



March Newsletter

Spring is on the Way!!

Although it was short, February was an exciting month. We considered what it means to be a good friend and enjoyed exchanging valentines for Valentine's Day. We talked about Presidents' Day and went on a hunt for George Washington. At the end of the month, the children had some fun with Chinese New Year. In March, our themes will be Good Health & Safety, St. Patrick's Day, Wind and Spring Showers.



GOOD HEALTH & SAFETY

At the beginning of the month, we will be learning about good health and safety. We will be talking about healthy food, exercise, rest and the importance of washing your hands. We will be discussing general safety tips such as wearing helmets and being careful around unfamiliar plants and animals when outside. We will also be practicing to sneeze and cough into our elbows. Please feel free to keep practicing at home :)

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REMINDERS

- **No School:**
Professional Development - March 14th
Parent Conferences - March 26th & 27th
- **Brian Lies Visits** - March 6th @ 2:30
- **Preschool Dance Party** - March 18th @ 10:35
- **St Patrick's Day:** We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 12th with a green day! Please wear or bring in something green for our celebration.
- **Parent Conferences** - March 26th-27th: Sign-ups coming soon!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th, and we will be having some fun with Ireland and its legendary leprechauns. In art we will be making shamrocks, rainbows and pots of gold. On March 12th, we would also like to encourage the children to wear or bring in something green.



WIND

Later in the month, we will be learning about the wind and how it affects our environment. We will be using our five senses to explore this invisible weather maker, and we will also be making some wind of our own. We will be making windsocks and fans along with reading a few books about the wind.

SPRING SHOWERS

Finally, toward the end of the month, we will be welcoming spring and watching the winter weather turn to spring showers. We will also continue to enhance early readiness, number and writing skills along with promoting print and phonological awareness with hands on activities and quality children's literature, poems and songs relating to each of our themes.

Don't forget to wear or bring in something green on March 12th.



AT HOME LEARNING

Simple activities that you can do with your child at home to help expand and reinforce skills we are learning in school:

- When you read with your child, point to the words. If the a sentence ends with a rhyming or repetitive word, let your child "help you read" by saying the word as you point to it. (i.e. Apples, apples up on top! All of this must STOP, STOP, STOP!)
- Encourage your child to enter numbers on a phone, remote control, calculator or microwave. Read the number aloud together. When in elevators, note the numbers on the buttons. Which floor do you need to go to? Look for other numbers around your home.
- Play a variety of games that use dice, spinners or cards. They will give practice with counting, comparing and reading numbers. Dominoes are another fun math material to play with.

**** We are hoping that milder weather prevails and we soon see signs of spring! If your garden bulbs are beginning to sprout, encourage your child to investigate and share with us what he or she finds.*

-Happy soon to be spring!