



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool A "Springs" Into Learning

To start of the month of March, Preschool A will explore the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss. The children will have a chance to make their own Dr. Seuss hats while building fine motor skills (cutting) and math skills (patterning.) Preschoolers will exercise their imaginations as they "pull" things out of a hat just like Dr. Seuss. The children will also build memory and identification skills as they play matching and memory games. The class will enjoy a variety of Dr. Seuss books and build language and literacy skills particularly focusing on rhyming words.

During the second week of March, Preschool A will learn all about the 5 senses. The children will learn science skills by mixing colors and making hypotheses and

observations. Preschoolers will test their sense of hearing as they listen to books on tape and are encouraged to "name that sound." Mystery boxes will be a fun experience for the children to feel lots of different objects and describe. The children will also create scented art with spices to stimulate the sense of smell. Preschool A ends the week with a taste test and the chance to taste a variety of foods.

Make sure to wear green the third week in honor of St. Patrick's Day! The children will dig for shamrocks hidden in the sensory table. Preschool A will get lots of exercise as we follow the "Shamrock Path" to see what is at the end. The children will get creative as they make some colorful shamrocks on their own.

Fine motor skills will also be built as the children lace shamrock cards.

Preschool A is excited for the arrival of Spring and we will enjoy a 2 week theme on the subject. The children will watch flowers grow as they plant their own. Hopefully the weather cooperates and the children will enjoy some bird watching. Soil will be added to the sensory table and the children will dig for seeds. The children will also be creative in creating a variety of trees and flowers for Spring.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!






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Important Dates

- 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to wear green and be on the look out for leprechauns! 
- 3/18 The Amazing Andy will entertain the children with his juggling and magic skills! 
- 4/13 Enrollment forms for Camp Discovery Due. 

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Infants Explore Emotions

In the month of March the Infants will celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making leprechaun and shamrock



handprints. We will also decorate the room with colorful pictures while focusing on the color green.

The class will focus on emotional development and use emotion words to describe for the children how they feel. Even at such a young age it is important to use appropriate vocabulary to de-



scribe the children's emotions such as happy, silly, sad, frustrated, etc. The children will also enjoy the books, Baby Faces, Baby Talk, and Baby's First Words.

Happy First Birthday wishes to Mackenzie B. on 3/3 and Brayden J. on 3/17. Congratulations to Lauren on transitioning to the Toddler Program. Finally, we would like to welcome Mayli F., Jenna G., and families to our room.

Preschool B Explores the Wonders of Weather

Winter is ending and Spring is just around the corner and Preschool B cant wait! February ended with a theme on mail and it was such a success that Preschool B has extended the theme for one more week. Preschoolers will continue to check the mailbox every day and learn the correct terms that make up an address. The children will also explore opposites associated with mails such as heavy/light, big/small, etc. We will end the unit by playing a mail game in which the children get to be the mail carrier.

March 9-13, Preschool B will have a unit on weather and also begin the alphabet again.

We hope the weather will be diverse this week, allowing the children to observe a variety of weather. We will explore the skies to make shapes out of clouds using imagination. The chil-



dren will also explore symmetry as they make their own "Spilt Milk" clouds. Science will be used as we talk about temperature and appropriate clothes for varying temperatures.

The third week of March, Preschool B will talk about St. Patrick's Day and have fun with green! The children will find gold during a treasure hunt and use math and science to make green pudding.

For the last full week in March, Preschool B will start a unit on Spring. The Dramatic Play center will become a flower shop and the children will have a chance to go "fishing" in the Block center. Throughout this week the children will focus on plants that grow in the Spring and how they grow. Preschoolers will also learn about insects and their effect on plants. The children will also observe Spring

changes and be encouraged to represent their observations artistically and through sensory experiences. The class will also create a special Spring snack while talking about measurements of ingredients.

As requested the following are some "At Home Ideas" that relate to our themes this month:

Allow your child to get the mail with you and explore the "junk" mail. Build a mailbox together using a shoe box and allow your child to put "their" mail in.

To foster concepts of Spring, save seeds from fruits/veggies that your family eats and help your child plant the seeds. Watch and see what takes root. Use seeds for sorting, classifying and counting.

Happy Birthday to Christopher R! Have a great month and a warm Spring!

Toddlers are In Like Lions and Out Like Lambs



The first week of March, Toddlers will go in as lions and come out like lambs. The children will make lion puppets and a lion snack out

of pineapple rings. Gross motor skills will be the focus as the children wear crepe paper on their arms and move around the room, pretending to be wind. They will also decorate a rain drop with tissue paper and make a lamb puppet.

The second week of March will be a theme of "Animals and Reptiles."

Toddlers will use creative expression to paint a turtle shell, play a turtle shell game and use fine motor skills to thread beads on a string making a snake. The children will also enjoy a sensory experience of playing in the water with rubber ducks.

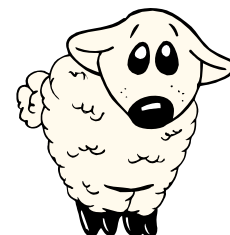
The third week of March will have Toddlers going "green." The children will make green tissue paper shamrocks, a green snack surprise and stamping with limes.

Throughout the fourth week, the children will learn about Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes. In correlation with "Little Miss Muffett," the children

will make paper plate spiders. In honor of "Humpty Dumpty" the children will glue egg shells to an egg shape. Finally they will make "Mary's Little Lamb" with cotton balls.

The last week of March will have Toddlers thinking spring. The children will paint bumblebees, make coffee filter flowers, and make daffodils with cupcake liners.

The Toddler Room is happy to wish Nolan B. a very Happy Birthday!



Center News

- As many of you know NAEYC came to Discovery Zone on 3/5. The evaluator reviewed a great deal of paperwork as well as observing our classrooms in action and our environment. NAEYC now has all the information they need when making the accreditation decision. We should know the results in 60-90 days.
- Please remember that all children eating breakfast at DZLC must arrive by 8:30. All children must be done eating by 9:00 so they will not miss out on any of the days activities. Thank-you for respecting this policy.
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- Finally, we are happy to report that the "New Building" in Columbia is officially underway! The building site has been cleared and the wells are being dug. We still plan on being in the new building by the Fall of 2009.

Happy Birthday to...

Christopher R.	3/1/04
Mackenzie B.	3/3/08
Nolan B.	3/13/07
Brayden J.	3/17/08
Ms. Amanda	3/6/??



