

## March 2020 Newsletter



### From the Directors:

We will be celebrating spirit week March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> to help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! Please see the schedule for the week below:

**Monday: Crazy Hair Day**

**Tuesday: Pajama Day**

**Wednesday: Wacky Day (Dress wacky or wear a costume)**

**Thursday: Hat Day**

**Friday: Crazy Sock Day**

We appreciate all the support we receive from our families!

### Tuition:

Friendly reminder that March tuition is now due. We bill on the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month and you have until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to pay. A \$45 late fee will be added to your account if payment is received after the 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Midland Fundraiser:

Back by popular demand, our spectacular spring fundraiser has returned! Whether you are looking for items for a special occasion or gifts for that special occasion, Midland has it all! This is the perfect opportunity to stock up on high quality gifts for family and friends while helping your school. The fundraiser will run March 2<sup>nd</sup> thru March 16<sup>th</sup> and information regarding the fundraiser was sent home in backpacks this week. The profits we receive we will help the school to purchase outside play equipment and teaching materials for our students!

### Lunch & Learn:

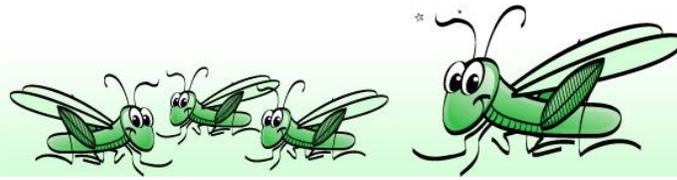
Our next Lunch & Learn session will begin on March 9<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup>! The theme for this next session is "Let's Plant a Garden". We have lots of fun indoor and outdoor activities planned! If you would like to enroll your child in this program you can e-mail us or stop by the office!

### DTPT Drop Zone:

We know that life can be busy and sometimes you just need a few extra hours in your day. We are here to help by ensuring that your child is comfortable, happy, and enjoying their time at our DTPT Drop Zone. This program was created to allow our families the convenience of leaving your little one at school for the day on a drop-in basis. Your child will stay and play while you get those few extra hours in your day.

**Hours: 9:00 to 12:00 pm or 12:30 to 3:30 pm**

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### Ms. Kristine Says...

**Frogs & Ladybugs:** Hi Frog and Ladybug Families! The educational character for February was Compassion and this theme was emphasized greatly this month. Half of our month was centered around Community Helpers. Some of the Community Helpers we learned about were police officers, construction workers, and doctors! They enjoyed learning about all the important people in our community and how they help us each day. Our next unit of focus was DINOSAURS! We made so many fun crafts, but their favorite activity was reading "Dinosaurs Love Underpants" and making their very own dino wearing underpants. We spent some of our Dinosaur week preparing for our Valentine's Day celebration which was a blast! The class had a blast decorating their bags, writing cards for their families and being able to give out Valentine treats to one another. We not only celebrated Valentine's Day, but we also were excited to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School! We did a full day's worth of activities, learning centers, and crafts surrounding this milestone. We've been working hard toward this special day and they were so proud of how much they've grown since the start of school. The class finished out our month learning about dental health and volcanoes! We learned all about what volcanoes are and what they do. We even made hanging 3D volcanoes and they were pretty awesome! March will be another exciting month. Our educational character will be Acceptance. This month we really want to emphasize that all our friends are different and that we should embrace the idea that there is no "perfect" way to do a craft or activity. "Uniqueness" is a word we will use quite often next month. We will have a very special take-home project called The Lucky Family Project. You will receive an activity to complete at home and return to class for your Frog or Ladybug to share with the class (more information to follow). We will kick off our month by learning about different types of Transportation: boats, cars, trucks, and even hot air balloons! Much of the month will focus on learning about Weather, so we will start off by learning about the Water Cycle and its different stages. We will practice our sequencing skills during this section. Finally, we will finish out the month by learning about all different types of weather, especially what the weather is like in the Desert and the Rainforest and what those different habitats are like—including the animals that live there and plants that grow there. We will also be keeping our eyes peeled for a sneaky leprechaun that has been causing mischief in our school. We hear he only comes out when it's very quiet, so we will see if we can get him to come out and play! 😊

