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March 2023 News from the Office...

We had a perfectly "lovely" February with our Valentine's Day party, everyone did such an amazing job on their Valentine boxes, I am never disappointed by the level of creativity that families put into their designs! Congratulations to the following families who won our second annual Valentine Box competition: Williams, Grzycki, Desko, Hall, Burzine, Cutcher, and Lozar, who received \$25.00 off a week of tuition.

Thank you as well for all the wonderful Valentine's Day treats that you sent in for our party. The kids love to exchange valentines and a party to boot makes for an awesome day.

We will be celebrating one of the world's greatest children's book authors, Dr. Seuss, in March! Make sure you check your child's calendars for our week long celebration of Everything Dr. Seuss! These days will be uniform for all classrooms so that everyone is on the same page.

*Don't forget to spring ahead on Sunday, March 12th!

We will then focus on St. Patrick's Day as we learn all about the country of Ireland and more importantly, design our leprechaun traps. We have yet to catch that pesky guy but we will give it our best shot once again and hope we get lucky.

As St. Patrick's Day winds down, our hearts will turn to springtime as we celebrate Rainbow Week.

Be sure to check your child's calendar for the color of the day—these are also standard colors throughout the center. This year, the first day of spring is Monday, March 20th!

Congratulations goes out to our own Miss Cheryl on the birth of her first grandson, Roy! He arrived on February 26th, late in the evening and is perfect and healthy!

Check out our early childhood health and development article this month on page 8 of this newsletter.



March Themes

Ireland
Vincent Van Gogh
Rainbows
Rhyming
Spring
Dr. Seuss

March Birthdays

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| Leona T-G. | 5 |
| Caylee B. | 2 |
| Ethan B. | 4 |
| Isla S. | 5 |
| Kassidy R. | 1 |
| Riley B. | 2 |
| Bailey W. | 2 |
| Gatlynn F. | 3 |
| Anastasia V. | 3 |
| Levi B. | 5 |
| Carter F. | 7 |



Miss Cheryl/Miss Ashley—Infant Room News

Hello March and hello Spring! Yay! February was a fun month for us! Thank you to the parents that brought treats for our Valentine's Day party.

March brings St. Patrick's Day and Rainbow Week! Our themes will be all things green, clovers, leprechauns and rainbows. During the week of the 21st, Monday wear red, Tuesday purple, Wednesday blue, Thursday orange and Friday will be yellow. The babies will enjoy playing with rainbow noodles this week, and this will be a nice exercise for their fine motor skills.

Kassidy turns 1 on March 2nd! Happy Birthday Kassidy!

Our student of the month for March will be Vayda! Vayda has been a wonderful and cute addition to our room and she has the warmest smile!

Have a great month!



Miss Sophia —Toddler I News

Hello families! I cannot believe it is already March! We have so much fun coming our way this month and I am so excited! A little reminder- we will be working on sending home snow gear towards the end of the month, if there are no last minute snow storms! We'll be kicking off this month with Dr. Seuss, doing fun art projects like making truffula trees with tissue paper! We'll also be learning about weather, St. Patrick's day, rainbows and space!

Some fun activities:

We'll be using our inquiry skills learning about what will happen when we use cotton balls to soak up drops of water! For a sensory exploration activity, we will be playing with rainbow dyed spaghetti! And doing color sorting puzzles with paint swatch cards!

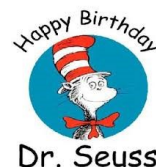
We'll also have an opportunity to catch a leprechaun! We will build a trap to set out during nap time to see if anyone can catch him!

Monthly focus:

We'll be learning to identify the color green and counting to number 7 during circle time and through other activities throughout the month. Our shape is a diamond and we'll be reading and focusing on the author Dr. Seuss!

Our student of the month is Josie F. She is such a sweet caring student in our classroom! She never fails to keep a smile on our face and keep us on our toes!

THERE ARE A LOT OF SPECIAL EVENT DAYS THIS MONTH—PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CLASS CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES!!



Miss Angela —Toddler II News

Hello Families and welcome to March! We have a very busy month ahead of us with lots of fun activities planned!

