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Infants

Welcome to March! We have a fun month ahead: Anticipating new friends about to join our classroom, fresh spring air all around us, and a fun theme for the month! Our theme is "Shapes and Colors Everywhere" and we look forward to really focusing on talking to the children about what color everything is, pointing out shapes (especially to our older children), reading some great books with colors and shapes, and enjoying sprinkling some spring and color throughout our classroom.

We want to remind you all that the center will be closed to children on Friday, March 20th for our in-service day. Staff will be here working on our classrooms, lesson planning, and in house trainings. Enjoy the extra-long weekend with your sweet babies and we will be excited to see them again on Monday the 22nd!

Since we anticipate seeing a few clear days in our future, we will be putting

up a permission form for you to sign to allow your child to go on stroller walks outside. We will absolutely make this decision on a day-to-day basis, considering the weather and the babies' comfort. If it is dry and warm enough for them to be comfortable, we will bundle them up and enjoy some fresh air! We love this time with the children and take advantage of talking about the things we see, the sounds we hear, and the breeze we may feel on our cheeks. We sing songs while we stroll and always stay within view of the center. We are excited to hopefully sneak in a few of these springtime strolls this month!

Just a friendly reminder to everyone that *all* of your child's things must be labeled with their **FIRST AND LAST NAME. This is especially important on ALL food/drink related items.** For examples or details, please see our door notice or ask one of us. Thank you so much!

As we mention every month, we will be using several signs with the children throughout the year to increase their communication skills but will be focusing on one in

particular each month. Our sign of the month this month is "more." If you are not aware of how to sign "more," feel free to ask, and then use it at home with your child. We also have an image posted on our parent information bulletin board to demonstrate each month's sign of the month. We use the sign "more", quite often, with the children, whether it's for more food, more books, more songs to sing, and so on. This is a fabulous sign for your children to learn as it will really increase their ability to communicate with you, even before they learn to talk!

Wishing you all a marvelous March,
Ms. Amy, Ms. Carol, & Ms. Hoa

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March Menu:

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Notes from Tina and Nancy

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb! One of our favorite themes for the month. The children love to sing the song and roar like a lion and baa like a quiet, soft lamb. Hopefully, our weather will be more like a lamb rather than a lion, for March is a busy and long month.

Please welcome back Ms. Kasondra and give a welcome to a new staff member, Mr. Josh. Ms. Kasondra is returning from maternity leave. We are so happy that she is back at the center. Mr. Josh has joined Ms. Amy in the kitchen sharing cooking duties to keep our little ones with full tummies. He will be cooking on Monday and Friday and subbing for Ms. Amy when needed.

Reminders:

- Daylight Savings Time is happening on March 8th. Be sure to set your clocks back.
- On Friday, March 20th, the center will be closed for In-Service Day.

The center has been experiencing colds, flu, pneumonia and other

illnesses. This is not unusual for this time of year. We want to assure you that we sanitize the center daily and take other precautions as needed to prevent the spread of illnesses. Because of the information on the news about the Coronavirus, we have been in contact with our health consultant. She is knowledgeable and provides us with the information we need to plan for or respond to any outbreak of this disease. We will pass information on to you as we receive it. As we all know the most important preventive measure is to *wash hands*. Please remember, that upon arrival in the classroom wash your hands and your child's hands before engaging in any activities in the classroom. Hand washing is the most important measure we can take to prevent illnesses.

For our In-Service day, the staff are going to work on Early Achiever (EA) requirements – classroom arrangements, inventory of equipment to make sure we are meeting EA requirements, and training on engaging, interacting and approaches to working positively with children. The day will be busy and thank you parents for understanding

how important this day is to our program.

Whether our month is a lion or a lamb, we appreciate caring for your children.

Ms. Tina and Ms. Nancy



Wobblers

Welcome Parents,

It's been a wonderful year so far, and the children are definitely starting to express their own opinion and their curiosity has sprouted in so many cool, exciting ways. March is the month all about curiosity and discovering. We are really tuning in for those extended conversations with all the new materials that we will be having out this month.

