



SPRING BREAK

Spring is here and so is Spring Fever! Spring fever can mean many different things to all of us. For some it makes us antsy and excited, ready to head out doors and have some fun! For others it may be a good time to relax and enjoy life around us, take a nap in a hammock or go for a picnic outside. Meanwhile there are a few who may not be having so much fun, it can bring on some heavy allergies. But for most of us it is a beautiful time to visit the outdoors, go to the baseball fields, maybe go fishing or hiking. Take the opportunity before it gets "Houston Hot" and spend time with your family doing something fun outdoors.



The weather recently has been gorgeous. The days are so bright and beautiful. Spring Break is a great time to do just that. You may not have off work but at least our children (and their teachers) will be enjoying the weather. Cy-Fair, Tomball and Klein school districts will be out at the same time this year.

March 11th-15th. WE WILL BE OPEN!!!!

School age children please remember to bring a sack lunch! We will have plenty of activities to keep the kids busy. A lot of outdoor play planned (weather permitting). Indoor play, games and art projects!

We hope that if you are traveling that you have a safe and wonderful trip. For the rest of you that will be joining us that week, we will be happy to see you here!

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PRE SCHOOL EASTER PARTY

The Easter bunny will be hopping by...though you might not see him! He will be leaving special treats hidden all around the day care!

We will have our Easter egg hunt in the backyard. If it is a rainy day we will go to the blue room for our Easter fun. Our preschool Easter party will be held Thursday, March 28th from 9:30-10:30am.

Please DO NOT bring Easter baskets, We do not have room for them and the children will be making their own special bags in their class! Also, have your child bring 3 plastic eggs with wrapped candy inside. We will have Easter snacks and games and stories!

If you would like to participate we need cupcakes and cookies for snack! We would also like to encourage the parents and grandparents to come and join us. Having you here with us makes the day so special for your little ones.



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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Have you heard? We are now accepting all major credit cards. We are doing our best to make payments as easy as possible for you.

You can even pay right at the kiosk when you sign your child IN on Monday morning. There is also a new process called the Tuition Express. This is the fastest and easiest way to pay. Sign up now for savings as well as a no fuss way to pay your daycare bill! For more information you can speak to Mr. Jayme in the office.

FUNDRAISING



We are still working on our fundraising efforts. Thanks to all of your hard work we have raised enough for the playground equipment!

We are now working to raise the money for the ground cover that goes under the equipment. For your children's safety there must be a "Fall Zone". The depth of the material that makes up the fall zone is determined by the highest point on the play equipment. We have chosen an engineered mulch that will last for many years.

So, look forward to some fun fundraising soon!



THE LONE STAR STATE

The summer of 2012 in Texas was the hottest on record in the US since 1895 which is when the records began.



Our State Motto is "Friendship". The Caddo Indians called their tribe **tejas**, which translates to **friends**. Tejas is the Spanish word for Texas.

Texas is so big we have 3 State Mammals. The State Mammal (Small): Armadillo, The State Mammal (Large): Longhorn and The State Flying Animal: Free Tailed Bat.



The first suspension bridge in the USA was built in Waco, Texas in 1870. It is still used today as a pedestrian crossing for the Brazos River. Of the ten largest cities in the United States, Texas has three; Houston, Dallas and San Antonio.

El Paso, Texas is actually closer to Needles, California than it is to Dallas, Texas.

The Dallas Fort Worth Airport is larger than Manhattan Island in NY.

The Texas Pledge of Allegiance "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH THIS YEAR. DON'T FORGET TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS!

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SPRING PORTRAITS

Time to find those cute and handsome outfits for the day! We will do our best to be sure hair is combed, noses and faces are cleaned before the pictures are taken.

Spring Portraits will be done by Life Touch. All pictures will be available for viewing and purchase around two weeks after the photos are taken.

These portraits will be taken **Friday, April 5th** between 7:45am & 10:30am.



LOCKS OF LOVE

I would like to take a moment to tell you a story about something a little more personal to us here at Grant Road Day Care. I want to tell you about the journey Mr. Jayme took for a very special person. I want to tell you this because I think it's important you know how special Mr. Jayme is and what a giving heart he has.

Mr. Jayme's mother, Mrs. Suzie, was a very special lady. This day care has become a family and a 40plus year business because of her heart, her vision of how children should learn and play, her determination and mostly her hard work. It has always been a family business, but she has always been the driving force. Those same qualities are what she instilled in her children and especially Jayme. This is one of the reasons why we are still here today.



The Netterville and Grant Road Family was crushed and devastated by her passing in the spring of 2010. I think it's important that everyone remember her and for those of you who never had the pleasure of meeting her, I think it's important you learn about her.

Mrs. Suzie was such an amazing person. She lived and breathed this daycare. Her smiling face was the first you saw at the door to greet you and the last at the door to say goodnight at the end of the day. She rarely missed a day of work. She helped raise 39 yrs. worth of children who walked through these doors. I was one of them. She protected us, nurtured us, taught us. She loved us.

