### CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL

# -NEWS AT THE HAVEN-

#### **CHILDREN AND NATURE**

Early childhood is the most powerful time to explore our natural world. Children need to spend time outdoors to appreciate its won-der. Be careful not to restrict experiences. Dirt is messy but not unhealthy. Children digging in dirt for worms may not be aesthetic, but it isn't unsanitary. Lie on your back and look at the patterns of the clouds or the sunlight through the trees. Viewing the outdoors as natural gives

children permission to explore the world around them. And, helps them to appreciate the inspiration, awe, and majesty of our earth. We as parents can role-model being open to our messy-natural world, appreciate a dirty child making mud pies and delight in helping them measure rainfall. Teaching children to love and care for their environment will have life long positive effects for kids and our earth around us!



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# -REMINDERS-

May is parent/teacher conferences sign-up sheets coming soon. Our Summer School-Age Program includes field trips to Old Log Theater, St. Cloud Rocks baseball, bowling, movies, parks & Stages Theatre. Our FREE extracurricular classes include gardening which has 3 raised gardens by Howard Lakes FFA. We will also plant vegetables. have music, cardmaking, & drama classes.

-EVENTS-

Apr 1 - Int'l Children's Book Day Apr 1 - April Fool's Day Apr 2 - Apr 8 - Leukemia Lymphoma Fundraiser Apr 4 - Wear Blue for Autism April 7 - Bubble Day (Preschool) Apr 9 - Go Blue for Child Abuse Prevention April 11-15 - Week of the Young Child Apr 11 - Bring pictures of Your Pet Apr 15 - Easter Egg Hunts Apr 17 - Easter Sunday Apr 21 - Millennium Dance Company (Preschool) Apr 22 - Earth Day (Wear Green)

Apr 25-29 - Playground Safety Week

