



# THINGS TO KNOW

## Do you need summer care?

Early Head Start ages 0-3 years is a full year program and attendance requirements remain the same year round.

Head Start Preschool ages 3-5 years is a part year program and the last date is June 3, 2025.

- If your Head Start Preschool student currently participates in extended Wrap care you are eligible for Summer care.
- If you work 32 hours a week, are a full time student, or a combination of two you may be eligible for summer care.

Please fill out our [Summer Care Form](#) if you would like your Head Start Preschool student to participate in our summer care program. The deadline to guarantee your spot is April 30, 2025.



# CALENDAR

- April 18 - No School, Closed for Good Friday
- April 21 - Policy Council
- April 24 - Autism Awareness Event
- April 25 - No School, Closed for Staff Professional Development
- April 30 - Parent Workshop
- April 30 - Deadline for Summer Care Form
- May 8 - Pre-K Graduation
- May 21 - Iowa Kids Garden Day  
Come join our Planting Party at Maywood
- May 26 - No School, Closed for Memorial Day
- June 3 - Last Day of School
- June 5 - Summer Consolidated Care Begins

**Need clothing?**  
**Visit Tri-County Closet.**  
 Open Monday-Fridays, 9 am - 5 pm

To accompany their unit on tubes and tunnels, the Leading Leopards took a field trip to Speller's Hardware Store.




This month many classrooms are beginning to prepare children for kindergarten transitions. **You can help make your child's transition to kindergarten seamless.**

Talk to them about school changes and how learning is fun. Visit your library and explore kindergarten books so your child will be ready for their new education journey.

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 Tri-County Head Start



## HEALTH



[Tornado Safety Information](#)

### Head Start Dental Day @ Peoples Clinic

Sign up with your family worker today, limited spots are available for April 16, 2025

### Strengthening & Empowering Families Protects Children

Easy and equitable access to prevention resources matters. Hear about "Prevention with Purpose".



 WATCH NOW

## NUTRITION



April is National Garden Month. Gardening can help young children improve nutrition.

- Plant fruits and vegetables that are easy for children to harvest, wash and eat.
- Grow snap peas, cherry tomatoes, mini carrots and cucumbers.
- Serve fresh veggies with a tasty dip.

**Classrooms will be starting plants from seed this month so they will be ready for our planting party on May 21.**

[Check out our April Menu](#)



## AT HOME OPPORTUNITIES

### Explore Light:

Young children are increasingly aware of light and darkness, especially how it connects to daily routines and changes how we experience the world around us.

As you explore light, talk to your child about what they notice about objects during the day and at night. Do they notice any shadows outside on a sunny day? What if it's cloudy?



For ideas on how to explore light visit [pbs.org/parents/light-and-shadows](http://pbs.org/parents/light-and-shadows)



 FOR PARENTS



## HOME-BASED

Early Head Start Socialization Events

- April 1, 2025 from 10am-11:30am
- April 30, 2025 from 1:00pm- 2:30pm

Welcome new home visitor Brittany!

[Learn more about Brittany](#)



## DUAL LANGUAGE LEARNER

We read "El Pollo Pepe" (Pepe the Little Chick). We had fun learning new words in English and Spanish! After the story, we painted our own Pepe using finger paint. We loved getting messy and making colorful little chicks.



[Check out pictures!](#)