So, Mr. Jayme decided to give to a charity called Locks of Love. Locks of Love is an organization that, through donations of hair, provides wigs to children who are affected by cancer and alopecia. Mr. Jayme decided to grow out his hair to donate in honor of Mrs. Suzie. Her passion was caring for children so Locks of Love seemed like a perfect organization to give to. I have donated my hair several times and as a woman it was never a hard decision to do so. However for most men it seems to be a difficult decision. Not for Mr. Jayme. He was more than happy to grow his hair ten inches for the cause and even in the middle of the summer. His gesture of thoughtfulness motivated by love was even more important because he was also setting an example. Our Oldest daughter acted on his kindness by also declaring that she wanted to cut her hair off and give it to a girl who needed it. As a wife and mother I couldn't be more proud. The time came about a year or so later. Jayme cut his long and beautiful ponytail. And as a family we donated our hair in honor of Mrs. Suzanne Netterville.



Jayme, I'm so proud of the man that you are. I'm proud to be your wife and that my children have you as their Daddy. You teach them love, dedication and compassion each day. Our daughters have a prince and our son has a hero.

I love you and I know your mother is very proud of you.

~Mrs. Jaime



You can learn more at locksoflove.org



REMINDERS

- The Daycare will be closed March 29th on Good Friday.
- Mother's Day is May 12th. Be sure and show her how much you care!
- We will also be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.
- Remember all fees are due every Monday each week, unless you pay monthly. You can sign up now for Tuition Express!
- Don't forget to bring a lunch if your children are ages 4 and up.
- If you have a school age child please remember to pack them a sack lunch on the days they are with us when school is out.
- We check our toys regularly to make sure they are safe and have not been recalled. If you have questions or concerns about your toys at home you can visit www.recalls.gov to check for any recently recalled toys.
- Every Friday is Spirit Day, wear your GRDC Shirts!
- Sign your child in/out DAILY!!!!
- To advertise with us in this newsletter contact Ms. Jaime at jjkayna@hotmail.com



WELCOME

We would like to welcome all of our new and returning children and families!

Loye Chiedu
and
Christian Nieves!

Thank you for choosing to join our Grant Road family. We are happy you're with us and we can't wait to get to know you all! If you have any questions or there is anything you need, please stop by the office and we will be more than happy to help!

WRITE TO US

If you have anything you would like to add in our newsletter: newsletter ideas, birthday wishes, special articles. Something your trying to sell, buy or find. An Ad for your business. This is your GRDC community, what you have to say is important!

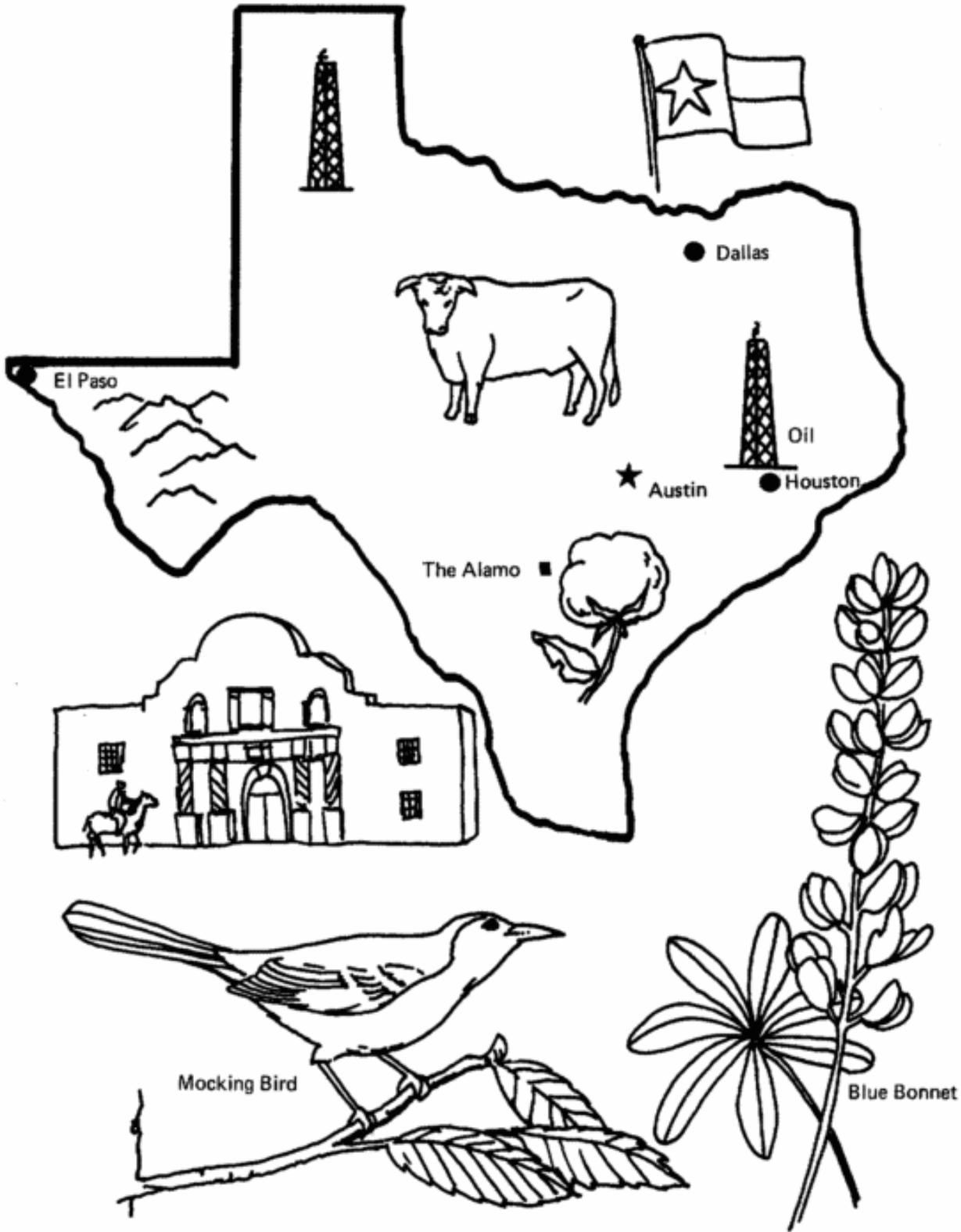
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Texas The Lone State State

