MARCH 2015

LENTEN FISH FRYS

5:30 - 7:30 PM

MARCH 13TH
MARCH 27TH



ADULTS-\$8.00

CHILDREN-\$5.00

DINNER WILL INCLUDE:

FISH, BAKED BEANS, COLESLAW, HUSH PUPPIES, GRITS, AND MACARONI & CHEESE

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

MARCH

13- Lenten Fish Fry 16-20- No VPK *(SHECC OPEN)* SAES Closed 27- Lenten Fish Fry

APRIL

- 3- SHECC, SAS, SAES CLOSED- Good Friday
- 5- Easter Sunday
- 14- Trike-A-Thon

23&24- Spring Photos

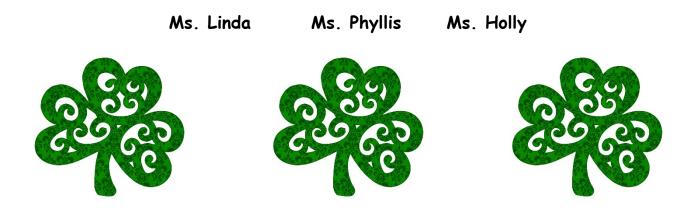
INFANTS

Welcome March! Another year is starting out fast. I can't wait till the sun is coming out a little more.

The babies are growing up so fast. **Benjamin** is crawling all over the place. He is pulling up and trying to walk. He has taken a few steps at home so it won't be long before he is walking everywhere here. He just moves things out of his way as he goes through. Look out girls, **Elizabeth** is sitting up very well. She enjoys being around the other babies. She loves to smile, tummy time, music and trying to talk. **Alexis** is starting to scoot a little. She has not mastered crawling but that does not stop her from getting where she wants to go. **Emma** is all over the place. She is pulling herself up. She loves playing with the musical toys and talking to her friends. **Elina** is walking everywhere. She loves to sing and dance so watch out Show Stoppers here she comes. She likes to play ball too. **Leanna** is pulling up and loves exploring the room seeing what she can find to play with. She enjoys her finger foods. She likes listening to music. **Andrew** is crawling very well and pulling up on things. He likes to hear the noise when he bangs on the highchair tray. He is a dancer. As soon as the music comes on, he is bouncing.

All of the older babies are teething, so we have a lot of chewing toys in the class. When the weather is nice we get to go on buggy rides, which is a favorite for everyone.

Thank you for your generous donations of snacks and wipes. We are truly blessed to have wonderful parents.





Happy St. Patrick's Day! March is here and spring is coming. We had lots of fun in February learning about the color red, hearts, and talking about love. We hope you enjoyed all of the Valentine art and cards we created.

We would like to welcome Elina and Jase to our classroom as they have moved up from the baby room. We are so happy to have them and are very excited to get to know them and watch them grow over the next year they will be with us.

This month we will be learning about St. Patrick's Day, the Color Green, and Spring. We will focus on St. Patrick's Day and the color green for the first 2 weeks by painting and stamping with green and making shamrocks. We will also be looking for lucky shamrock coins in the sensory box and looking for green things outside on the playground. During the last 2 weeks we will focus on spring by talking about how it is warming up outside and the trees and grass are blooming and turning green again. We will also be talking about baby animals and stamping with farm animal stamps and looking for bugs in the sensory box and for real bugs outside on the playground.

Thank you for all of your support and donations during our fundraisers. We appreciate all you do for us. We have 2 more fish frys coming up this month, so please sign up to help and/or stop by for some delicious food. Hope to see you there!!

Thank you for allowing us the privilege to know and care for your child. We hope you have a blessed and happy March.

Ms. Jennifer Ms. Sandy Ms. Tiffany Ms. Katherine



TWOS

As March comes "marching" in, we need to listen to the tunes of the weather for cues in how to dress for Florida's ever-changing seasons. Layering is always a good idea for the cold weather days here, as they usually change rapidly to warm and even hot! - in the span on only a few hours. An example of ideal layering is a thin a pair of shorts followed by a pair of sweatpants and a t-shirt with a long-sleeved shirt. The children should always wear closed toes shoes with socks for foot protection. With this style of dressing as the day warms up, we can easily adapt to the new conditions. Lastly, please periodically check your child's basket to make sure they have plenty of spare clothes for both cold and hot weather.

