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March 2025 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, we are never disappointed by the level of creativity that families put into their designs!

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 9th!

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.



spring.

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



Be sure to check your child's calendar for the color of the day—these are also standard colors throughout the center.

Check out our early childhood health and development article this month on page 8 of this newsletter! Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring!!

A big congratulations goes out to the Bowman family on the birth of their son, Tyler on February 3rd! Riley is going to be an awesome big sister and we can't wait to meet him!

AND, another big congratulations goes out to the Lozar family on the birth of their son, Carter on February 18th! Levi is going to be another great big brother!

March Themes

Ireland
Vincent Van Gogh
Rainbows
Rhyming
Spring
Dr. Seuss

March Birthdays

Kassidy R	3
Riley B.	4
Bailey W,	4
Gatlynn F.	5
Anastasia V.	5
Carter F,	8
Ollie M.	6
Piper R,	5
Freya J.	1
Waylon T.	1
Claire Y.	2
Rhys M.	3
Jezelle T.	3



Miss Tiffany/Miss Lexi/Miss Arianna—Infant Room News

Hello from the Infant Room! This month we have two birthdays! Waylon and Freya! Happy 1st Birthday to both of you!

Our student of the month is Evan K! Evan is a very sweet and loving little boy who loves to play with all of his friends!

We will be having two spirit weeks this month. One for Dr. Seuss week and one for Rainbow week! Also, don't forget to wear green for St. Patrick's Day!

This month we will be talking about Dr. Seuss, Seasons/weather, St. Patrick's Day, Rainbows and Gardening!

For seasons/ weather and garden week we hope to get our older babies outside if the weather allows. We plan on doing "dirt" sensory bin with Oreos and gummy worms for our older babies. Other than Halloween this is another time of year that is so fun to us Infant Room teachers! We love rainbows (obviously based on our room décor:) we would like to try and show the babies a fizzy rainbow experiment.

We have a lot of fun stuff this month for art also and can't wait for you to see how cute our friends hands and feet are!

Thank you,

Infant Room Teachers



Miss Nikki —Toddler I News

HELLO FAMILIES!! HAPPY MARCH!

OUR THEMES THIS MONTH WILL BE DR. SEUSS, ST PATTY'S DAY, WEATHER, RAINBOW AND SPRING! WE ARE STARTING THE FIRST WEEK WITH SOME SPIRIT DAYS FOR DR. SEUSS! MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, THE CALENDAR AND YOUR EMAIL FOR THE SPECIFICS! DURING RAINBOW WEEK WE WILL ALSO ASK YOU TO BRING YOUR CHILD IN WEARING THE COLOR OF THE DAY THAT IS ALSO STATED IN THE CALENDAR!

IN THE TODD'S I CLASS OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE ELEANOR! SHE HAS GROWN SO MUCH SINCE STARTING IN OUR CLASS. SHE IS ALWAYS SO HAPPY AND I LOVE OUR MORNING SNUGGLES!

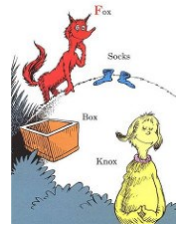
THERE IS ALSO A BIRTHDAY COMING UP THIS MONTH. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING CLAIRE WHO WILL BE TURNING 2! SHE IS STARTING TO BLOSSOM OUT OF HER HELL AND SHOW MORE AND MORE OF HER FUN LITTLE PERSONALITY!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A GREAT MARCH!

MISS NIKKI



Hello families and welcome to March! This month is jam packed with fun learning opportunities for the children and we are so excited! We'll be focusing on Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, weather, rainbows and spring! We have two spirit weeks so make sure you check your child's calendar to dress up on those days.



Starting off strong with Dr. Seuss week, we'll have some fun activities that correlate with our spirit days! Including stacking cups and paper to see how high we can make "hats" and creating cat in the hat cut outs! Both of these activities will help us work on our fine motor control! During our week of learning about St. Patrick's day we will create and decorate a leprechaun trap. As well as, have sensory bins with all things green inside! Rainbow week will allow us to work on our inquiry skills, experimenting with how water moves through "clouds" and promoting problem solving skills with stringing beads to make a rainbow!

