



Dear Families,

Happy (belated) St. Paddy's Day! This will be our last newsletter before spring break. Here is a look at the rest of March into April. Please note our days off from school.

March 20th-21st Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)

March 22nd Teacher Institute Day (No School)

March 25th-29th Spring Break (No School)

April 1st Community Screenings (No School)

April 2nd- Preschool Resumes for AM and PM classes

We are excited to talk with each family about your preschooler's progress this week! You should receive a reminder this week from Signup Genius with your conference date and time. We also hope that you all have a wonderful spring break. Hopefully we will get to enjoy some warm weather!



Classroom Highlights

We have been going green for St. Patrick's day fun! The kids will be able to participate in many small-group activities including sorting and graphing Lucky Charms marshmallows, finger-painting to make a shamrock project, going on a gold coin math hunt, and using visuals to retell There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover!

Rainbows and color mixing have also been a focus during center time and small groups. We will use skittles to see a fun rainbow experiment and we will create our own rainbows too at art center!

On Tuesday, March 19th, the kids will enjoy a **Movie Day!** We will watch a 30 minute movie related to our theme and then use the projector to follow along to some music and dancing activities!

Literacy Tip:

Phonological and Phonemic Awareness

Before a child can read, he or she needs a solid foundation of phonological and phonemic awareness: the ability to hear and manipulate different sounds in words. Can your child:

- Count the words on a page?
- Separate and count the syllables in words?
- Identify/Create rhyming pairs?
- Put sounds together to make a word? If you say /f/ and /ish/, can he or she put them together to make fish?
- Identify the first sound in a word? If you say cat, can they isolate /c/?
- Identify the last sound in a word? If you say dog, can they isolate /g/?

Spring Break Pet Sitter?

We are looking for a friendly home for our pet fish over spring break. He is easy to take care of and just needs to be fed a very small amount of food every day. He would come home in a small carrier tank and he can remain in that tank throughout the week. Please let us know if you can take him! Thanks!



CENTERS AND ACTIVITIES

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Cars and car table Brick Blocks and people	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Shamrock matching game number order puzzles 1-10 St. Patrick's day visual discrimination	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Dramatic Play	Veterinarian and Pet store	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Create-a-Leprechaun face Cutting shamrocks Crayons, markers, paper	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	St. Patrick's day and Spring-themed books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Green rice, gold coins and pots shamrock, rainbow, leprechaun hat erasers Play Dough, rollers and cookie cutters	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts-sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Self-serve during center time	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Shamrock paper-tearing project Paint at the art easel	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	CLOSED	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Fruit Loop rainbows	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers
Listening	CLOSED	Language development; book-handling skills; practicing literacy concepts

March Birthdays

- 8th- Boya (PM)
- 13th- Madison (PM)
- 19th- Jax (AM)
- 25th- Anna and Shawn (AM)