### Ms. Teresa Says...

**Busy Bees:** I would like to thank everyone for all of my Valentine's Day goodies - my sweet cards, and candy. I really appreciate all of your kindness. The children had a great time decorating their bags with the stampers and stickers, and had a great time sharing their Valentines with their friends. February brought us a lot of crazy weather, so when we weren't able to go outside much, so we created our own fun! The Busy Bees used some pom-pom snowballs and created their own snowball fight! They had so much fun, and we were able to burn off a lot of extra energy too! Then, we discovered dinosaurs, and discussed how they were different from each other. We discovered some were carnivores (meat eaters), and some were herbivores (plant eaters). The children were able to excavate some dinosaur's bones, and then we made our own fossils. They made a paper volcano craft, and then they created their own eruption in the classroom volcano. They became scientists when they learned about "chemical reactions", mixing the baking soda and vinegar together. They really enjoyed watching the "lava" pouring out! Also, we talked about eating healthy food, and how to keep our teeth healthy by brushing our teeth at least two times a day. We discussed and learned the letters Rr, and Tt, and Vv, their sounds, along with reviewing our numbers in English and Spanish. In March we will be having more fun themes. We'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss Week, March 2 - 6. Each day will have a different theme. *Monday is Crazy Hair, Tuesday is PJ Day, Wednesday is Wacky Wed (feel free to go crazy and wild), Thursday is Hat Day, and Friday is Crazy Sock Day.* We will be learning about the rainforest and deserts, and about some of the animals that live in both environments. Also, we'll be learning about the weather and the effects it has on our environment and the animals around us. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day too! Our letters will be Qq, Xx, and Yy. We will continue to review the months, days of the week, our colors, and counting. We practice patterns on our calendar every day. The children are practicing tracing the letters in their names, using upper, and lower, case letters. As spring is approaching a reminder to check the clothes that are in your child's backpack to make sure that they still fit. Thank you for your support at home and school! I am looking forward to another great month!



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### Ms. Lorena Says...

**Inchworms:** February was a great month full of a lot of fun and love. This month we learned the letters "O", "P" and "Q". The educational character for February was compassion, and we read a book called "How to be a Lion" by Ed Vere. Then we learned about Dinosaurs and we created a stegosaurus out of paper plates. We also made sponge dinosaur paw prints and read great books about them. I think the children's favorite book was "How Dinosaurs Stay Safe". We also had an awesome time playing with dinosaur's toys, the dinosaur sensory bin, and counting and sorting the dinosaurs by colors. In the second week we learned more about dinosaurs. We also had some activities and crafts about it. In addition, we celebrated Valentine's Day and read a nice book about it. The children loved making their valentine crafts for their parents and being able to give Valentine treats to one another. We finished the week with a party where they danced, sang, and played with bobbles. I want to thank everyone for providing the valentines, cookies and cupcakes that some friends brought in to celebrate this day. They were delicious! Thank you also for my beautiful valentines, I really appreciate it!

In the third week we were able to review the letters "O" and "P" and learn about dental hygiene. We used playdoh, tooth and toothbrush cookie cutter to learn about it. Then we used white paint and toothbrushes to brush some teeth templates while talking about the importance of brushing our teeth. We read great stories about it to emphasize this topic. They really liked each activity and it was so cute to see the showing of their beautiful smiles. In the last week we learned about the different community jobs and helpers. I covered this topic by reading great books and talking about it. We made amazing crafts and activities that everyone enjoyed such as dressing up like police, firemen, and doctors. We also learned about the letter "Q".

