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Peppermint Patty's Newsletter

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What's Happening?

February was an extremely busy month and our year is only just getting started. This past month we had fun exploring artists and other things as we learned all about using our imagination.

In the month of March we celebrate literacy. Establishing good reading habits at a young age is important for future success. We will kick off our March

theme of Children's Authors with a Dr. Seuss spirit Week! Check your calendar and Pro-care for what to wear each day and check out the article on page 2 for more information about what we will be doing to celebrate literacy this month.

Finally, we hope to have some St. Patrick's day fun on March 17th. We will be doing a leprechaun treasure hunt.

The poor leprechaun has lost his treasure and it is scattered around the Owl classroom. When you pick your child up on St. Patrick's Day they can search the classroom for his gold coins. When they find one they can trade it in with Ms. Audra for a special treat.

Let's have a great month! Let me know if you have any questions, comments, or praise for our teachers.

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Summer is Coming...

It is hard to believe but summer will be here before we know it. We are busy making preparations for a fun summer. We want you to be prepared and give you a heads up of what to expect. There will be a one time activity fee that will be charged at the beginning of May. The fee will be \$10 for Butterflies and \$100 for Duck and \$125 for Owls. These may be prepaid anytime before summer starts or will be automatically charged the week of May 4th. We will be having weekly water play days in July for all classes. Toddlers and up will need a swimsuit and water shoes (no flip flops) on their designated water play day. Finally, we will be having sack lunch days once a week so they will need a lunch box with an ice pack. Summer activity calendars will be available at the end of April. Let us know if you have any questions.



Monthly Reminders:

- Please make sure to call the office by 9am if you are running late or will be absent. Or use the ProCare app to message us!
- Spring will be here before we know it, along with warmer weather. Please make sure your child is wearing closed toed shoes with backs and shorts under skirts and dresses.
- Please make sure that you are labeling all of your child's supplies, including hats & gloves so that if they get separated we can get them back to their owner.



Literacy Month



Easter Party



Did you know that reading as little as 6 minutes a day can lower stress, slow your heart beat, ease muscle tension, & alter your state of mind? Did you know that if a child reads for 20 minutes everyday they are exposed to about 1.8 million words of text every year. Reading is food for you and that is why we want to celebrate it's importance all month long! We are going to start off with a reading challenge. You can pick up a reading log at the main check in station. Read at least 20 books this month, record

them on the log and than your child can turn in the log and receive a free book!

Need more books? We will be sending out a book order this month and everyone who places an order will get a free bonus book!

We will be looking for parent volunteers to come in and be guest readers this month. Talk with your child's teacher to set up a time to come in if you are interested.

Join us this month and let's get that love for reading off on the right foot.

Our Easter party and egg hunt will be on Friday April 3rd. We will also be having a picnic on this day for lunch. Every child will need to bring a healthy sack lunch with a drink. Each child will also need an Easter basket or bag to collect their eggs in. Finally, a link will be sent out in Procure with a sign up genius link for help with treats, plastic eggs, and candy filler.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Calendar of Events



March 2nd- Cat in the Hat Day!
Wear your favorite hat and/or stripes.

March 3rd- Green Eggs & Ham Day
Wear Green!

March 4th- Wacky Wednesday!
Wear clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched

March 4th- Ernie Miller Nature Center 10am

March 5th- The Grinch Day!
Wear a Christmas shirt

March 6th- The Sleep Book Day!
Wear your PJs & bring your favorite book.

March 8th- Spring Forward!! Set your clocks ahead by 1 hour

March 9th- Library Reader 10am

March 11th- Wear Gray

March 17th- Leprechaun's Gold Hunt

March 18th- Wear red, yellow, or orange

March 19th- Book Orders Due

March 20th- First Day of Spring!

March 25th- Wear red, blue, or purple!

March 31st- Last Day to turn in your reading logs

Spring Weather

The weather may be getting warmer but please keep these things in mind when dressing in the morning:

*We go outside early in the morning before it warms up, please make sure they have their warmer coats

* They still need hats and gloves for some of our chilly mornings

* Boots are nice for playing outside after the rain or snow.

* Layers are best so they can shed as they get warm. Better to be able to take layers off then have none to put on.



Volunteering

Thank you to the Carter/Cade family for volunteering to come in and teach our Owl class and Duck class about a couple of inventors for Black History Month. If you would like to volunteer to come do an activity with a class, please let us know. We would love to have you!





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Show us some love this month and every month by giving us a 5 star review on Google. Go to Google to write the review or scan the QR code here in the newsletter.

Please let me know if you have any comments, questions, or concerns. I am always here to help.

Happy Birthday!

Celebrating this month are:

Sahara turns 4

on the 1st!

Ayden turns 4

on the 4th!

Noah turns 4

on the 4th!

Royal turns 5

on the 13th!

Gianna turns 3

on the 25th!

Kason turns 4

on the 26th!



"Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!'"
— Robin Williams



March Theme



Theme: Children's Authors - This theme is all about exploring the authors that write the children's books we have come to know & love. Authors discussed may include but are not limited to; Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Eric Litwin, Laura Numeroff, and Lois Ehlert.

Our Character Respectful- treat others the way you want to be treated