February 27—March 3rd, we will focus on and learn about Dr. Seuss! Please refer to our class calendar for 5 special event days this week, and make sure your child's name is written in their Dr. Seuss book before bringing it in.

March 17th will be our St. Patrick's Day celebration so wear green!

March 20-24 is Rainbow Week—again, refer to our calendar to find out what color you should wear to school each day.

We have lots of fun science experiments planned for our weather week to help promote cognitive development and further scientific understanding as well.

With the weather warming up, we will be sending home snow suits and boots so be sure to grab your child's items from the toddler room.

Thank you! Miss Angela



Miss Lexi—Toddler III News

Hello March! Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss and Anastasia! One a great children's author, and one a great kid!!

Our student of the month will be Riley G.! Riley loves to help in any way she can, she's like a little teacher.

In February, we started our learning theme of Dr. Seuss, and it has been fun so far! Remember to bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book on March 2nd and wear your favorite destination shirt on March 3rd.

With Spring right around the corner, we will be talking about spring weather and what to expect this coming season. We'll be doing a fun science experiment where we draw (using washable markers) on water color paper and set it outside on a rainy day to see what happens. After the paper gets rained on, we will see the end result. This allows the kids to make a hypothesis about what will happen (cause and effect).

St. Patrick's Day is almost here and we'll be working on a trap to catch our little friend. Don't forget to wear green so you don't get pinched!

Rainbow week will start after St. Patrick's Day and this week is so fun, not only for the children but for the teachers too! Refer to our class calendar for the color of the day. I have found some rainbow shaped crayons and erasers for counting. I also have rainbow letter flash cards. We will also be conducting a rainbow baking soda science experiment that will be really fun!

The last week of March we will learn about space. We'll make earth, stars and the sun as part of our art that week. We will also talk about how the sun is a star. I hope that the kids enjoy all that this month has to offer and learn so much!



MISS KAMI—PRESCHOOL I NEWS



Wow, February was a short month and a fun one! We got to celebrate Valentine's Day with lots of yummy treats, and cool Valentine boxes. Everyone did such a great job on their box!

Welcome to the month of March in the preschool room! I'm so excited for this month. The first week, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with a special theme week of Dr. Seuss—Crazy Sock Day, Hat Day, Wacky Wednesday, bring in your favorite Dr. Seuss book and Favorite Destination shirt Friday.

The second week, we will move on to spring. Bring on the warm weather and sunshine! Then, look out for that clever leprechaun as we make a trap to see if we can catch him trying to steal our pot of gold. I think we're going to catch him this year!

Rainbow Week will follow with the following colors of the day that week—Red, Purple, Blue, Orange and Yellow.

Our focus points will be the shape of a diamond, the color green, the letters M and K, and the country of Ireland.

Happy 3rd Birthday to Gatlynn, we are so excited to have you in our preschool room!

Way to go Helena for being our March student of the month! Helena is a very helpful friend and is a friend to all in our class!

Hope everyone has a great month!

Miss Kami

Miss Angel— Preschool II NEWS

Happy March! I know February is a short month, but that just flew by! Thank you to everyone who helped out with our Valentine's Day party in some way! It was such a success and the kids had so much fun!

We're kicking off this month with a fun Dr. Seuss Spirit Week that we've been enjoying so far. Don't forget to send your child to school Thursday with their favorite Dr. Seuss book (with their name somewhere on it) and Friday wearing their favorite destination shirt. We have lots of good books to read this week and will be testing out some green foods.

The following week, we'll hold discussions about Spring and time changes in preparation to spring forward. With clover seed, we'll plant our own "spring" flowers and watch as they change every day. Then we'll have a beautiful shamrock garden for the next week when we talk about St. Patrick's Day! We'll also learn about our country of the month, Ireland, and more cultural associations. We will all wear green on Friday, the 17th, as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day and build traps to catch the leprechaun!

Another spirit week that we all look forward to comes up in March as well—Rainbow Week! This week, we'll talk a lot about another Dr. Seuss book, "My Many Colored Days", to help us advance in social emotional skills. Watch the calendar this week to make sure your child is wearing the color of the day!

