Muddy Buddies (Emily Bracht) April 16th and 17th

Muddy Buddies is a local treasure that provides outdoor play opportunities for toddlers and preschool age children. This month they will be traveling to Busy Bees for an outdoor In-House Field Trip. This is rain or shine, so dress accordingly! Muddy Buddies is an outdoor, play-based early childhood program where children are encouraged to explore, create, imagine, discover and learn through play. They provide opportunities for children and families to spend time in nature. Emily will be transforming our playground with spring activities that include mud, worms, flowers, herbs, art exploration, and more. We are so excited for this first-time visit. Fun fact. Emily's children went to Busy Bees Preschool!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

We still have openings in both classes. Feel free to spread the word! A Tuition Deposit letter will go out at the end of the month to all who registered.

NO SCHOOL:

We are closed from April 20th-24th for April vacation.

A PLACE TO VISIT: The EcoTarium in Worcester

The EcoTarium museum of science and nature in Worcester, MA offers an indoor-outdoor experience to visitors of all ages. Guests are encouraged to explore three floors of indoor interactive exhibits, live animal habitats, hikes through forest and meadow nature trails, and the nature explore outdoor exhibit.

A MESSAGE ABOUT SECOND STEP FOR OUR MWF CLASS

Laurel Manley has been working with our MWF class this year most Wednesdays on a program called Second Step. This program helps develop children's self-regulation skills and social-emotional competence. Here is an update on what we are learning.

“Recently, our Second Step lessons have extended beyond recognizing and empathizing with feelings in others to managing strong feelings within ourselves. Using modeling with puppets, Gus and Ava, the children have learned several ways to calm down when feeling angry or frustrated. These include naming the feeling, putting your hand on your tummy, and taking deep breaths (you'll feel your tummy grow bigger and smaller). We've discussed how some people can further calm down by doing something active, like running or playing ball, while others prefer to do something quiet, like looking at books. Once calm, you can focus more clearly on solving the problem that caused the negative feelings.

Lessons between now and the end of our school year will focus on problem solving skills and fair ways to play. In problem solving we learn to name problems and think of solutions. When playing fairly we can trade, take turns, or play together with a toy. These are the skills needed for making and keeping friends.

STAFF UPDATE:

We are blessed to have such dedicated and hard-working staff at Busy Bees. We pride ourselves with our staff retention. However, change does happen, and when it does, we realize how lucky we have been and continue to be. Laurel Manley has been with us for the last 10 years! She will not be returning next year and will be greatly missed! Her smile, enthusiasm, beautiful voice, sense of humor, and dedication to children has been cherished during her years at Busy Bees.

We will be hiring a part-time teacher. If you know of any early childhood educators looking for employment, please spread the word.