Our student of the month is Isla H! Isla is such a fun girl! She loves to dance, play with babies and help others around the classroom!

A birthday shout out to Rhys, who is turning the big 3 years old! Happy Birthday Rhys!

I cannot wait to see all your fun, "wacky" and colorful outfits this month! Happy (almost) Spring!

MISS KELSEY—PRESCHOOL I NEWS

HELLO FAMILIES! WELCOME TO MARCH!



THIS WILL BE ANOTHER BUSY MONTH (BUT SUPER FUN) MONTH!

WE WILL KICK OFF THE MONTH WITH DR. SEUSS WEEK. MONDAY WEAR YOUR CRAZY SOCKS, TUESDAY WEAR A HAT, WEDNESDAY BE WACKY, THURSDAY BRING IN YOUR FAVORITE DR. SEUSS BOOK AND FRIDAY WEAR YOUR FAVORITE DESTINATION SHIRT!

THE NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE THINKING SPRING! WE'LL LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW SEASON AND LOOK INTO HOW THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE WILL HAVE A SHOW AND TELL (SOMETHING GREEN) ON FRIDAY THE 14TH TO START THE TRANSITION INTO ST. PATRICK'S DAY. HOPEFULLY MY FRIENDS CAN GET CREATIVE WITH OUR TRAP AND CATCH THAT TRICKY LEPRECHAUN THIS YEAR!

THE LAST WEEK OF MARCH IS RAINBOW WEEK! WE'LL TALK ABOUT ALL THE COLORS AND HOW THE LIGHT HELPS THEM TO SHINE IN THE SKY! THIS WEEK, WE WILL HAVE ANOTHER SHOW AND TELL (RAINBOW) ON FRIDAY 3/28. WE'LL EVEN GET TO DRESS IN THE COLORS OF THE RAINBOW THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

JUST A REMINDER, AS THE WEATHER GETS WARMER, TO CLEAN OUT WINTER GEAR FROM CUBBIES AND MAKE SURE YOU CHILD HAS WEATHER APPROPRIATE EXTRA CLOTHES.

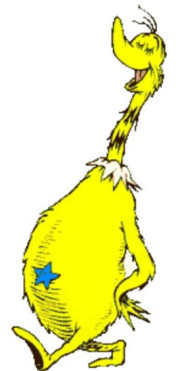
FINALLY A BIRTHDAY SHOUT OUT TO KASSIDY THIS MONTH! HAPPY BIRTHDAY! AND OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH IS KEEFE! KEEFE IS A GREAT FRIEND, A HILARIOUS STORY TELLER AND A FANTASTIC BROTHER TO HIS LUCY (WHO HE LOVES TO TALK ABOUT). WAY TO GO KEEFE!

Teacher Mya— Preschool II NEWS

Happy Spring Preschool II families! Finally getting into warmer weather, the kids and I are so excited to be getting back outside for some fresh air. Not only are we excited for that, but we also have lots to look forward to this month!

The first week of March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week! Monday: Crazy sock day, Tuesday: Hat day, Wednesday: "Wacky" day, Thursday: Bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book, Friday: Wear your favorite destination shirt. We will be reading some of the classic Dr. Seuss books and making some really fun art projects! The next week we will be talking about Spring! How we know it's spring outside and what all comes with it, flowers, warm weather and the time change. Following that we will be discussing St. Patrick's Day. On Monday, please wear GREEN. We'll have a leprechaun hunt and be wearing green to celebrate. The last week will be rainbow week. Each day of the week we will wear a different color of the rainbow. Monday-Red, Tuesday-Purple, Wednesday- Blue, Thursday- Orange, Friday-Yellow. WOW! Sounds like we're going to have a great month. I can't wait to see what everyone wears and brings in!

