



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.



REMINDERS

- **No School:**
Professional Development -
March 14th
- **Brian Lies Visits** - March 6th @
2:30
- **Preschool Dance Party** - March
18th @ 2:30
- **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!

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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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 painting kites 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:

- At school we are beginning to focus on beginning and even middle and ending sounds in words. When you read with your child, occasionally point to specific words. Ask you child if he or she recognizes the first letter and the beginning sound.
- Shape Search: When you read a picture book together, talk about the shapes you see in it. You can even have your child look through old magazines for pictures of different geometric shapes, cut them out and glue them onto pages to make his or her own shape book.
- Fun with Measures: Throw a ball as far as you can. Use a stick to mark the spot where the ball landed and throw it again. Which throw was longer? Which was Shorter? Can you think of a way to measure the length of the throw, such as using steps, a string, or a tape measure?

**** 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!