The themes this month will include wind, farm animals, baskets/buckets/cauldrons and water clothing. We will be discovering about putting things "in" and discover the opposite of taking things "out". We will use this concept throughout our theme weeks. For the week of water clothing, we will be exploring the clothing and

accessories we use here in the greater Pacific North West! If parents would like to bring in a pair of your child's boots, please go right ahead. During this week, we will have the children engaged with water play. It should be a blast, and I'll surely take photos for all the parents to check out. Also, this month the wobblers will be focusing on the colors green/orange and learn what a shamrock shape looks like.

A few new sign language skills are rain, wind and coat. This month is all about the wobblers exploring and being aware of the world around them. We are looking forward to sharing these new discoveries with you all. We hope everyone has a beautiful March.

Ms. Stefany and Ms. Dung

Staff Birthdays:

Millie	3-9
Moriah	3-15
Tina	3-22



Todd I

Welcome to March!

Spring is in the air! It's coming! This month we will be focusing on the colors Teal, Light Green, and Orange. We will also be using the clover as our focus shape. The weekly themes are: Zoo Animals, Rainbows, St. Patrick's Day, and Fairytales.

For our Zoo week, we will be talking about all sorts of zoo animals; how to take care of them, zookeepers, and going to the zoo. If your child has an animal stuffy they would like to bring in for the week, we are going to create a zoo of our own! *Please make sure your child's name is labelled somewhere on the stuffed animal.*

Our next week will be all about Rainbows! We will be discussing the colors we have already learned and adding a few new ones, as well. Friday, March 13th, we are celebrating Ms. Moriah's birthday by having an Art Extravaganza! We will be painting windows, walking in paint to make footprints (don't worry! Kids will be stripped down to their diapers to avoid super messy clothes) and drawing with chalk outside. While we as teachers want to avoid messy clothes as much as possible, *please bring an extra set of clothes, just in case!*

For St. Patrick's Day week, we will talk about the color green, and how we can mix colors to make different kinds of green. We will talk about clovers, St. Patrick and his legend. We will tell stories about leprechauns and their pots of gold. Don't forget to wear your green on the 17th!

Our last week of March we will be talking about different fairytales. The 3 Little Bears, Red Riding Hood, and the Little Red Hen are only a few of the tales we will discuss. If you or your child has a favorite fairytale, please feel free to bring it in or tell Ms. Cassey or Ms. Moriah about it. We'd love to share them with the whole class.

As a final note, we'd like to ask all parents to remind their children that their hands do not belong in their mouths. With all the sickness going around, both in our class and in others, we want to stop sharing our germs as much as possible. Developmentally, a child has satisfied the need to place objects in their mouths by 9 months. If your child is teething, we have found a cooled teether or a wash rag to be effective. *Please help your child develop good habits!*

Thank you! We appreciate all that you as parents do, and we are so glad to have your children in our class. We are so excited for March!

Ms. Moriah, Ms. Cassey, and Ms. Thol



Todd II

Welcome to March in Todd II, we hope everyone is enjoying our wet, mild, though sometimes, blustery winter. We would just like to remind parents to check your child's extra clothes to make sure they are weather and size/age appropriate, including extra shoes. We would also like for parents to bring in rain coats and boots, so that when the weather is a little wet we can still get outside to enjoy some fresh air.

The week of March 2nd-6th will be about Dr. Seuss, as we celebrate his birthday with colorful art, silly songs, and stories of a cat in the hat and other fun books.

The week of March 9th-14th will be all about St. Patrick's Day. We will be all about the green, as we ready our room for a visit

from some naughty leprechauns. We will be painting shamrocks a plenty, so look for clovers, rainbows and pots of gold.

The week of March 16th-20th will be all about spring!!! We will be looking for new buds, crocus, and daffodils as we head toward the start of a new season. Watch for blooms of all colors to make an appearance to celebrate the season. We will be closed Friday, March 20, 2020 for staff in-service.

The week of March 23rd-27th is all about flowers, flowers, and more flowers, as we mix different mediums to create gardens of vibrant, colorful flowers. We will also look at using some papier Mache style flowering vines to brighten up the window frames.

