



"Friends are like crayons each one is different but put them together and they make your rainbow."  
-Unknown

Dear Tiny Thinkers Families,

It's hard to believe that April is already here! With only a few months left until the end of this great school year, we have some important updates to share with you. Starting this month, we will be switching to new school email addresses. The Gmail addresses we used previously will no longer be in use. You can now reach us at [info.nh@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.nh@tinythinkers.com) for the North Hills location and [info.cp@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.cp@tinythinkers.com) for the Canoga Park location.

We also encourage all BB2 preschool parents to start looking into elementary schools in the area. If you need recommendations, please don't hesitate to ask. It's advisable not to wait until the last minute, as spots tend to fill up quickly.

This month, we will be conducting over-the-phone parent-teacher conferences. This is a great opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and gain valuable insights into their progress. Please sign up for a time slot on the provided list. We encourage all families to participate in these conferences.

Tiny Thinkers Preschool would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the families who have volunteered their time to help us during school events such as the book fair. Your support is greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank all families for their continued partnership and support. We are excited to continue working with you and your children to foster a love of learning and curiosity that will last a lifetime. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Here are some exciting things we have planned:

#### Upcoming Events:

1. **Over-the-Phone Parent-Teacher Conference:**

Parent-teacher conferences will be held over the phone from **Monday, April 8th, 2024, through Friday, April 19th, 2024**. Please sign up for a time slot next to your child's teacher's name. If you're unsure who your child's teacher is, please ask. Remember to call the school at your scheduled time. Each conference is scheduled for 10-15 minutes, so please be mindful of the time, as other families have conferences before and after yours. If you miss your appointment, you may reschedule if the teacher is available. If you have any questions, feel free to ask.

2. **Earth Day Parade:**

The Earth Day Parade will take place on **Monday, April 22nd, 2024**, during school hours. Children will walk through the play yard, showcasing the recyclable projects they have created with their teachers. These projects required a lot of time and creativity, so what better way to celebrate them than in a parade for all their friends to see! As usual, pictures and videos of the event will be posted on our social media accounts (Instagram and Facebook).

We encourage parents and guardians to engage with their children about what they're learning in preschool. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

**Resources:** In this section, you will find important information and resources for parents.

### **Outdoor Activities for Families:**

"Did you know that getting fresh air can reduce stress? Outdoor play has so many social, emotional, and cognitive benefits for your little one. And there's no better place than sunny California to go outside and explore nature!" - First 5 California

Getting involved in your child's developmental growth can be as simple as promoting and participating in outdoor activities together. There are many ideas and suggestions for activities that can be done while enjoying nature outside. Remember, you are your child's first teacher, and it all starts at home. Outdoor activities are especially beneficial at this age, as they help develop motor skills and foster exploration and learning.

By participating in outdoor activities with your child, you can gain a better understanding of their qualities and areas for improvement. It will also help you provide the support they need as they go through different developmental stages. Many activities can be done at home in your backyard, so there's no need to disrupt your daily routine. Start with one activity at a time and have fun exploring the outdoors with your child. We encourage all families to take a moment to read and check out the links provided below for some ideas and suggestions.

Websites with great information please check out.

- <https://www.first5california.com/en-us/activities/opt-outside-activities-to-enjoy-outdoors/>
- <https://www.naeyc.org/our-work/families/ideas-exploring-outdoors>
- <https://www.parents.com/fun/activities/outdoor/outdoor-activities-for-kids/>



# Fun Outdoor Activities

WATER PLAY - PAINT THE DRIVEWAY	GO BIKE RIDING	CREATE LEAF/BARK RUBBINGS	DISCOVER NATURE & TAKE A CLOSER LOOK	RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS	GO BACKYARD CAMPING	BACKYARD SCAVENGER HUNT
START A WINDOWSILL GARDEN	CREATE STORY STARTER STONES	READ UNDER A SHADY TREE	GO FOR A PICNIC	OUTDOOR PAINTING WITH A CATAPULT	GO FOR A WALK	CREATE A BIRD FEEDER
SET UP A LEMONADE STAND	MAKE A NATURE COLLAGE	GO FISHING	FLY A KITE	CREATE BACKYARD ONSTACLE COURSE	PICK FLOWERS FROM YOUR OWN YARD	PLANT SOMETHING IN YOUR BACKYARD
PLAY CATCH AS A FAMILY	BLOW BUBBLES	CREATE BUBBLE ART	FIND CLOUD ANIMALS AND SHAPES	MAKE A FAIRY GARDEN	PLAY HIDE & GO SEEK IN THE DARK	PLAY CLASSIC OUTDOOR GAMES - TAG, RED LIGHT...
CREATE YOUR OWN TWISTER GAME	CREATE A POLLACK MASTERPIECE	GO BIKE RIDING	RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLERS	GO FOR A WALK	GO BACKYARD CAMPING	GO FOR A PICNIC










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# GET OUTSIDE!



