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April Newsletter

2018

Happy Easter from our management team!

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Room One

Ms. Kaleen & Ms. Amanda

Infant Curriculum

Theme:

Bubbles, Puddles & Mud

Shape:

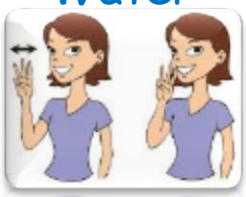
Oval

Color:

Purple

Baby Sign:

Water



Song:

Five Little Ducks

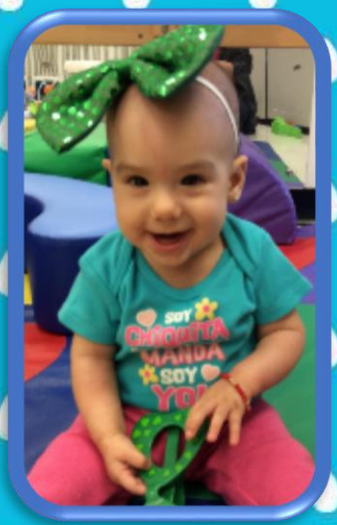
Rhyme:

Rub a Dub, Dub

Rub a Dub, Dub,
Three men in a tub,
The butcher,
The baker,
And the candlestick maker.

Infant News

In March our friends celebrated their first St. Patrick's Day as well as Dr. Suess' Birthday! We celebrated by creating Dr. Suess themed art with our hands and feet. The little ones discussed our five senses and what they use them for. We touched flour, tasted Jell-O and even got to smell "kool-aid" paint. Yum! The song of the month was "Baby Bumble Bee" and we really enjoyed singing it while going outside and discussing what sounds a bumble bee makes.



Room Two

Ms. Darlene & Ms. Janett

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Bubbles, Puddles & Mud

Shape:

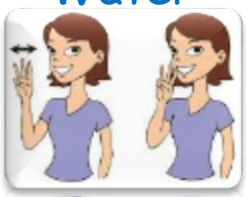
Oval

Color:

Purple

Baby Sign:

Water



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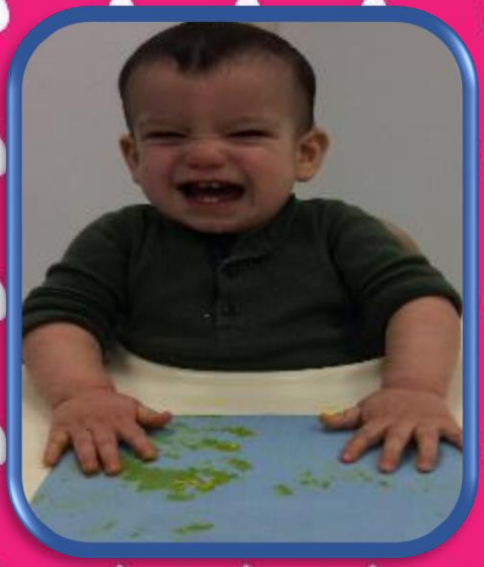
Infant News

In March, room 2 learned all about our five senses, the color green, and the baby sign for "hot". The class really enjoyed singing "Baby Bumble Bee" and "Old MacDonald" while making farm animal sounds. We had tons of fun doing the "flour pat" and touching our texture wall. Some of our favorite activities of the month were painting with "smelly" paints and gelatin blocks. The little ones loved playing with this month's prop box, which included "things that go on your hands, feet, and head."



Room Three

Ms. Hannah, Ms. Yvette & Ms. Alex

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Bubbles, Puddles & Mud

Shape:

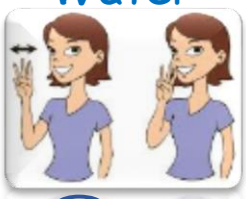
Oval

Color:

Purple

Baby Sign:

Water



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Infant News

Happy St. Patrick's Day from room 3! The luck of the Irish was surely with us in March. The class created wonderful art projects using the color of the month, green. The month of March was also filled with many different sensory activities. Their favorite activity was our teacher-made sensory board filled with many different fabrics and different textures! We worked on the "smell" sense by painting with Kool-Aid scented paint. Yum! Room 3 had a great time exploring their senses.