We will spend March "springing" forward, learning about the many changes the spring season brings, talking about animals and their babies, and discussing that there are lots of babies born in spring. We will be singing lots of action songs like "Ring Around the Rosie", "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes", "If your happy and you know it", and "The Wheels on the Bus".

We appreciate donations of new sensory materials but can always use more dried beans, dry grits, whole corn kernels, boxes of rock salt, bulk sized bottles of hand lotion, or cans of shaving cream. Or, if you have any other kinds of materials that could be interesting for little ones to touch, smell, or handle, feel free to talk to Ms. Shelley about bringing them in. Just please be aware that any donated lotions or other items must not have the label "Keep out of reach of children" anywhere on the packaging. We genuinely appreciate all you do and donate, it makes a huge difference in our classrooms ability to function well.

Ms. Shelley Ms. Taylor Ms. Amber



ORESCHOOL I

This Lenten season we are going to learn about Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Our Unit will be about Life Cycles. We will talk about the life cycle of a caterpillar, a chicken, and a frog. We will begin with the Very Hungry Caterpillar. God blessed us with the gift of life on earth and while we are here we have many journeys just like a caterpillar, chicken, and frog.

We are also continuing our Lenten journey by having a "Palm Sunday Procession" on March 27^{th} . The children will walk to church with their palms singing Hosanna.

Save the date: April 2nd! We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt. We ask that each child bring 12-24 filled eggs. Please remember that we are a **PEANUT/TREE NUT FREE** center. A signup sheet for party foods will be posted later in the month.

SHECC will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, in observance of Good Friday.

Ms. Vicki Ms. Alyssa Ms. Sara Ms. Katie



Our themes for this month are Spring and Easter. Some of the activities we will be working on are planting lima beans, making pinwheels, matching and sorting plastic eggs, observing what happens to an egg left in vinegar just to name a few. We will also continue discussing Lent and adding to our Lenten cross.

I would like to thank any one that helped with the first fish fry by either making food, serving, or selling tickets. If you were not able to help last time, please try for this month. We have one on the 13th and the last one is on the 27th. Your help is greatly appreciated.

On Thursday, April 2nd, we will be having our annual Easter party and egg hunt. We ask that everyone bring in a dozen pre-filled plastic eggs to use for the hunt. A sign-up sheet for party items will be posted later this month. The center will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, in observance of Good Friday.

Lastly thank you to those that have brought in snacks, juice, and/or wipes.

Ms. Liliana Ms. Natalie Ms. Amber Ms. Tessa



WPH.

March is upon us and time is moving quickly. We're enjoying the warmer days and well as the cool evenings. Please check to make sure you are not missing any jackets or sweaters.

We'll begin this month with a study of <u>Authors and Illustrators</u>, by celebrating <u>Dr. Seuss' Birthday</u>. We will read his books and practice our rhyming words, put together our Lorax floor puzzles and use our memory skills as we play our Dr. Seuss Matching game.

The week of March 9 we move on to <u>Laura Numeroff</u>. Her books "If you give a" (Mouse a Cookie, Dog a Donut, Cat a Cupcake and Moose a Muffin...) etc., help us learn about making predictions and looking for the outcome in our stories. This is a very useful pre-reading skill. We will also create our own story - "If you give (Ms. Kathy's, Ms. Katie's) Class a..." it will be interesting to see where the children take this story. March 16-20 is Spring Break for VPK. There will be full-day care for all wrap-around children. (Watch for more information.) Tuesday, March 17 is <u>St. Patrick's Day</u>, during this week we will sort Lucky Charms Cereal, create rainbows with our prisms and read several books on St. Patrick's Day and <u>Spring</u>.

Our last full week of the month will be spent enjoying books from the Author, <u>Eric Carle</u>. We practice our sequencing and the days of the week with the book, The Very Hungry Caterpillar and review our color words with Brown Bear, Brown Bear. (We will also taste our way through the week as we follow the adventures of the Very Hungry Caterpillar. Watch for more info.)

