



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool A Practices Safety

In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, Preschool A starts March by encouraging preschoolers to express themselves creatively. The children will have an opportunity to create objects using collage supplies and boxes. The completed items will then be used through out the classroom helping to build self esteem as the children are proud of their creations and can witness their item being useful. The children will also be encouraged to think "outside the box" as they are instructed to collect a variety of items that may be used for painting and seeing what transpires when they paint with the unusual items. The children will also make clay sculptures then paint when dry. Finally, Preschoolers will make a creative collage and be encouraged to pick items that express themselves

and what they like.

The collages will make a great transition into discussing similarities and differences. The children will be encouraged to discuss similarities and differences among the collages that will spark more discussion of similarities and differences among the students such as eye, hair, and skin color, family structure and varying levels of abilities. The children will explore puppets with varying characteristics as well as each other. Being reminded that being different is something to celebrate.

Preschool A will celebrate St. Patrick's Day the third week of March. We will discuss the colors of the rainbow, write a "Treasured Memory Page" to compile into a book, and use fine motor skills to connect a leprechaun to his pot of

gold. Preschoolers will also sequence pots of gold, use creative skills to imagine where they would hide a pot of gold, and enjoy a sensory experience of green grass and gold coins in the sensory table. Finally, Preschool A will have a green party on 3/17. Be sure to wear green and have lots of St. Patrick's Day fun!

The last week of March brings a unit on safety. The children will be reminded of classroom safety, water safety, bicycle safety and stranger safety. The children will enjoy a different large motor activity each day of the week.

Don't forget to check out the bulletin board in the "Big Room" created by Preschool A.



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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 skills!
- 4/13 Enrollment forms for Camp Discovery Due.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Toddler A Goes Under the Big Top

Toddler A will begin the month of March with a week long theme about pets. The children will learn about different types of pets, where they live and what they like to eat. The children will enhance their spatial awareness and math skills by creating a classroom pet. They will work on hand-eye coordination while practicing catching fish. They will also enjoy a sensory experience by making a paper mache snake. We end the week by using creative skills to make a book of pets we like.

For the second week of March, Toddlers will be busy enjoying the circus. The children will expand on math skills as they create clown faces and

dancing bears. Toddlers will also build gross motor skills while participating in relay races, balancing on a "tightrope" and jumping through a hula hoop.

Next, Toddler A will be hard at work on a Spring bulletin board in which they will use fine motor skills. Be on the look out for the finished product. Throughout this week, we will also learn about weather. We will discuss different types of weather and enjoy creative expression as the children



make sun catchers.

Toddler A ends the month with a theme about "My Body." The children will learn about different body parts and the 5 senses. The children will have their bodies traced. They will also enjoy sensory experiences of finger-painting and foot print designs. Toddlers will go on a walk in which they will listen to the sounds outside. For the discussion on mouths, the children will taste test a variety of foods and make homemade toothpaste in which the children will practice brushing a set of teeth.

Lastly, Toddler A is happy to welcome Emma and her family to our class.

Preschool B is on the Move with Transportation

March has arrived and it is filled with many exciting adventures for Preschool B to learn and experience.

We begin March with a one week Dr. Seuss language and literacy theme. During this week Preschoolers will enjoy several famous books such as Green Eggs and Ham, Diffendorfer Day, and Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? After hearing the story the children will do a corresponding project like cooking a batch of green eggs and ham. The children will practice math skills as they pattern red and white stripes to create "Cat in the Hat Hats" to be worn on Dr. Seuss' birthday 3/2.

Next, Preschool B will focus on dental

health. We will discuss the importance of keeping teeth clean and use fine motor skills to brush a pair of alligator teeth with shaving cream. We will also discuss healthy and unhealthy foods and organize foods on a chart. The children will build language skills by singing songs about good dental health.

The third week of March brings a one week theme on St. Patrick's Day. Preschool B will have their 3rd annual "Green Party" on Tuesday 3/17. That day all our snacks will be green and healthy. The children will use creative art skills to make sensory shamrocks to decorate the room.

