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Director's News

This month is going to be filled with many fun activities. Please look for the reminders so your child is included in all the events.

We had so much fun kicking off Dr. Seuss week during the last week of February. We will wrap it up this Friday (March 2) by having "Dress like your Favorite Dr. Seuss Character Day." Also, please see page 3 of this newsletter for a list of awesome books by Dr. Seuss to read to/with your child.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16th by wearing green and having a school wide "Picnic on the Green." Your child may bring a sack lunch this day and a small blanket or towel to sit on as we all eat lunch outside on our green grass!

Easter Egg Hunt
Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Thursday, March 29th from 9:00am - 11:10am. Times are as follows:

- **Roly Polys: 9:00-9:30**

- **Cuddlebugs: 9:40-10:10**
- **Busy Bees: 10:20-10:50**
- **Grasshoppers: 9:20-9:50**
- **Caterpillars: 10:00-10:30**
- **Butterflies: 10:40-11:10**

****All children should bring a labeled Easter Basket/ Bucket and at least 12 taped plastic eggs filled with candy (no hard candy, gum or peanut butter).**

Class Easter Parties will be on Friday, March 30th (please see your child's homeroom teacher for specific details).

Additional important upcoming events:

- Daylight Savings Time - 3/11/18
- Good Friday, 3/30 (we are open this day)
- Easter is Sunday, 4/1/18
- St. Jude Trike-a-Thon, week of 4/9
- Week of the Young Child, week of 4/16

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Upcoming Events

- Spring Break 3/12-3/16
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration-16th
- Easter Egg Hunt-29th
- Class Easter Parties-30th

Early Childhood Education Corner

Moving Toward School - Reading

Preschoolers know a lot of things they didn't know as babies. They don't read independently, but if they've been read to a lot, they know a thing or two about reading:

- They know books are read from front to back
- Pictures should be right side up
- The language in books is different from spoken language
- Words have different sounds in them.
- There are familiar and unfamiliar words.

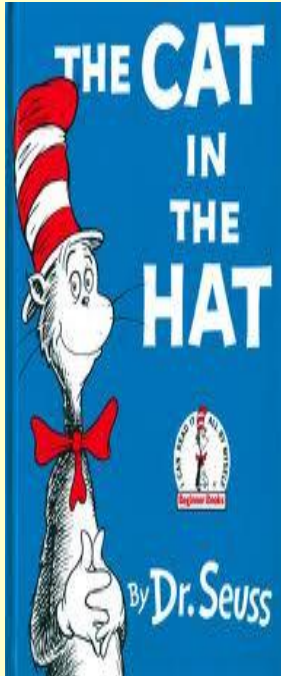
These are all emergent literacy skills - important building blocks toward the day when

they read independently. How can you encourage further development of these skills? Just keep reading aloud.

Choosing lots of different books to read aloud will build your preschooler's vocabulary, and help your child learn about different topics and understand how stories are structured and what characters do in them. Your child also will learn that:

- Text is words written down.
- Letters in a specific order form a word.
- There are spaces between words.

Understanding these basic concepts will help when kids start formal reading instruction in school.



Roly Poly News

Ms. Lintresa Chambers & Ms. Natasha Craig- Lead Teachers

Ms. Ashley W. & Ms. Anna Hays - Assistant Teachers

“Top of the morning to ya!”
March is here and we are ready to explore the color green and the shape of Shamrocks! The

infant room is full and busting with fun and excitement around every corner! Come enjoy the Party!

Cuddlebug/Busy Bees News

Cuddlebug I-Ms. Tori Williams
Lead Teacher & Ms. Sharonda Williams, Assistant Teacher

Cuddlebug II-Ms. Stacie Griffin-
Lead Teacher & Ms. Ashley Gray,
Assistant Teacher

Busy Bees-Ms. Britney Grisham &
Ms. Angela Merriweather

This month we'll be wrapping up our Dr. Seuss's birthday celebrations, St. Patrick's Day, Easter and exploring the winds and looking into the world of birds and butterflies. We will also get in to Spring and talk about interesting insects.



Grasshopper News

Grasshopper I -Ms. Anikia Jefferson -
Lead Teacher, Ms. Katie Brooks,
Assistant Teacher

Grasshopper II -Naomi Cogbill - Lead
Teacher, Keysha Porter, Assistant
Teacher

Here we go with a brand-new month and a brand-new opportunity to influence the development of your little ones! We will “March into

Spring” and celebrate Good Friday, Easter and so much more!
Throughout the month, we will learn about pinwheels, kites and windsocks. We will also learn about the wonders of Spring in nature; caterpillars turn into butterflies, etc.

Caterpillar News

Caterpillar I - Tammi McCullough
Caterpillar II-Melissa Anderson

This month Caterpillars will be learning around the theme “Marching into Spring”. We will experience the wonders of the season changing. We will begin our month by celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. We will be reading and sharing his

books all month with our seasonal lessons. We will have a blast with our Easter Class parties and Egg Hunt!

Butterfly News

This month we will work on developing language, developing concepts and word recognition. We will do various activities that will help us with these concepts. class. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16th. Be sure to wear Green! We will enjoy the much-welcomed

Spring weather by having a picnic lunch on the 16th as well. Towards the end of this month, we will have a lot of fun by creating our own Easter Eggs as well as incorporating hands on activities involving eggs that will really get their minds thinking!

KampKids News

The winter is behind us and we are seeing the signs of spring everywhere! March 12-16th is Kamp Kids Spring Break 2018. This is for elementary age children (K-5th Grade). The sign-up sheet is in the front lobby, space is limited, so sign up today! The calendar of events for the week will be out by Wednesday March 7th with all the exciting details!

Read Across America to Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."

What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday than reading to a child? On the evening of March 2nd (Dr. Seuss's birthday), Random House and National Education Association urge you to participate in the second annual Read Across America and read to a child.

Why Celebrate Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss epitomizes a love of children and learning. Also, his use of rhyme makes his books an effective tool for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful. When we celebrate Dr. Seuss and reading we send a clear message to America's children that reading is fun and important.

Great Books by Dr. Seuss

- [Look for the Lorax](#)
- [Now You See Me](#)
- [Here We Go, Go, Go, Go!](#)
- [Hooper Humperdink...? Not Him!](#)
- [Would You Rather Be a BullFrog?](#)
- [Going Buggy!](#)
- [The Eye Book](#)
- [Oh, Give Me a Home!](#)

New Students



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We would like to welcome the following children and teachers to Bright Ideas:

- Emersyn B.
- Callie C.
- Mariah G.
- Caiden S.
- Caleb C.
- Keon C.
- Aubrey G.
- Tyler M.
- Braylon P.
- Annabeth C.

WELCOME

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We would like to wish the following a Very Happy Birthday:

- Brooklyn H-Roly Poly
- Brandon J.-Roly Poly
- Addison L-Grasshopper
- Cooper Scott-Grasshopper
- Jaydien H.-Caterpillar
- Tiffany J.-Butterflies
- Aylany Z.-Kamp Kid
- Ms. Angela M.!

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