We are continuing our Lenten journey with "Our Lenten Way of the Cross". Each week we add a different symbol and saying a different prayer. These have helped us to remember the importance of Easter and its true meaning.

Important dates to remember:

March 13 and 27: Fish Fry (We need everyone's help!)

March 16-20: Spring Break for VPK

April 2: Our Annual Easter Party and Egg Hunt. A list will be posted for party items on our clipboards. If you are able to bring in 1 Dozen pre-filled eggs this will be very helpful.

Thank you everyone for remember a monthly snack donation.

Ms. Kathy Ms. Katie Sister Donna Sister Elizabeth



Hello parents and students, Happy Spring!!!

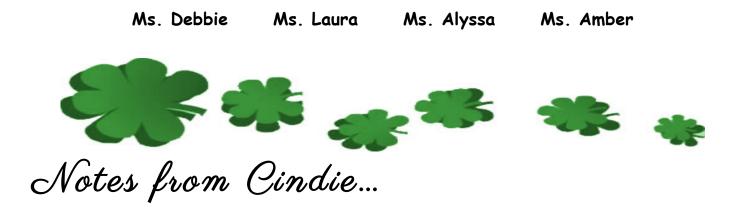
For the month of March our unit plan is Authors and Illustrators. The week of 2nd-6th, we will focus on Dr. Seuss. We will make crazy hats, read his books, and cook green eggs and ham. The week of the 9th-13th, our focus will be St. Patrick's Day. We will make shamrocks and decorate baskets with green ribbon and stickers to prepare for next week. Don't forget your green on Tuesday the 17th. The week of the 16th-20th, is spring break. We are all excited to have a break in the school schedule. We will finish up St. Patrick's Day and then create different art projects based on the children's favorite Illustrator. The last week of the month, the 23rd-31st, will be all

about Eric Carle. We are going to make a huge caterpillar made out of paper plates and paint it bright colors.

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I would like to extend a <u>HUGE</u> thank you to Amanda Palmerston's Grandma for all of the fabulous snacks that she donates to our class. Also a <u>HUGE</u> thank you to Ruby Collins Grandparents for all the eggs for our scrambled eggs. Last but not least a <u>HUGE</u> thank you to Lane Stallsmith's mom for all the bread for our morning toast. The kids loved our Ash Wednesday breakfast. They loved it so much I had to promise to do it once a month.

God bless you all!!! Have a wonderful month.



NEW SECURITY LOCK!!!! The safety of the children is most important to us. We are upgrading our centers security with the installation of cameras on the grounds and a security coded entry lock for the front door. All families will be given the security code for entrance and exit. The addition of this locking system will keep any unauthorized people out of the building and provides an active security feature in the event of a lockdown situation. This new lock also has the added benefit of keeping the children from leaving the building without their parents or authorized pick up person. Please play your part in helping keep the children safe by not sharing the code with anyone other than those authorized to pick up your children. Please do not teach the code to your children. While we want to foster independence in the classroom having

the children know the code defeats the purpose of the lock. We will be happy to answer any question or concerns that you have regarding the locking system. Please watch your child's folder for the code to come home.

Parent Teacher Association! March 23, 2015 @ 6:00-7:00 pm

Our school is nothing without you, Our Parents and Families. We are forming a new Parent Teacher Association for our school and invite everyone to get in on the ground floor of this important organization. We need parents that are ready and able to organize and lead this new group. The idea behind this group is for parents to have a forum to discuss parenting and child concerns, to take advantage of the training resources available through the Early Learning Coalition and as a way to enhance school to home communication that currently exist. It is also the goal that this organization will partner with the school effectively for fundraising and community events. The meeting for this first night will be to introduce ourselves to each other, share and define the goals of this new venture and elect parents to lead and organize it. All parents from all age groups including the before and after school group are invited and encouraged to attend. Please sign up in the front office if you are planning to attend and need care for your child during the meeting. Light snack refreshments will be served.

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Fish Fry on February 27, 2015. It was a great success ...We still have two more to go, so come on out and join the fun!!!