

**NOW
CHILD**



Sustainable Living in Early Childhood

SPRING SESSION TOPICS
(not necessarily in this order)

CONTAINER GARDENING – To get acquainted with gardening basics, we will be transplanting some colorful flowers into large containers. Children will learn the basics of soil, what plants need to grow, the names of the various flowers, and the parts of the flowers (stem, petals, leaves, stamen, etc.)

TRANSPLANTING HERB GARDEN – The tiny herb seeds we planted way back at the beginning of winter session have really been growing! They are finally ready to be transplanted into bigger containers.

WORM COMPOSTING – Our red wigglers eat up to seven pounds of organic waste per week! NOW CHILD teachers have awesome transportable composting bins, allowing us to bring it in each week so the children can see how the organic waste we put in turns into soil for our garden via worm poop! You gotta love it!

RECYCLING/RECYCLED CONTAINER GARDENING – Children will be asked to bring in objects they used during the day that could be reused as containers for gardening. These objects could be as simple as a brown bag or a used milk carton. Your child's NOW CHILD teacher will bring in larger objects (like an old tire and old kitchen bowls) and the class will create a recycled container garden!

VEGETABLE GARDEN – We will be planting some vegetable seeds, as well as transplanting some vegetable plants. The seeds will give children the chance to see how food grows from seed to plate, but they will get more instant gratification from the already-growing vegetable plants.

GARDEN ROCKS AND MARKERS – Once we get our garden growing, we'll need to spruce it up a little with some décor. Painting garden rocks will incorporate creative art into our outdoor education. Then, we'll get some pre-literacy practice by creating markers to help us identify our plants.