A special shout out to Josephine for being March's STUDENT OF THE MONTH! Josie has recently learned to write her name and has a personality that will brighten up anyone's day. Congrats Josie, you rock girl!!



Miss Angel—Pre K I News

Welcome to March!

February was a super fun month with a successful Valentine's Party and exciting Super Bowl games. Our friend Levi became a big brother to a precious baby boy this month!

We'll be busy throughout March, and I recommend printing out the calendar and hanging it on your fridge to ensure you keep up with Dr. Suess week and rainbow week, along with the typical monthly topics.

The first week of March, we will be reading different Dr. Suess books every day and practicing literacy skills like rhyming words and math skills like patterning. Every day will have a different theme that goes along with the books we're reading! On Thursday the 6th, your child can bring in their favorite Dr. Suess book to share with the class.

The following week we'll spend preparing for St. Patrick's Day ("Leprechaun Day" as everyone calls it in this class). We'll talk about the tricky leprechaun that always manages to evade our carefully thought-out leprechaun traps, and use manipulatives like lucky charms and gold coins to practice our graphing and addition skills. Don't forget to wear green on the 17th for our St. Patrick's party! We'll learn about Ireland this month and practice doing an Irish jig.

The final week of March is rainbow week, which is always really fun because the kids all wear a specific color each day, and there are so many exciting science experiments that we will do in class. This month, we'll talk about letters K and M, the (lucky) number 7, and Vincent Van Gogh. Everyone can take home their snow boots and snow pants this month, and hopefully, any snow we get for the rest of the season will be minimal enough not to need winter gear.

We have so many birthdays this month as well! Oliver, Piper, Anastasia, Bailey (4), and Gatlynn will all be turning 5! Wish them happy birthdays if you see them :)

Skylar is my student of the month for March! She is so very smart and funny, and we are incredibly lucky to have her in our Pre-K class.

Have a great month, and let's all do our best to try and stay healthy!

Miss Angel



Miss Sarah's Pre K II News

WELCOME TO THE WINDY MONTH OF MARCH! THIS MONTH WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON CELEBRATING DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY WITH A VARIETY OF FUN LEARNING ACTIVITIES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE MANY STORIES BY HIM. WE WILL START BY FOCUSING ON LITERACY SKILLS IN THE CLASSROOM AND AT HOME WITH MAKING A CAT IN THE HAT WITH PAPER STRIPES. MAKE SURE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CUBBIE BASKET FOR THE DETAILS! WE WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT RHYMING WORDS USE OUR EMERGENT WRITING SKILLS TO WRITE WORDS THAT RHYME SUCH AS CAT, HAT, BAT, ECT... DR. SEUSS IS ALSO KNOWN FOR TEACHING US OPPOSITES WITH THE FOOT BOOK AND COUNTING 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 IN THE BOOK MY MANY COLORED DAYS.

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE COUNTRY IRELAND AS WE SEARCH FOR THE WEE LITTLE LEPRECHAUN AND FOCUS ON THE 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 GREEN AS WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

THE STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE GRAYSON, WHO IS NEW TO OUR CREW! WELCOME GRAYSON!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO OLIVER, ANASTASIA AND PIPER THIS MONTH!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MISS SARAH



Teaching Students to Use Failures Productively in Pre-K

By Cara Zelas

In early childhood education, success is often celebrated, while failure can sometimes be seen as moments to avoid. But what if we changed this perspective? Teaching young children how to navigate and learn from their mistakes — whether it's spilling paint, struggling with a puzzle, or building a block tower that tumbles — can help them develop important life skills like resilience, creativity, and problem-solving. These foundational abilities are key to fostering a growth mindset, where every mistake becomes an opportunity to learn rather than a reason to stop trying. By embracing failure as a natural part of the learning process, educators can create playful, supportive environments where children feel safe to try new things, explore their ideas, and keep going even when things don't work out the first time. These early lessons in persistence and adaptability lay the groundwork for lifelong learning and success.