March will be a month full of fun themes and activities also we will have our school Spirit week. I hope to see everyone participating. Our Educational character will be Acceptance. One way I plan to cover this topic is through our book of the month titled "The Mixed Up Chameleon" by Eric Carle. It is a book that talks about the importance of learning how we are different and learning how to accept ourselves. We will also learn the letters "R", "S" and "T". We will also learn about the Rainforest, Desert, Weather and Transportation. I am looking forward to another fun and productive month with your children!

### Ms. Melissa Says...

**Ladybugs:** It is hard to believe that Spring is coming around the corner. Our reward for this past month was cupcakes; they loved them! The best part of my month was encouraging your ladybugs to use manners, to help others, and to be an awesome friend to everyone. February was busy with learning to count by tens, sewing our heart craft, and making valentine cards for our parents. We are mastering our counting to a hundred and writing our full names. We are continuing to write our full names on paper. The kids have also enjoyed making dinosaur crafts. They loved having their feet and hands traced to see how small their own feet are compared to a Tyrannosaurus Rex. I love watching them write the letter and number of the week in their journals. Be sure to ask to see their journals, they love showing them off and gaining stickers for their fantastic work. The class is always working on manners and listening skills. We are a class that works together at learning and always helping one another at clean up time. They children ask every day to explore the music & movement room! They get their wiggles out by flying like a butterfly or roaring like dinosaurs. We 've also had fun in the Math & Science room where we have learned about balancing blocks and balancing a scale, which was their favorite activity. In March we will learn about acceptance of who are and read a few books about what it means. They will explore what they want to be when they grow up, from the book "A Dream You'll Be" by Joseph T. Garcia. They will draw themselves in the role they pick.

We will keep enjoying the Math & Science room to see how long it takes for water to evaporate and enjoying all sorts of things relating to mineral & plain rocks. During March we learn about our weather and what types there are. They will be making a St. Patty's craft for you to cherish. Then we will be learning about desert animals, like where their habitats are and what they look like. Keep eye out for the fun crafts, and the worksheets we will be working on. They will keep working on their cutting skills, writing skills and pasting skills. Our letter sound skills are getting better each time we work on them. Students are practicing math during center time. Some are even working on addition. They are excited to add numbers such as  $2+2=4$ . Please ask them about it! As always, practicing these skills at home will help reinforce them. I can't wait for Spring to come so we can plant flowers, watch the trees grow new leaves, and of course, to get more exercise outdoors!

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### Ms. Kristy Says...

#### Busy Bees:

February has been a fun month filled with lots of learning discoveries. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a card exchange and special snack to celebrate our friendship. The children did a great job handing out their cards! Then we learned about the letters R, T and V. The children have been working very hard on learning how to grip writing instruments to trace letters and how to identify the letters of the alphabet, especially the ones in their names. This month we created dinosaurs with spikes that spelled out their names. They used their name plates to identify and match the letters. During review week, we work on our Letter Stamping Books, where they stamp each letter, trace the letters, say the letter and the sound and paste a picture of something that begins with the letter. We made dinosaur paintings and dinosaur footprints in playdough to compare different tracks. We also learned about some other Ice Age animals like the Woolly Mammoth, which they painted and made pictures of. For math this month, we continued to work on identifying numbers, counting, shapes and patterns. We matched numbers to dinosaur cards, counted each spike and placed them on the dinosaurs. We also used conversation hearts to count on ten frames and to learn about non-standard measurement. We also made heart patterns and played matching shape games. And we continued to work on our Number Journals. We also did a science experiment where we learned about volcanoes and we made our own volcanoes in a bag. The children had a great time with this activity!

We're looking forward to March, which is going to be another scientific month for us as we dive into learning about different habitats including the rainforest, the desert and learn about the water cycle. We will do another science experiment to find out what happens when water evaporates. We will be making crafts that represent the animals and plant life from these habitats, such as poison dart frogs, snakes, chameleons and cactus pictures. We will read about how March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We will learn about the letters Qq, Xx and Yy. March will also bring Spirit Week March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>. And with St. Patrick's Day on the horizon, it will no doubt be a magical month as well, filled with rainbow crafts, leprechauns, windsocks and lots of gold!



