

Bright Ideas Enrichment Center, Inc

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Director's News

This month is going to be filled with many fun activities! Please keep an eye out for reminders so that your child(ren) is/are included in all of this month's events.

Since St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we will celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** on **Friday, March 15th**. Make sure your child(ren) wear(s) **green** to school that day! Keep an eye out for a party sign-up sheet in your child(ren)'s classroom(s).

Throughout the first week of March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! We will participate in the following themes for Dr. Seuss's birthday week:

- Monday - Crazy Hat & Hair Day**
- Tuesday - Dr. Seuss Crazy Sock Day**
- Wednesday - Dress like your favorite Book Character Day**
- Thursday - P.J. Day & Bring your favorite Dr. Seuss Book!**
- Friday - Tacky Day**



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Upcoming Events

- Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration
Dr. Seuss Week 3/4 - 3/8
- Spring Break
3/11 - 3/15
- St. Patrick's Day - 3/17

Early Childhood Education Corner

Learning How to Read

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.
- Different words have different sounds.
- There are familiar and unfamiliar words.

These are all emergent literacy skills or 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(ren) learn about different topics, understand how stories are structured, and how characters are built in stories. Your child(ren) will also learn the following:

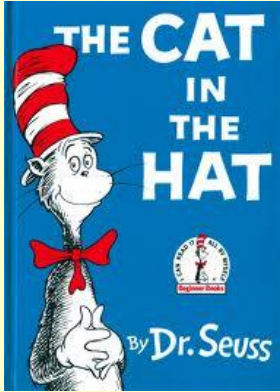
- Text is words written down.
- Letters in a specific order form a word.
- There are spaces between words.

Understanding these basic concepts will help when your child(ren) begin formal reading instruction in school.

Roly Poly News

Lead Teachers: Ms. Kelsey Fields & Ms. Stephanie Smith

Assistant Teacher: Ms. Sofia Mercado



“Top of the mornin’ to ya!” The infant room is full and bursting with fun and excitement around every corner! March is here, and we are ready to explore the color **green** and the shape of Shamrocks.

Cuddlebug News

Cuddlebug I Lead Teacher: Ms. Shelby Mathews

Cuddlebug II Lead Teacher: Ms. Tamia Brown

Cuddlebug II Assistant Teacher: Ms. Ashley Gray

This month, we’ll be celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday, exploring the winds, and looking into the world of birds and butterflies. We will also learn about springtime and the interesting insects that come along with the new season!

Shapes: Circle and Oval

Colors: **Yellow**, **Orange** and **Green**

Grasshopper News

Grasshopper I Lead Teacher: Ms. Tracy Watkins

Grasshopper II Lead Teacher: Ms. Santeria Fields

Grasshopper II Assistant Teacher: Ms. Angela Moore

During the first week of March, we will “March into Spring” and celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday! Throughout the month, we will learn about pinwheels, kites, and windsocks. We will also learn about the wonders of spring in nature, such as how caterpillars become beautiful butterflies!

Caterpillar News

Caterpillars 1 Lead Teacher: Ms. Anikia Jefferson

Caterpillars II Lead Teacher: Ms. Naomi Cogbill

Caterpillars II Assistant Teacher: Ms. Sheretta Merritt

This month, the Caterpillars will experience the wonders of the seasons changing. We will begin the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday by reading and sharing his classic books. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book to share!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you’ll go.”

— [Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*](#)

Butterfly News

Lead Teacher: Ms. Michelle
Canerdy

Assistant Teacher: Ms. Sukesha
Porter

This month, we will work on developing language, concepts, and word recognition. Throughout the first week of March, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! Please bring your favorite Dr. Seuss book to share with the class! We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 15th. Be sure to wear **green**!

Kamp Kids News

Winter is behind us, and we are beginning to see springtime everywhere! Please remember that Spring Break is March 11th - March 15th.

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 by 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 We 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!

Some Favorites 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 Faces

We would like to welcome the following students and teachers to Bright Ideas Enrichment Center!

- Wyatt Cook
- Roger Abernathy
- Addison Lyon
- Joshua Battles
- Ms. Emily
- Ms. Michelle
- Ms. Tamia
- Ms. Allison
- Ms. Bonnie

WELCOME

Don't forget about our Referral Program! If you refer a family to Bright Ideas and they stay for 4 weeks, you will receive 1 week of FREE tuition!

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish the following students a very Happy Birthday this month!

- Brandon Jones Jr. - 3/1
- Nora Hurst - 3/9
- Phoenix Horton - 3/10
- Carla Zaki - 3/19
- Brooklyn Harmon - 3/21
- Eden Hawkins - 3/23
- Cooper Scott - 3/24
- Kal-El Williams - 3/26
- Addison Lyon - 3/31



Reminders

Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, March 10th.

Please ensure that your child(ren) has/have a weather appropriate change of clothes in their cubby/cubbies and that all items are labeled.

Please ensure that your child(ren) has/have a crib sheet(s) and blanket(s) for naptime.



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