



## Infants

Spring is in the air – Hooray! We can't believe it's already March! This month our theme is "Shapes and Colors are Everywhere." We will enjoy changing our room out from the snowy winter decorations and bulletin boards to bright springtime colors. We look forward to also adding books and songs about shapes and colors.

Leonora turns one this month on the 25<sup>th</sup> – Happy birthday, sweet girl! We can't believe it's your turn to move up to the Wobbler Room. We will certainly miss you but we know you will have a wonderful time with all the "big kids"!

As mentioned, we will be using several signs with the infants throughout the year to increase their communication skills and will be focusing on one sign in particular each month. Our sign of the month this month is "water." If you are not aware of how to sign "water," please ask, and then use it at home with your child. They will pick up on these signs even faster when

seeing them both at home and at school.

It warms our hearts to see the children learning the signs and using them to communicate! Our older children are consistently signing "all done" when they are done with meals at the high chair and done with diaper changes. They are also responding to other signs we have focused on this year, such as "eat". Thank you for continuing to sign at home – it is truly benefiting your child!

Just a reminder that the center is closed on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for In-Service Day. Staff will be here having meetings and working hard in each classroom to prepare for the spring and summer, but we are not open for children to come.

Thank you and we hope you have a marvelous March!  
-Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Hoa

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## Wobblers

As you all may have noticed this last month, we have been introducing many changes to our room. March will give us a chance to soak in these changes and really dive into some new curriculum. We want to thank all of you for your support in these changes and welcome you all to ask us about any of these changes.

Wobblers will be focusing on learning new skills this March. We will be concentrating on our fine motor and gross motor skills. We have introduced weekly trackers and stackers into our curriculum to help our Wobblers begin to understand the foundation levels of tracking and puzzle coordination. We are starting with three stackers at a time and developing our counting skills as we count 1-2-3. We will also be doing more counting at the sink as we wash hands (1-10).

We will be adding some new dramatic play accessories to our room this month! We will be creating a flower shop in our kitchen area as well as adding zoo animals and houses to our shelving area. We are really hoping to show

the children how to play with these items so that they can begin to understand the idea of dramatic play!

Our Wobblers are picking up language skills so fast it is extraordinary. We will continue to teach new sounds and words during this month's weekly themes.

You may have noticed our hanging sign language display outside of our door. We are going to be implementing more sign language into our room, supporting the signs learned in the infant room. There will be a weekly or bi-weekly word we will be focusing on with the children. We will change out the words depending on the children's retention of the signs. We have posted our signs outside our door and welcome you to use the signs at home as well.

Our March themes include Spring, St Patrick's Day, Pet Week, and Zoo animals. We would like to ask parents to bring in any pet pictures or zoo pictures you may be willing to share with us! We will be putting them into a picture flip book, so that we can talk about your adventures with the children. Although our themes really give us a chance to investigate all of the colors of the rainbow, during St.

Patrick's Day week, we will be focusing on the color green and learning about the shape of the Shamrock.

We will be saying a big goodbye to Levi; he is headed over to Todd 1! We hope everyone has a lucky March month and are so excited to share these new themes and curriculum with you!

-Ms. Stefany, Mrs. Samatia, and Mrs. Dung

## Staff Birthday



3-9 Ms. Millie

3-22 Ms. Tina

## Todd I

Welcome to March! This month our themes will include zoo animals, rainbows, a color review and our favorite stuffies! For zoo week if you have any stuffed animals or books to go with this theme, feel free to bring them in and label with your child's name on each item. We will do a range of different art along with color matching to practice our colors. The last week of March will be a "bring your favorite stuffie" time, where we will do dances and games with our stuffies.

Our shape to learn about is the shamrock and our colors

to explore are light green, teal, and orange.

We have no birthdays this month and just one transition; we are saying "good-bye" to Wesley who is moving up to Todd II and we are welcoming Levi from the Wobbler room.

Ms. Cassey and Ms. Thol



## Todd II

Welcome to March in Todd II; in like a lion, out like a lamb, hopefully along with some warmer temperatures. We are looking forward to the end of winter and the start of spring as we break out the greens, golds, and some rainbows of color to welcome in a new season.

February was definitely an exciting month, as well as an adventurous one. We enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year; creating some beautiful lanterns, awesome dragons, and sparkling fireworks. We made new moon cookies with cherry preserves, to enjoy as an afternoon snack. A lot of thanks and appreciation to Christopher & Luke and their

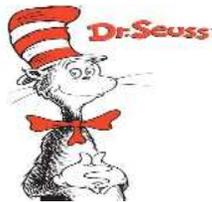
families for bringing in all the wonderful decorations, art supplies, and books about Chinese New Year, so we could celebrate in grand style. We had plans for a hearts and hugs filled valentine's week, but old man winter decided to snow on our party; we just had to delay things for a day, and we still had fun in the end.

For the month of March, we are breaking out the green and gold, along with lucky shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, and pots of gold. We will mix things up in a silly sense as we celebrate Dr Seuss's birthday, with some Cat in the Hat themed art, as well as a colorful fish or two.

We also have one friend celebrating their birthday this month; Luke will be turning 3 on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday, Luke!!!

Happy Spring!!!

Ms. Mandy & Miss Kasondra



## Preschool

Hello dear Preschool families! We have had some exciting times in preschool this past month with Lawson's birthday and all the snow. March will hopefully bring more normal weather for us! We have one birthday this month. Carter will be four on the 4th! Happy Golden birthday Carter! Invitations have been sent home for a party, so please let us know if you did not receive one.