The Science Behind Learning From Failure

Research supports the idea that failure can be a powerful teacher. Carol Dweck's growth mindset theory demonstrates that when students believe their abilities can improve through effort and persistence, they view failure as an opportunity to grow rather than a reflection of their worth.

In my experience, this process begins as early as preschool, where children naturally encounter opportunities to learn through trial and error, such as navigating social dynamics or mastering fine motor skills. This not only fosters deeper understanding but also contributes to long-term skill acquisition. By normalizing failure in the classroom, educators set the stage for deeper learning, increased resilience, and improved self-awareness.

6 Strategies for Teaching Failure as a Skill in Preschool

1. **Fix It Together center.** Create a station with broken or incomplete items (e.g., puzzles missing pieces, a simple toy car with a loose wheel). Invite children to collaborate in fixing or solving the issue, emphasizing teamwork and persistence.
2. **Oops to Awesome wall.** Dedicate a wall for children to share a mistake they made (with a picture or a simple sentence) and what they learned from it. Celebrate the "oops" moments as valuable steps in their learning journey. This visual display shows that trial and error can lead to valuable insights. It also normalizes failure as part of learning, fostering a culture of innovation and perseverance.
3. **Try Again Olympics.** Set up challenges like balancing a beanbag on their head or jumping over obstacles. Emphasize that it's OK to not succeed on the first try, and encourage them to keep trying. Encourage perseverance over perfection.
4. **What Happens If? experiments.** Incorporate simple science experiments where trial and error are part of the process (e.g., mixing water with different materials to see what dissolves). Encourage predictions and celebrate unexpected outcomes.
5. **Artful Accidents station.** Provide materials like washable markers, paints, and clay. Encourage children to turn spills, smudges, or unintended shapes into new art pieces. Highlight how "happy accidents" can lead to creative outcomes.
6. **Try a New Way role-play.** Present scenarios where something doesn't work as planned (e.g., a toy that won't fit in a container). Ask children to suggest and test new approaches, emphasizing that there's often more than one solution.

These strategies make learning from failure a natural and positive part of preschoolers' development, building their resilience and adaptability early in life.

TALKING ABOUT FAILURE IN EVERYDAY MOMENTS

Teaching about failure isn't limited to structured activities — it's woven into the daily moments of a preschool classroom. Preschool teachers can model positive responses to mistakes by using encouraging language and guiding children to reflect on what they can try next. For example, if a child struggles to zip their jacket, a teacher might say, "You're working hard on that! Let's try it together — remember, every time you try, you get better."

March Points of Focus

Letters of the Month: M & K

Color: Green

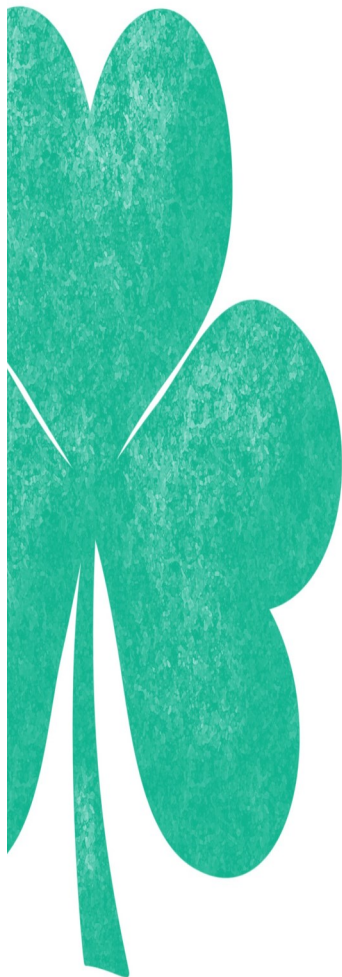
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Country: Ireland

Artist: Vincent Van Gogh

Number: 7

Author: Dr. Seuss



Happy
St. Patrick's
Day.

