

March 2020

Shapes: Diamond 
Color: Yellow/Gold
Motor Development: Hopping & Jumping With One Foot or Two Feet
Opposites: Behind/In Front Of
Value: Generosity

March 2-6

Dr. Seuss Celebration

- ◆ Discussion: "How do Dr. Seuss books make you feel?"
- ◆ Sensory Exploration: Oobleck Sensory (cornstarch & water)
- ◆ Music & Movement: "Tooty Ta" Movement Song
- ◆ Arts & Crafts: *Cat in the Hat* Directed Drawing
- ◆ STEAM Activity: *Ten Apples on Top* ("How can we stack 10 apples using various materials?")
- ◆ Literature: *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*, *The Foot Book*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, etc.
- ◆ Children's Choice: Choose from different areas in the classroom

March 16-20

Giving to Others

- ◆ Discussion: "What are ways that we can show kindness to others?" (Generate a list; promote the concept of generosity)
- ◆ Literature: *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?*
- ◆ Cooking: Friendship Fruit Salad (Make and share with another classroom)
- ◆ Arts & Crafts: Paint a portrait of a friend using the easel; Kindness Postcards
- ◆ Sensory Exploration: Playdough mixing; blend different colored play doughs together with a peer.

March 9-13

Shamrocks & Clovers

- ◆ Discussion: Ask "What is the difference between a shamrock and a clover?" Discuss different shades of green.
- ◆ Group Activity: Create a giant pot of "gold"; collage various gold/yellow items inside of the pot
- ◆ Literature: *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day*
- ◆ Arts & Crafts: Shamrock Necklace Lacing using various materials: hole punched shamrocks, fruit loops, pasta, etc.)
- ◆ Cooking: Making homemade "Lucky Smoothies"
- ◆ Outside Activities: Go on a "Gold Hunt" (weigh, count & sort) & Shamrock Hopscotch

March 23-27

Teacher's Choice

- ◆ Discussion: March is *Women's History Month*! Let's discuss the important women in history.
- ◆ STEAM Activity: Build popsicle stick airplanes (Amelia Earhart)
- ◆ Arts & Crafts: Inspirational Painting (paint an item using various materials and discuss your creation)
- ◆ Cooking: Vote on and prepare a recipe from a famous chef
- ◆ Literature: *Think Big*, *Little One* and *She Persisted*
- ◆ Music & Movement: Listen to famous female musicians; and dance with ribbons

Teaching Generosity to Toddlers and Preschoolers

Our monthly value for March is "generosity" and this gives us the perfect opportunity to teach children about what it means to be generous to others. Here are some examples of how to encourage generosity with preschoolers:

- Let your child see you giving to others.
- Talk about what other people might like.
- When a friend is coming over to visit, help your child choose ahead of time which toys will be shared.
- Read books about kindness, sharing and generosity.
- When you see someone else sharing, point it out to your child. <https://www.physicianscenter.org/parents/parenting-resources/articles/teaching-generosity-toddlers-and-preschoolers/>

Special Events:

March 2:

- ◆ Dr. SEuSs DReSs-uP Day
- ◆ Read Across America

March 4: Puppets & Players Little Theatre presents, *Wizard of OZ* (10am) A portion of the parking lot will be closed for morning drop-off and fully closed from 9:30-12

March 13: Junior Pre-K Bike & Scooter Rally in the morning (Rooms 7, 10 & 11) -More information to follow...

March 16:

- ◆ Parent-Teacher Mini Phone conference calls begin
- ◆ American Red Cross Blood Drive

March 17: Kid's on the Move-a-thon Pep Rally and All School Sing Along

March 18: Kid's on the Move-a-thon Fundraising Event

March 20: Kid's Night Out & Spirit Shirt Day

March 27: Preschool Bike & Scooter Rally in the morning (Rooms 3 & 4) -More information to follow...

March 30-April 3: Spring Recess and Staff Development (School Closed)

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