Enter our coloring contest for a cool spring time PRIZE! Turn in this page to the office when you are done. Contest ends April 17th!



Real Texas Chili

Ingredients

Cooking Spray

2 lbs. Beef Stew Meat

1/2 Tsp. Kosher Salt

1/2 Tsp. Cracked Black Pepper

3 Cups Chopped Onion

1 Tbsp. Cumin Seeds

3 Tbsp. Finely Chopped Jalapeno Pepper

6 Garlic Cloves, Minced

1 Cup Dry Red Wine (don't worry, the alcohol cooks out)

1/4 Cup White Vinegar

2 Tbsp. Chili Powder

2 Tbsp. Dried Oregano

1 (14 1/4 oz.) Can Low-Salt Beef Broth

1 (12oz.) Can Beer (again, the alcohol will cook out)

1/2 Cup Chopped Fresh Cilantro

1/2 Cup Chopped Onion

1/2 Cup Fat-free Sour Cream

Preparation

Heat a large Dutch oven coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Sprinkle beef with salt and pepper. Place half of beef in pan; cook 8 minutes or until browned. Remove from pan. Repeat procedure with remaining beef; remove from pan.

Add 3 cups onion to pan; sauté 5 minutes or until browned. Add cumin, jalapeno and garlic; sauté 1 minute. Add wine, scraping pan to loosen browned bits. If you are uncomfortable with the alcohol in this recipe just omit it and instead use the beef broth in it's place.

Stir in vinegar and next 4 ingredients (vinegar through beer); bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer 1 1/2 hours or until beef is tender, stirring occasionally. Stir in cilantro. Serve with onion and sour cream.



Help!

We recycle! We use plastic grocery bags and run out quickly. They get used mostly for wet or soiled clothes. We have three groups that use these bags often. We need more bags! If you have an over flow of bags at your house or do not reuse your plastic bags, we would love to have them. If you have bags to donate please take them to the baby room or office.

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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH: **2yrs** Nikolai Pena. **3yrs.** Garrison and Kaden Stolarski, **8yrs** Katelyn Duong. **11yrs** Sydney Riley

APRIL: **3YRS** Preston Sheffield, **4yrs** Victoria Alayon. **5yrs** Lucas Triplett. **6yrs** Audree Popp. **7yrs** Vivian Netterville. **8yrs** Ethan Contreras. **12yrs** Leo Diaz

MAY: **3yrs** Lillian Forshee **6yrs** Emily Bauman, Erin Burnham, Makinzi Cornstubble.



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FREE DAY CARE

Spread the word! Our business has thrived through word of mouth advertising for 40yrs. Keep up the good work Grant Road family! We still rely on our hard work and effort to bring in new GRDC family members. Did you know that if you recommend us to a friend and they begin attending the daycare that you can receive a credit for free daycare? For more information and questions please speak to someone in the

GYM/TKD

Every Monday we have Gymnastics for almost all ages. Coach Jeff Martin joins us at the Day Care with Athletic on Wheels! Mini-Meets are held every year to which parents will be invited. If you are not yet signed up for Gymnastics you can speak to someone in the office about doing so.

We also have Beginner & Advanced Tae Kwan Do every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school.

These classes are held in the blue room at the Day-care. We are proud to say the children now have belts of all colors, including Black Belts!!! Each achievement is truly a magnificent rise in self esteem for the kids! We are so proud of how well they are doing and how far they have come in their commitment to the sport! Great job to our black belts! You have worked so hard and been so dedicated.

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