ONE MONTH OF EASY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS TO DO IN THE BACKYARD

<b>1</b> Make a habitat for animal figures	<b>2</b> Scavenger hunt: 3 different leaves, 2 rocks, 1 flower, 1 bug, 1 stick	<b>3</b> Picnic in the backyard	<b>4</b> Make "soup" with bowls, water spoons and nature	<b>5</b> Wash the car	<b>6</b> Make a volcano with baking soda and vinegar in sand box or cup	<b>7</b> Make leaf and bark rubbings
<b>8</b> Fill kiddie pool or tub with bubbles	<b>9</b> Play in the sprinkler	<b>10</b> Play tag 	<b>11</b> Treasure hunt with map of yard	<b>12</b> See who can melt 5 ice cubes the fastest	<b>13</b> Take pictures of nature and identify 	<b>14</b> Freeze toys in bowl of water and excavate
<b>15</b> Easter egg hunt (add stickers or plastic bugs ...)	<b>16</b> Blow bubbles 	<b>17</b> Start rock or nature collection (organize in egg carton)	<b>18</b> Sidewalk chalk/ play hopscotch/ make targets for bean bag toss	<b>19</b> Use squirt guns or spray bottles to wash off sidewalk chalk	<b>20</b> Make art from nature (glue leaves, flowers to paper and make a face)	<b>21</b> Paint rocks 
<b>22</b> Water balloon fun: hot potato, spoon race, basket toss without breaking	<b>23</b> Cloud watch and talk about what images you see	<b>24</b> Print out a color wheel and find something that is each color	<b>25</b> Make a car wash for toys	<b>26</b> Make an obstacle course	<b>27</b> Make shaving cream pies and/or balloons and/or mix with cornstarch	<b>28</b> Put up a tent or sheet and go "camping"
<b>29</b> Find bugs under rocks (take a magnifying glass if you have one)	<b>30</b> Play catch 	<b>31</b> Plant seeds — or water the plants 				

## April Reminders:

- Please remember to check our website or parent board for upcoming events listed in our monthly newsletter.
- Lost items will be displayed daily. If unclaimed for over two weeks, they will be donated to a local church or social service agency.
- All children's belongings should be brought in the Tiny Thinkers Preschool tote bag provided; please refrain from bringing additional backpacks or bags.
- Payments made by check must include your child's name in the memo area to avoid any issues.
- Celebrating your child's birthday is optional. If you choose to celebrate, food can be served at lunchtime, and other treats like fruit, cupcakes, or Jell-O will be served at afternoon snack time. Please verify with the admin for any questions to prevent miscommunications.
- According to Licensing: CDSS regulations, all children must have a fitted crib sheet [28 in X 52 in (71.1cm X 132cm)] and a small blanket for naptime.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please bring them up with your child's school via email or phone.

Please note that the school cannot offer make-up or substitute days for absences, and there will be no refunds for missed days. Tuition is not pro-rated for vacation, sickness, holidays, or school closures. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call us.

### North Hills

Email: [info.nh@tinythinkers.com](mailto:info.nh@tinythinkers.com)

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### Canoga Park

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Telephone: 818-346-3035



## Teachers Corner

This month our focus topic will be:

Theme: Spring & Easter; Lifecycle of a plant & flowers

Letter: Vv; Ww

Book: Easter Croc; Plant the tiny Seed

Number: 16; 17

Color: Pink; Green & Brown

Shape: Oval; Square

Cooking activity: Easter Rice Krispie Treats; Chocolate Dirt Pie Cup

Science: Milk, food coloring, dish soap experiment; Planting

Sign Language: Smell & Flowers; Plants & Trees

Vocabulary: egg hunt, bunny, plastic eggs, grass & baskets; seed, sprout, stem, flower, water, soil & sun

Spanish Vocabulario: flores, pascua, primavera; tierra, semilla, plantas, oxigeno, jardín

Canción en español: Rompe la piñata; Un Elefante se Balanceaba

Songs: so Early Easter Morning; Farmer Plants the Seed

Character of Education: Perseverance; Self-Control

Sensory: Frozen Flower Petals; Planting Sensory Bin

Outdoor Painting: Color Mixing Spin; Painting with Nature Paint Brushes

Gross Motor Activity: Memory Game; Line Walking

Recyclable Project: Flower Art Collage; Flower Part Diagram



**Happy Birthday to everyone  
born in this month of April.**



*On your special day, that is your birthday, we wish the best of wishes. We hope that you spend your special day with your loved ones and family. We hope that all your wishes come true.*



**Mon. 4/1/2024** April Fool's Day

**Mon. 4/8 – Fri. 4/19/2024** Over the Phone Parent Teacher Conference

**Mon. 4/22/2024** Earth Day & Parade

