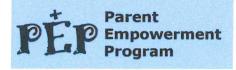


# Infant, Toddler, Preschool, & School Age Programs February 2024 Newsletter

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**SIGN UP** for our **FREE** 12-week Community-Based Parent Empowerment & Education Program. Our next English & Spanish sessions start on

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024.

Sign up with Gail or Bea TODAY!
\*Spots fill up quickly!\*



Dental hygienists from Legacy Family Dental office will be visiting our Center to promote the benefits of good oral health to the children on **Thursday, February 15**th!



## Center Awarded 4 Stars!

After intensive work over the past year, Mt. Olive Child Care & Learning Center has been awarded 4 Stars by Grow NJ Kids: the state's quality rating improvement system. The 4-Star-Rating verifies our commitment to offering high quality care and programming and readiness for formal schooling.

The Center previously earned 4 Stars in 2017, and this rating has been maintained consecutively since then. We are proud to be able to provide the best possible early childhood care and education for your children!

Kudos to our staff for all their non-stop work to ensure that we kept our 4-Star-Rating!





# Souper Bowl of Caring to Benefit the Mt. Olive Food Pantry

To help support our community, we will be collecting canned soups and vegetables to donate to the Mt. Olive Food Pantry. We will appreciate your participation in this community event!

Between January  $22^{nd}$  and February 16, we ask that you please bring in canned soups, broths and vegetable and put them on the display table in our lobby.

Thank you in advice for participation!

Let's "Tackle" hunger together!



On **Wednesday, February 14**th, our <u>children will celebrate **Valentine's Day**</u> with various goodies & activities!

Please be on the lookout for your child's teacher to share more information on what each individual classroom has planned!



Please remember that on Monday, February 19, the CENTER WILL BE CLOSED

for Presidents' Day.
The staff will participate in a full day
of Professional Development.



Our Center partners with Preschool Advantage, an organization that funds (3) ½ days per week of preschool during the school year!

#### To find out if you qualify,

please stop at the front desk for an application – or visit their website at www.preschooladvantage.org or call 973-532-2501.



Healthy Heart Day will be on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Healthy Snacks & Resources will be available all day in our foyer!

#### Healthy Food Kids Like:

- Strawberries, Bananas
- Vegetables dipped in Ranch dressing
- Whole Grain Crackers: Gold Fish, Graham, Cheese Its
- Natural Fruit Juices
- Yogurt, Milk & Cheese

More ideas on Healthy Heart Day!