### Ms. Lorena Says...

#### Mariposas: Hello Daytime Playtime parents!

February was a fun and wonderful month. Our character of the month was "Compassion" and I read a book called "How to be a Lion" by Ed Vere. It shows the value of having compassion. Then we started learning about Dinosaurs (Dinosaurs =Dinosaurios). I read some awesome books about them. One of their favorites was "Three little Dinosaurs" which is a story about three good friends. They liked it so much that they asked me to read it again a couple of times. We also made beautiful crafts and a dinosaur collage out of magazine paper and baby dinosaur eggs with paper plates (you can check them out on our bulletin board outside of our classroom). Also, the children had a great time with the dinosaur sensory bin and the dinosaur toys. We also celebrated Valentine's Day (Dia de San Valentin), (Friends=Amigos, Love=Amor). We did so by making a valentine themed craft and filling paper bags with valentine treats that children brought to class. Thank you! We also sang and danced together, and ate delicious cupcakes. Then we covered our unit about Dental Health (Hygiene Dental). We read a fun book called "Bear's Loose Tooth" (Tooth=Diente) and got crafty making teeth and toothbrushes (Toothbrushes= Cepillo de dientes) to go along with it. Their most favorite thing was playing with playdoh and making teeth and toothbrushes with it in addition to singing songs, dancing and going to our music and movement room. In our last week we enjoyed talking about community jobs/helpers. We read a great book to cover it. We made an amazing craft, a fire truck ( Carro de bomberos) out of paper plates, and had activities that everyone enjoyed such as dressing up like police man (Policia), firemen (Bombero), and doctors (Doctor). Also, we had fun playing a game called "Community helpers can" where I used Popsicle sticks.

There is much more to come in March. We will have a month full of fun activities, also we will have our school Spirit week. I hope to see everyone participating. We will also be covering our units on the Rainforest, Desert, Weather and Transportation. I am planning to have stories and crafts that can go along with each theme of every unit. Our Educational Character will be "Acceptance" which I am planning to read a book called "The Mixed-up Chameleon" along with some fun activities where children can practice and identify this important value. I very much look forward to more productive and fun filled packed months with our Spanish Mariposas.

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### Ms. Sam Says...

**Busy Bees & Inchworms:** February has been a wonderful month getting to know all of the children in the class! I am so excited about the next few months, so I can get to know them even better while learning and having fun each day. This month the class worked on the letters R, T, and V. We made crafts for each letter and the kids did very well! In February, the children learned about dinosaurs, prehistoric animals, our teeth, and volcanos. We enjoyed digging for fossils, cleaning them, and looking at them closer with the magnifying glass. In the second week of February we did cave paintings of woolly mammoths which included their handprints. This is the way they "signed" their prehistoric cave paintings. During the third week, we counted teeth with a marshmallow craft, learned about brushing our teeth, and painted with a toothbrush. They all really enjoyed this unit. In the final week of February, we talked all about volcanos! We did a fun volcano science experiment along with an art project. The children used a straw to make the hot lava come out of their volcano artwork. They had a great time making this project, and thought it was very funny to use the straw to make the paint move. Coming up in March, we will be learning all about rainforests, deserts, transportation, and the weather cycle! We will learn the weather cycle through Drippy the Raindrop's adventures. We have plans to make snakes, and a sensory cactus for art. We will paint with some tin foil and make a train out of our names. Our letters for the month are Q, X, and Y, and we will also have a week to review. We will continue working on letter recognition and sounds along with counting and shapes. I am incorporating this throughout the day into each activity as we have a very active and fun group!! I am looking forward to learning more and more about each child the next few months. If you ever have any questions, please let me know.