We have had two cases of the flu with our students recently, with more cases throughout the center. We appreciate you having your child wash hands when they enter the classroom. We wash hands very frequently through the day to keep germs at a minimum. Please also keep in mind that this is still a relatively a new skill for the children and some may still need help. We are also disinfecting toys, cubbies, and cots daily. Thank you for helping us keep our classroom clean!

We will be closed on Friday, March 15 for our spring in-service day. Our teachers will have trainings and be given an opportunity to do some spring cleaning and organizing.

This month, we will be celebrating two famous men. The first week, we will be having a Dr. Seuss week. The second week will be learning about St. Patrick and why he has a holiday named after him. The last two weeks we will be learning about transportation and all things that GO! To go along with our Dr. Seuss week, we are having a theme every day that corresponds to a book. It is not required, but should be very easy, and fun. Please ignore the dates :) The next week we'll be learning about St. Patrick and why he has a holiday named after him. Since the 17th is a Sunday this year, and the previous Friday is our spring in service day, we will not designate a day to wear green, but it is encouraged throughout the week. Please remind children that we will not be pinching anyone who does not wear green. Feel free not to say anything if they are already unaware. Finally, we will learn about trucks, trains, cars, and planes. Our transportation unit will be the final two weeks of March, and I expect it to be just as popular as our dinosaur month.

Thank you for your amazing children! Our families are the BEST!

Ms. Angela, Ms. Stephanie,  
Ms. Millie, and Ms. Taylor



## Pre-K

Salutations Families,

We have been making the most of the challenging weather with Big Bears bundled up to their eyebrows building snow forts, playing frozen tag, and running in the Frostbite 500. The children decorated bags for Valentine's day and illustrated a little love story that is posted on our bulletin board. Their pictures are improving dramatically and some friends are beginning to write the words of the story as well. We taught social studies in the form of social skills for the most part, emphasizing caring and kind words and actions. We also made a big poster discovering what each person would put their heart into. Check that out (it's on the bathroom door) as it is ADORABLE! We danced to Michael Jackson and listened to PINK (kids' choices) during Famous People Week...what a precocious group we have!

We do not have any birthdays in March, but WE WILL HAVE ONE CLOSURE DAY! MARCH 15th. Teachers

will be at the center for In-Service so the campus will be closed.

In March, we return to BUILDINGS as our state study. We are utilizing all sorts of materials and have plans to create a copy of 5C's as well as the Taj Mahal! We will be teaching about March Madness (yes...the basketball tournament), Mardi Gras, St. Patrick's Day and Holi or The Festival of Colors (a Hindu holiday to celebrate color and enjoy each other in a mirthful way).

SHOW and TELL will be at the end of the month, March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. We will post it on our door so the kids know which day they will have their turn.

Our themes for March will be art and music, St. Patrick's Day, spring and ways to travel. We are overlapping the study of buildings so we will create a music hall and St. Patrick's cathedral as well as a boat house and an airport, of course. We also have an eight story box (donated by SAFEWAY) that we are not sure WHAT to do with, but it will be AMAZING, that's for sure!

This month we will be holding conferences for any families who desire to have one. We have been collecting writing samples and have

their assessments to go over with you. All of the children are making progress and we are excited to talk to you about their hard work. We also will address behavior and any concerns you might have as we tailor our teaching to the individual in our final preparations for kindergarten readiness.

We have no idea how you keep up with your child's EXTRA CLOTHING supply. They get wet on the slide, the ground, and the chairs outside. Then there are the sensory tables, beverages and plain old sinks! Now and then they run out of clothes so if you see them in our stuff...check your box, please.

We are truly enjoying the lunches and visits to our room from family. The children are a delight and we can see why you miss them during the day. Please feel free to come in. It's your center, too

Please help us welcome Shilpa Johnson to our teaching team. She is educated, experienced and ready to serve the families and children of 5C's. We feel lucky to have her.

Wait for it...spring is coming!

Ms. Lori, Ms. Shannon and Ms. Shilpa

## Notes from Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy

“March Comes in Like a Lion and Goes Out Like a Lamb”, our theme for this month. With the crazy weather we have had this past month we are hoping by the end of the month it is like a lamb - calm, warm and pleasant to be outside. We want to express our appreciation for your understanding with the snow closures. We all have different comfort zones in driving, walking and playing in the snow and it is very important to us that the children and staff are safe.

### Reminders:

- The center will be closed on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for In-Service Day.
- Conference week for Pre-K is March 4-8.
- Parent Board fund raiser starts around March 13<sup>th</sup>. Watch for details!

The parent board is going to be selling World’s Finest Chocolate for our spring fundraiser. A fun assortment of solid chocolate bunnies, spring almonds, peanut butter bears, caramel whirls, mint meltaways, and pecan clusters! They range from \$6-\$7 each. The fund raiser is being used to help buy

equipment to support STEM learning for all the classrooms in the center.

The Thurston County Department of Health is offering a training on clean, safe, and healthy child care environments. As part of our In-Service, all staff will be taking the training to ensure that we are doing all that we can to continue to create a clean, a safe, and a healthy environment at the center. Our In-Service Day will also include training on biases and diversity.

The staff changes in Wobblers, Todd II, and Pre-K are going smoothly. The children are having new experiences with new teachers and having fun getting to know each one. We appreciate all the staff putting their efforts in supporting each other and the children.

We are hoping that the flu bugs have passed, and we can enjoy a month of better health!

Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy

