



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUNG CHILDREN

# Week of the Young Child

April 1-7, 2023

Today we know more than ever before about the importance of children's earliest years in shaping their learning and development. Yet, never before have the needs of young children and their families been more pressing.

The Week of the Young Child® is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our responsibilities, and to recommit ourselves to ensuring that each and every child experiences the type of early environment—at home, at child care, at school, and in the community—that will promote their early learning.

Join the annual event celebrating **early learning, young children, their teachers and families.**

Share photos of your creations and celebrations at hashtag **#WOYC2023!** For more information, visit [NAEYC Week of the Young Child](#).

**Celebrate our youngest learners with five fun-filled, themed days encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food and art!**



## Music Monday | April 3

When children **sing, dance, and listen** to music, they develop their **language** and **early literacy skills** while being **active** and **encouraging movement**. Make up and record your own unique version of a song or write your own.



## Tasty Tuesday | April 4

**Cooking together** connects **math** with **literacy skills, science,** and more. With the rise in childhood obesity, you can encourage **healthy nutrition** and **fitness habits** at home and in the classroom. Create your own healthy snacks and share the recipes.



## Work Together Wednesday | April 5

When children **build together**, they **explore math** and **science concepts** and develop their **social** and **early literacy skills**. Children can use any building material—from a fort of branches on the playground to a block city in the classroom, or a hideaway made from couch pillows at home.



## Artsy Thursday | April 6

**Think, problem solve, create!** Children develop **creativity, social skills** and **fine motor skills** with open-ended art projects where they can **make choices**, use their **imagination**, and **create** with their hands. **Celebrate** the joy and learning children experience when engaged in creative art making.



## Family Friday | April 7

**Engaging and celebrating families** is at the heart of **supporting our youngest learners**. NAEYC applauds family members' role as young children's first and most important teachers.