Our final focus this month will be life cycles. We'll be able to look back on our shamrocks and remember how they changed, and also learn about the life cycles of things like butterflies. We'll share how things change as we grow!

The artist of the month is Vincent Van Gogh. We'll try to re-create VanGogh's famous "Sunflower" painting. Other focus points this month will be diamond shapes, the number 7 and the letters M and K.

Two special shout outs go to Ethan and Julia this month. Ethan is turning 4 so Happy Birthday Ethan! Julia is March's student of the month. Julia is a very sweet girl who marches to the beat of her very own drum! She can be quiet, but her personality is loud!

Everyone have a great month!

Miss Angel



Miss Sarah—Pre K I News

WITH THE DAYS GETTING LONGER AND SPRINGTIME JUST AROUND THE CORNER., WE LEAP INTO MARCH WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF EXCITEMENT! ONE OF OUR UNITS OF STUDY THIS MONTH IS RAINBOWS! WE'LL LEARN HOW RAINBOWS FORM, BEGIN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE WEATHER, AND HAVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RAIN. THE COLOR SPECTRUM WILL BE EXPLORED THROUGH MANY WONDERFUL BOOKS, ART PROJECTS AND DISCOVERY BASED SCIENCE LESSONS. WE HAVE NEW SONGS TO SING LIKE "RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY" AND "IT'S RAINING, IT'S POURING" AND MORE FUN SONGS. WE'LL BE MAKING RAINBOW ARCHES AND RAINBOWS WITH TORN COLORED PAPER. THE SKY'S THE LIMIT THIS MONTH WITH OUR ART CREATIONS LITERALLY! IN OUR MATH CENTER, WE WILL PRACTICE RAINBOW PATTERNS WITH COLOR CUBES. IN OUR BLOCK AREA, WE'LL BUILD A RAINBOW TOWER WITH ALL THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW IN THE RIGHT ORDER. RAINBOWS HOLD MAGIC AND PROMISE, AND EVEN WHEN WE SEE THEM AS ADULTS, WE FEEL A BIT HAPPIER. I MAY BE MORE EXCITED THAN THE STUDENTS ABOUT THIS THEME!

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE DIEM! DIEM ENJOYS PLAYING IN OUR DRAMATIC PLAY AREA AND OUTSIDE ON THE PLAYGROUND.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO ISLA AND LEVI AS THEY TURN 5!



Miss Elaine's Pre K News

WELCOME TO THE WINDY MONTH OF MARCH! THIS MONTH, WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY WITH A VARIETY OF FUN LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MANY STORIES BY DR. SEUSS. WE WILL START WITH A FOCUS ON LITERACY SKILLS IN THE CLASSROOM, AND AT HOME WITH MAKING A "CAT IN THE HAT" HAT WITH RED AND WHITE PAPER STRIPS. CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY BASKET FOR THE DETAILS! WE WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT RHYMING WORDS AND USE OUR EMERGENT WRITING SKILLS TO WRITE WORDS THAT RHYME SUCH AS CAT, HAT, BAT ETC. DR. SEUSS IS ALSO KNOWN FOR TEACHING US OPPOSITES WITH "THE FOOT BOOK" AND WITH MATH SKILLS WITH COUNTING TO 20 ALONG WITH PATTERNING SKILLS WITH "ONE FISH TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH". DR. SEUSS ALSO TEACHES US ABOUT OUR SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SKILLS WITH FEELINGS AND COLORS WITH THE BOOK, "MY MANY COLORED DAYS".

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE COUNTRY OF THE MONTH, IRELAND, AS WE SEARCH FOR THE "WEE LITTLE LEPRECHAUN", AND FOCUS ON IRISH CULTURE. WE WILL USE OUR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY SKILLS TO INVESTIGATE THE SHAMROCK PLANT AND HOW TO MAKE THE COLOR OF GREEN. ON MARCH 17TH, WEAR THE COLOR GREEN AS WE CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS FAST APPROACHING AND OUR PRE K CLASS HAS BEEN WORKING ON LEARNING THEIR OWN PERSONAL INFORMATION—ALL THE CHILDREN KNOW HOW TO SPELL AND WRITE THEIR FIRST AND LAST NAMES CORRECTLY, ALONG WITH KNOWING THEIR BIRTHDAYS!

WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON ADDRESSES ALONG WITH OUR PHONE NUMBERS.

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY WISHES TO LEONA ON MARCH 30TH!

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE MATTHEW. MATTHEW IS A SWEET, SMART AND LOVEABLE LITTLE GUY! HE ENJOYS PLAYING WITH THE LEGOS, MAGNETIC TILES AND IN THE DRAMATIC PLAY AREA. IF YOU NEED AN ANSWER TO A QUESTION (ON ANY TOPIC), MATTHEW IS THE ONE WITH THE ANSWERS!!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

MISS ELAINE



March 2023 Health & Child Development News

What are the four most frequent health issues that young children develop?

1. **OBESITY**—As a parent, you can take preventative measures to ensure that your child will avoid this health problem. Portion sizes and types of food are very important things that we can control as parents. We can also monitor our child's nutrition and actively encourage exercise. Did you know that the center serves both a vegetable and a fruit with lunch? Even when kids don't like eating fruits and vegetables, we encourage a "No thank you bite" to get them to try new foods. AND, many of our students will tell you—vegetables are so much better with ranch dressing! The center also allots for two times per day for outside play or gross motor play when the weather is uncooperative. In total, the kids have an hour per day to take part in physical activity here at school.
2.
3. **ASTHMA**—It can seem very overwhelming when your child is diagnosed with asthma, but the good news is that it is controllable and doesn't impact children's lives as much as you might think. If there are certain triggers that cause your child's asthma (extremely cold temperatures, dust, pets etc) you are (to a certain degree) able to control them and obviously, medication is available from your pediatrician to help control asthma (inhalers or nebulizers).
4. **SKIN CONDITIONS**—Eczema is a common skin condition in children and it is treatable with medicated lotions/ointments prescribed by a doctor, but can be very itchy and painful. In a lot of instances, it will go away as the child gets older. Psoriasis is different than eczema though, and is thought to be more of a psychosomatic condition that is aggravated by stress, so monitor your child for stress factors and take appropriate measures to try to alleviate stress triggers. Psoriasis often lasts a lifetime.
5. **MENTAL HEALTH**—Many children deal with varying degrees of depression and anxiety. The key is, don't focus on the depression or anxiety—focus on helping them deal with the issue. Provide a safe space to talk about feelings and discuss coping mechanisms that may help. If the depression/anxiety persists, seek medical help through counseling. And, if depression is severe, seek medical treatment immediately.

****March Points of Focus****

Letters of the Month: M & K

Color: Green

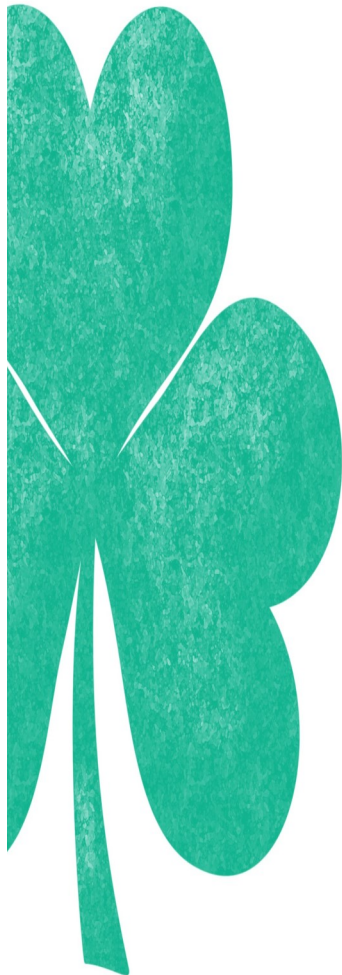
Shape: Diamond

Country: Ireland

Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Number: 7

Author: Dr. Seuss



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day.

