



CELEBRATING OUR YOUNGEST LEARNERS

April 24-28 is designated as "The Week of the Young Child™," an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association. The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to recognize that children's opportunities are our collective 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.

NAEYC calls our community to action with the following vision:

- That all children deserve excellent early care and education.
- That high quality early experiences make a difference in children's lifelong academic and social success.
- That these programs must be accessible to all families.
- That early childhood professionals must have excellent preparation, ongoing professional development, and compensation commensurate with their qualifications and experience.
- That effective early education must be both challenging and appropriate to young children's ages, individual needs, and culture.
- That everyone needs to work together to build a successful future for our youngest children.

NAEYC-accredited programs must meet all 10 of the Early Childhood program standards: positive relationships; curriculum; effective teaching approaches; ongoing assessments; health; teaching staff; family; community; physical environment; and, program management. Meeting those standards ensures that children are receiving a high quality developmentally effective education. The Weekday School is proud to be NAEYC-accredited.