



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

MARCH 2020 239TH EDITION

From the Director . . .

Thank you everyone for being so prompt with updating your paperwork. There are a few of you who are in need of updated wellness checkups, so just a reminder to make sure you are on top on that with your child(ren). There are Child Assessment forms to bring with you outside of my office, as well as online.

Happy soon-to-be Spring! We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at 3:00pm. You are welcome to come watch or even come a little early to help hide the eggs for the children. There will be a sign-up sheet posted outside the infant room to volunteer. Without your help we would not be able to have this event. Thank you in advance for being able to assist. A letter will be coming home in March reminding you of this event and asking if you could donate 1 or more dozen plastic filled eggs. The donated plastic filled eggs may be placed in the baskets outside your child's classroom door. Hopefully we will have great weather to have it outdoors.

I will be setting up another picture day sometime this spring, probably in late April. The photographer will be Jason, with "Through the Years Photography". Jason is a local photographer and has been doing our pictures for several years now and he did them for us in the fall. If anyone can capture a smile, it's Jason. A lot of the children know him already and are very comfortable with him. A few days, after pictures are taken, you will be given an envelope with directions to view the pictures on the website. You may order them online and have them sent directly to your home, or you may order using the envelope and have them sent here to the center. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me or your child's teacher.

Open-enrollment has begun for our S.U.M.mer Camp. If you didn't receive yours or you know someone interested in needing care for a school-aged child during the summer, please reach out to me. Just a reminder that it is first-come, first-serve and you need all the completed paperwork, the first week's deposit, and a balanced account to reserve your child(ren)'s spot(s).

Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who reached out with concerns and donated to the Kuo family. Without your support, we would not have been able to raise an AMAZING \$7,000 for Kate Kuo. I know she and her family feel truly blessed to have a center that cares so much. Kate has finished her first round of chemo, which she said, given the circumstances, has gone pretty well. She is on to her second round of chemo, which has her flying to Texas every other week now. So our donation will really help out. Thanks again to everyone who donated, whether it be money, advice, or well wishes for the family!

MANNERS MATTER

03/02/20 - Do not stare at who is being reprimanded

03/09/20 - If you win, do not brag; if you lose, do not show anger

03/16/20 - Keep yourself and the bathrooms clean and germ-free

03/23/20 - If someone drops something and you are close to it, pick it up

03/30/20 - Know other teachers' names and greet them in the hall by name

THEMES:

- Art Week
- St. Patrick's Day
- Spring, at last!
- Weather
- Space

Staff Birthday

no staff birthdays

Special Events: Mark your calendars!!

March 2nd - Open enrollment for S.U.M.mer Camp.

April 8th - Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ 3pm

April 10th - CLOSED for Good Friday

May 25th - CLOSED for Memorial Day

MISS KAREN AND MISS JILL'S INFANTS

We were going to wish everyone a happy Spring, but it doesn't really seem to apply this year! But we are still hoping for a little more warmth to take these kids outside. It is almost to the point where everyone is awake at the appropriate time. Now it is up to the weather fairy!! We have been taking the older friends to the gym and we've had a few inside stroller walks. No one is too happy when it's over so we try to line it up to get out of the stroller and right into a high chair! It works!! This is a group that eats! We are amazed at the ability of each one to get the food into their mouth. Not too pretty but it does the job. We want to commend all parents for doing so well offering many different foods and sending it to us ready to eat. The cup use has also been a hit. Everyone is surely thinking "I can do it Myself"! Like everything we want kids to learn, we must give them TIME to try. Please don't rush mealtimes. It is so important that they have all the time they need so we don't end up with food battles. Trust us on this!!



We will be continuing to stress independence in many areas. It is very sad when a child heads off to kindergarten thinking someone out there will do everything for them. Confidence is learned one step at a time and when adults or older siblings do too much little ones start to think that they CAN'T do it and eventually won't try. And that is something hard to unlearn. Skill building can be messy and time consuming, but it is also necessary! You will thank yourself when you see how accomplished your child can become.

Please keep reading to your child and stay consistent with your routines. Children need to know the rules and routines so they feel comfortable and in control. Sleep and a full belly can make a really fussy/cracking kiddo happy and pleasant. We see it every day! Hopefully you will be enjoying some outside time with your child. What the heck, Happy Spring to us all!!

MISS PENNY'S YOUNG TODDLERS

Happy March!!!!
I can't believe how many nice days we got to enjoy in February. Here's to hoping for more like it in March!
I am looking forward to the month of March here in the Young Toddler room. I have several exciting crafts planned as well as some fun sensory activities to experience.



Our star of the month for March is Caleb. Caleb has a twin sister in our room (She was the star last week!) and an older brother to look up to. Caleb has quite a

unique and independent personality. He enjoys reading lots of books and picking on his sister when she lets him. Caleb is using a bunch of words all of a sudden and has a lot to tell anyone who will listen. He loves going outside to play and doesn't like wearing shoes.



As always, remember to label everything you bring in for your child. This does include the tops AND bottom of lunch containers as many of my kiddos have identical bowls and utensils.

I wanted to thank all the loved ones who were able to come to our Valentine's Day celebration. I hope you enjoyed the afternoon.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and have a wonderful start to Spring!

Thank you for sharing your children with me,
Miss Penny

MISS DEBBIE AND MISS JENNIE'S OLDER TODDLERS

Focuses

Yellow

Oval

Understand different sizes

Catching a ball

3-5 piece puzzle

Resolve conflict with words not hands

Makes a choice when asked

God's creation

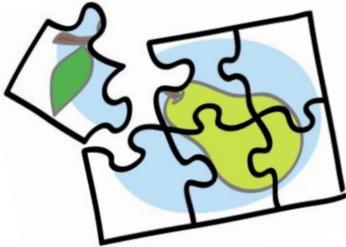


Happy spring everyone! We were all a little sad that we had NO snow to play in last month but we kept busy with lots of other activities. This month we have five fun filled weeks with new activities planned. During art week we will be sculpting, painting and getting a little messy. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some dancing and fun science experiments with making rainbows. We will hop in to spring by decorating our room with spring time crafts and watching for the flowers to bloom outside. Weather week will teach us about all the seasons and we'll finish up the month learning all about space!

Our special friend of the month is Lincoln. Lincoln told us that his favorite color is blue, he likes to sing the ABC's song at circle time and his favorite animal is a zebra. Lincoln's two favorite things to eat are popcorn and chicken nuggets. When Lincoln is at home playing he told us he likes to play with playdough,

watch the cartoon PJ Masks and he likes the movie Frozen. Lincoln turns three this month so Happy Birthday to him!!

We hope everyone has a great month!!



MISS SHELLI'S PRESCHOOL

FOCUSES

Mental – Letters P, Q, and R / color green / number 7 / diamond shape

Physical- Putting together preschool puzzles / jumping over higher objects

Emotional-Caring for others

Social- Helping one another

Spiritual- Jesus and the children / the story of St. Patrick / a good neighbor / creation review

Happy March! I hope that everyone is ready for the “invasion of the leprechauns”! The leprechauns might not bother you at your home, but we usually have some issues around here. Every year things seem to work out fine by St. Patrick’s Day!

I would like to thank everyone who donated items for both our special party and luncheon last month. I hope that everyone had a good Valentine’s Day, and did not eat too much on Fat Tuesday!

This year we will be trying out a new day, to see if everyone enjoys it! On Tuesday, March 3rd, we are planning to have our first preschool performing arts day! Everyone is invited to come in prepared to perform for their classmates. The children may bring in any costumes or props that they might need, for their performance. Some ideas could be playing an instrument, singing, dancing, acting out or telling a story. If your child has any other ideas, I’m sure that they will be great also!

I will hopefully be able to take pictures on that day, to display in the lobby display case.

I was very surprised and happy in February to be able to do bike/ scooter day outside in the parking lot. I have noticed a big improvement in several of the children’s riding skills over the past few months. I think that Piper summed up the feeling of that day of the month when she rode by me and yelled “I LOVE BIKE DAY, THIS IS SO MUCH FUN”!

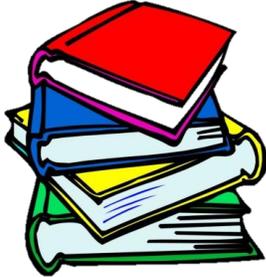
Our special star for March is McKenzie! McKenzie’s favorite color is purple and her favorite food is chocolate! She likes to read “Beauty and the Beast” and



she likes to sing "Rock a bye Baby". Her favorite activity is Lego building with her dad. She would like to say "I love you" to her brother Ryan!

Have a great month and a happy St. Patrick's Day!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MISS CATHY'S PRE-KINDERGARTEN



Hello from Prek! Happy March, the month when spring arrives. We can't complain too much about the weather this winter; it will be so nice to see flowers blooming and robins returning (also: baseball!).

Thanks to all for bringing items for our Valentine's Day party and our Dr. Seuss luncheon. Your participation is appreciated. Please continue to check the bulletin board outside our classroom for future sign-up sheets and other information.

Parents, many kindergarten registrations have already begun or will be starting soon. Check with your school district for more information.

As we prepare the children for kindergarten, now is the time to assign simple chores for your child to do at home. Do you know that many household chores help with math readiness? Setting the table strengthens the concept of one-to-one correspondence. Feeding a pet involves measuring and timing. Sorting socks from the dryer gives practice in matching and pairing. Trips to the grocery store offer opportunities for counting ("Please put four lemons in the bag."), comparing ("Which box of cereal is larger?"), and observing the use and purpose of money. Chore-sharing also imparts a sense of responsibility and reinforces the concept that the members of a family work and share together.

Our March themes include St Patrick's Day, Weather, Space, and a new theme for our Center: Art Week. Of course, we'll also celebrate Spring, At Last! Enjoy March!



Until next time, Miss Cathy



MISS KELLY'S AFTER-KINDERGARTEN

Even though we have been blessed with great weather, I am looking forward to the spring with longer days, warmer weather, and blooming flowers! We are making progress on our word groups. We are currently working on group three and will be starting group four

in March as well. I've included both groups below so you know which words you can practice at home.

Group 3

and	friend	they
are	good	we
did	had	were
do	mother	yes
don't	no	you
father	not	

Group 4

ate	if	sit
be	look	stop
day	night	went
eat	of	will
for	rain	with
from	sat	

March is looking to be like a bit of a strange month with all of our schools being off a different Friday and Monday this month. This means we will be in the gym a lot with our other friends and not as much in the classroom. Though I think this will be a good break from routine, we will make sure not to get behind on our work.