Finally Preschool B wraps up March

with a transportation theme. We will be on the move all week long learning about all the different ways you can get from Point A to Point B. We will learn about trains, planes, cars, trucks, bikes, scooters and more! The children will build phonemic awareness as they work on rhyming skills with "Rhyming Rigs." The children will also create their own adventure books.

Preschool B is happy to welcome Ms. Erin who is student teaching in our class on Thursdays and Fridays for 8 weeks.



Center News

DZLC is happy to welcome Erin D. and Nicole B. to the teaching staff. Erin and Nicole are students at QVCC majoring in Early Childhood Education. They are completing their student

teaching in the Preschool Programs at DZLC. Our staff will be mentoring and monitoring the student teachers to maintain the highest quality in Early Childhood Education.

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Toddler B Explores the Wonderful World of Weather

For the first week of March, Toddler B will work on the 5 senses. We will add mint extract to shaving cream to make our sensory project a treat for our tactile and olfactory senses. The children will also create green goop for exploring with their hands. The children will explore the sense of hearing by creating a band. The children will enjoy a scavenger hunt as they make good use of their eyes.

For the second week, Toddler B will focus on Dr. Seuss. The children will build math skills as they pattern with red fish and blue fish. Fish will also be added to the sensory table. The children will focus on literacy as they attempt to sequence part of Green

Eggs and Ham. The children will also cook green eggs and ham to taste and see if they enjoy it as much as Sam I Am.

The third week finds us looking for leprechauns and shamrocks and focusing on the color green. Be sure to wear green on 3/17. The children will try to match leprechauns, count gold coins and watch what happens when we mix blue and yellow ice cubes in the sensory area.

As we hop into Spring, Toddler B will do a unit on rabbits. The children will enjoy gross and fine motor activities with the "Bunny Olympics." The children will use creative and sensory

skills while creating "soft rabbits." If your child has a stuffed bunny, please send it in. The children will compare and contrast their bunnies by size, height, color, length of ears, etc.

Toddler B ends the month by focusing on windy weather. Weather watching comes into play with a collage of "In like a lion, out like a lamb." The children will count bows to put on kite tails and use a fan to create wind for an art project.



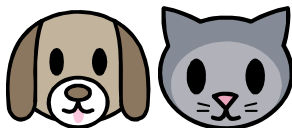
Along with Spring, Toddler B is happy to welcome Matthew, Rohan and families to our class.

Infants are Wild about Animals

Top of the mornin' to you! To start the month of March the Infants will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. The children will enjoy art projects as they paint shamrocks with peppers and build motor control with free painting. The children will also enjoy a sensory experience with "Lucky Charms." Don't forget to wear green for our St. Patty's Day Party on 3/17.

At the end of the month, the Infant class will learn about animals. The children will be introduced to a variety of animals and their habitats.

Motor skills will be built as the children play hide-n-seek games in a variety of ways to be developmentally appropriate for



Center News Continued

There are also some new volunteer faces at DZLC. Students enrolled at a local alternative high school will be volunteering a few hours a day to assist all classrooms. This program teaches high school students about working in the Early Childhood Education field. The students will assist the DZLC staff with their daily duties, however, they are always supervised while interacting with the children.

Camp Parents: Please be advised that

according to state camp vehicle regulations, booster seats are no longer required for children in a camp vehicle. If you have any questions regarding this regulation change, please speak with Robin or Christine.

Camp Information is now out. Be sure to pick up Enrollment Paperwork in the After School Room if you are interested in having your child attend. All paperwork is due by 4/13. Sign up ASAP to ensure your child's spot!

the different ages in the class. The children will also have the opportunity to make their own animal tracks. During Circle Time the children will enjoy animal stories and build language skills through animal sounds.

The Infant Room is happy to welcome Maritza R., Ben M., and their families to our class. Happy first birthday wishes to Gabby, Caitlin, and Camden.

Finally, we are happy to report that the "New Building" 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.

Please remember that all children eating breakfast at DZLC must arrive by 8:30 so that children can be done eating by 9:00. We would hate for any children to miss out on any of the days activities. Thank-you for respecting this policy.