The week of March 30th-April 3rd will be Rainbows and Blustery days, as we monitor the spring weather. We will make a weather chart, rainy day art, and some rainbow prints. We just love the colors of spring.

Happy Spring!!!

Ms. Mandy. Ms. Cindy and Miss Charis



Preschool

Welcome to March! Our preschool friends have been learning about the months of the year and the days of the week in February. Ask your child about the songs we are singing to help us remember. February was full of sensory & science fun! We put toys in our large sensory tub with soap & water to learn about germs and how they help or hurt us; we had some amazing pink goo that was both a liquid and a solid; and we watched water beads grow, shrink, and grow again.

We would like to say Happy Birthday to our dear Miss Millie on the 9th this month. She is a valuable addition to our classroom and we love her dearly!

In March, we will be learning about Dr. Seuss, some wacky weather, and a fun unit on rainbows. For our Dr. Seuss week, I thought it would be fun to have a preschool Dr. Seuss Spirit week. Each day, we will dress up with a different Dr. Seuss wacky theme. I will be posting this on the door so you will know what is coming. It is not a

requirement, of course, just something fun to do as we learn about the amazing author. Please ignore the year; we know it is not 2015!



Please remember that it is still cold outside. Although, we are loving our sunny weather, it is still cold, and a good idea to send winter coats and hats to school. Feel free to keep a coat and hat in the cubby, but please remember to take it home on Fridays so we can clean the cubbies weekly.

Thank you for emptying your child's art file! We have been doing lots of free art, as well as theme related art, so please remember to check blue buckets in cubbies as well as the art file outside the door.

Finally, we will be closed for our spring in-service day on Friday, March 20th. We are planning some rearranging and reorganizing for our classroom, as well as

some training. Thank you for making this opportunity available for us!

Thank you for your amazing children! We are having such fun with them! Ms. Angela, Ms. Kayla, and Ms. Millie



Pre-K

We had a great time in February with our social and emotional development. We are so excited the children have really been grasping new concepts and conquering new skills.

We have been invited back to the capitol this year for Arbor day to plant a tree with the governor. We would like some drivers and volunteers for our trip on April 8th. Please let us know if you are able to drive and attend.

Along with our Social Study for this month, we will be learning four new themes. We will be learning about Art and Music, St. Patrick's day and Irish culture, Spring, and Motorsports. Friday March 27th, Vintage Modified Race Car 59 will be joining our parking lot

for a fun mini-fieldtrip. The children will get to experience the sounds of the race car, the safety features of the race car, and will possibly be able to sit in it. We will also be handing out schedules for this particular race team if you and your family would like to see these cars in action at the South Sound Speedway.

Some fine motor skills and activities we will be working on this month include paint brush writing, van Gogh Q-tip painting, Celtic mazes, stringing, clothes pin pinching, and other pincer and grasping activities. Some math and science activities we have planned include A-L key sounds, color graphing, patterning, weighing, honeycomb counting, velocity ramps, etc. Some of our sensory activities this month include color mixing, water play, green playdough and sequence mixing, coins and rice sorting, soil and bugs, honeycomb tasting, carwash, monster trucks and dirt, and oil spill shaving cream. Our dramatic play center will transform into an artist's retreat, a flower garden center, and a pit crew's garage.

We will be continuing to work on our self-help skills of handwashing, cubby

cleanliness, and using language etiquette at mealtimes. Our social/emotional focuses will be on listening and following directions, using self-talk to repeat the directions, and following 3 step directions. We will also be starting to work on using your words to ask for help from a teacher and using words to communicate wants and needs from other children.

Some important dates this month include March 17, St. Patrick's Day. March 26 and 27th is show and tell. We have one March birthday, Carter will celebrate his on the 4th of this month.

This year the early achiever team will be observing and rating our program. We are working hard to prepare for our rating.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful start to your spring and wish your gardens much growth!

Mrs. Sam, Ms. Lori, and Ms. Rebekah