Room Four

Ms. Cheryl, Ms. Brianna & Ms. Emily

Toddler Curriculum

Theme:

Construction

Shape:

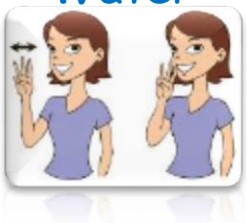
Oval

Color:

Purple

Baby Sign:

Water



Song:

The Dump Truck Song

Rhyme:

As I Was Walking

Toddler News

Room four learned about food and nutrition. Now we can identify fruits and vegetables. We pretended to cook and to set the table. The kiddos can identify more colors. We enjoyed our pineapple tasting! Fresh pineapple VS. canned pineapple, we liked both! We learned that some frits grow on a tree, on a vine and out of the ground. Room four also learned, that you can buy fruits and vegetables from the grocery store or you can grow them on your own. We enjoyed reading the book, "The Little Mouse and the Red, Ripe Strawberry" and "The Big Hungry Bear" story.

Room Five

Ms. Michelle, Ms. Ana & Ms. Kiara

Twos News

Happy Spring from Room 5, we had a blast kicking off the new season. We started the month by learning with Dr. Seuss, who helped us count different colored fish and practice patterns as we made our "Cat In The Hat" hats. Our monthly theme. foods and nutrition, also brought more fun as we made our own dinner plates with healthy foods and learned about the food groups. As we talked about farm animals, our favorite activity was doing our farm animal puzzles and we discovered Room 5's favorite farm animal is the donkey. During art we started mixing colors to make new colors and learned all about the color wheel. Room 5 started Spring on the right foot and we can't wait to see what April has in store!

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Theme:

Foods & Nutrition

Science/Nature Focus:

Farm Animals

Character Value:

Humor

Special Days:

Dr. Seuss' Birthday

St. Patrick's Day

Letters:

Kk, Qq, Vv

Lighthouse Connections

April Twos

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/2-4/6	WEEK #31 Insect Molds	"Dotted" Insect Alphabet	It's a Firefly Night	Firefly Life Cycle	Building Insects Game
4/9-4/13	WEEK #32 Living or Non-Living?	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Butterfly Life Cycle, Part 1	Butterfly Life Cycle, Part 2	Butterfly Life Cycle, Part 3
4/16-4/20	WEEK #33 Ladybug Paint and Press	Happy Honeycomb Hives	Recycled Dragonflies	Sequencing a Story	Count and Clip Insects
4/23-4/27	WEEK #34 Frog Life Cycle Flip Book	Can You Jump Like a Frog?	F Is for Frog	I'm a Frog!	Spring Rainbow Names
		MONTHLY THEME Life Cycles	**ALPHABET** Xx, Yy, Zz	**SCIENCE & NATURE** Insects Frogs & Toads	**CHARACTER VALUE** Responsibility

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Room Six

Ms. Maria & Ms. Bri

Threes News

This month, Room 6 had lots of fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day, reading about farm animals, and singing about fruits and vegetables. We painted clovers using green peppers and learned the poem "The Five Little Shamrocks." We also did hands-on activities with fruits—like tasting pineapple and green or purple grapes—and had the opportunity to choose which vegetable they liked the best out of carrots or celery. (The carrot had the most votes!) Over and over, we danced to the classic song, "Old McDonald Had a Farm," while wearing masks of different farm animals. We added a new center, Café Play, where we are having a blast pretending to work in a restaurant. Next month, we will have our annual Hat Parade to celebrate Fiesta, so be ready to come and celebrate with us!

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Room Seven

Ms. Sarahi & Ms. Stephanie

Threes News

During the month of March, Room 8 had so much fun learning about food and nutrition and how healthy foods like vegetables help us grow. We loved categorizing foods by their types like fruit, vegetable, grain, dairy and protein. Our favorite activity was our taste test as we explored textures, tastes and smells while trying fruits and vegetables like kiwi, bananas, grapes, pineapples, celery and carrots. Our class enjoyed learning about farms and farm animals too. We celebrated Dr. Seuss, who also helped us learn about our monthly character value, humor.

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April Threes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK #31 Insects Have Three Body Parts	Insects Have Six Legs	Insects Have No Bones!	Butterfly Symmetry	**SHOW & TELL** "Insect Parts
WEEK #32 "The Buggy Wuggy" Song	Honeybee Stick Puppets	"abeja" means bee"	Insect Vocabulary	**SHOW & TELL** Honeybee Life Cycle
WEEK #33 Firefly Life Cycle	Eating Fireflies!	Butterfly Life Cycle	Ladybug Life Cycle	**SHOW & TELL** My Mixed-Up Insect
WEEK #34 Would You Rather Be a Bullfrog?	3D Life Cycle Book	Jump and Measure	Froggy Fly-Catchers	**SHOW & TELL** Same or Different?
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4/2-4/6
4/9-4/13
4/16-4/20
4/23-4/27

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Room Eight

Ms. Tasha, Ms. Adriana & Ms. Alyssa

Fours News

March was a fun month for room eight. We celebrated Dr. Suess' Birthday with pointillism painting and making our own Thing 1 and Thing 2 characters using different scraps of paper for their crazy hair. The class has been discussing healthy foods and "icky" foods. We made our healthy plate collages, tasted pineapple, kiwi and other citrus fruits. We also made scented fruit playdoh. We talked about Farm animals and what they are called. Our letters in March were "Kk", "Qq", and "Vv".

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Room Nine

Ms. Liz, Ms. Amanda & Ms. Brianna

Fours News

Being silly in the first week of March, we celebrated Dr. Suess' Birthday with fun arts and crafts and read several books such as, "The Cat in the Hat" and "Fox in Socks". Room nine learned about the different food groups and now understands the importance of each fruit or vegetable. We planted our own carrots and tasted cooked carrots VS. raw carrots, we liked the raw carrots best, they were delicious! We transitioned into fruit and did some taste testing of several fruits. We tasted oranges grapefruits, lemons and limes. Some of the fruits were so sour! To end March we learned about farm animals by building our own farm and pairing baby animals with their animal parents and completing farm puzzles. We are so ready to "hop into April and cannot wait for Easter.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/2-4/6	WEEK #31 Do You Like to Buzz?	Weaving Bees	What Comes Next?	Hexagons & Honey	**SHOW & TELL** "abeja" means bee"
4/9-4/13	WEEK #32 Butterfly Life Cycle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Butterfly Roll & Cover Math	Insect Compound Words	**SHOW & TELL** Drink Like a Butterfly!
4/16-4/20	WEEK #33 Ladybug, Ladybug	Find My Match: Insect Larvae	Clothespin Critters	Alpha-Bugs	**SHOW & TELL** My Insects Counting Book
4/23-4/27	WEEK #34 Fold-Out Life Cycle Book	Comparing Frogs and Toads	"Frog Words"	Adding Flies	**SHOW & TELL**
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Room Ten- APK

Ms. Maria & Ms. Annika

APK News

This March, our APK had a blast learning so many fun things. We loved celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading books and making crafts. Our favorite books were, "Wacky Wednesday" and "Fox in Socks." Our class had a "wacky" color milk to look forward to everyday as part of the celebration. We also learned about food groups as well as the importance of eating our vegetables to grow big and strong. As we wrapped up the month, we spent time discussing farm animals and learned about the life cycle of the chicken. Though we had fun this past month, we are all so excited to learn so many new things in April!

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April APK

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4/2-4/6	**WEEK #31** Word Family: -y Sight Word: by	Butterfly Life Cycle	The Very Hungry Caterpillar	We're Baking Caterpillar Snacks!	**SHOW & TELL** "Mariposa" means "butterfly"
4/9-4/13	**WEEK #32** Word Family: -ug Sight Words: can, and	Ladybug Life Cycle	My First Crossword Puzzle	What Rhymes with "bug?"	**SHOW & TELL** Odd or Even?
4/16-4/20	**WEEK #33** Word Family: -ump Sight Words: to, two	Chapter Book: Frog and Toad Are Friends	What Can Jump?	Comparing and Contrasting Frogs & Toads	**SHOW & TELL** Frog Life Cycle
4/23-4/27	**WEEK #34** Bubble Wrap Beehives	Addition Word Problems	Busy Bee Body Parts	"Insect" Compound Words	**SHOW & TELL** Special "Bee" Snack Today
		MONTHLY THEME Life Cycles	**ARTIST OF THE MONTH** Eric Carle	**SCIENCE & NATURE** Insects Frogs & Toads	**CHARACTER VALUE** Responsibility

Dear Parents,

April is our month for studying insects and life cycles. Not only will we be creating several artistic representations of life cycles, we'll also be watching the life cycle of ladybugs and butterflies unfold in the classroom. Be sure to check out our "Ladybug Land" and "Butterfly Garden" this month.

Room Ten-Schoolers

Ms. Maria & Mr. Frankie

Schooler News

March was filled with many luck charms! We were very lucky to have had the chance to learn more about Native Americans. We took a closer look into their culture and we were amazed by their art, language and communication skills and their beliefs. We recreated some of their sand art and all of Room 10 loved how fun and expressive it was. We also made a rain stick and had a blast dancing around to its beautiful rain like sound. During Spring Break Week, Room 10 had a great time previewing our E.X-S.T.R.E.A.M Summer Camp and enjoyed both of field trips. We loved implementing our character value, humor this month and had many laughs together!

Curriculum Concepts

Theme: Wild Wild West

- People were drawn to the American West for many reasons, including the availability of cheap farmland, the discovery of gold and silver, and the cattle business.
- The settlement of the American West was helped greatly by transcontinental railroads.

The Native American way of life was changed forever but the flood of settlers.