

# Bright Ideas

## “Marching into Spring”

Here we go with a brand new month and a brand new opportunity to influence the development of your child(ren)! As we “March into Spring,” your child(ren) will experience the wonders of the changing season.

- Week One: “A Tribute to Dr. Seuss”

“The more that you learn, the more that you know, the more that you know, the more places you’ll go.” As March begins, the educators of America promote reading to children with the celebration of Dr. Seuss, one of the most beloved children’s authors.

- Week Two: “March Winds”

March winds bring thoughts of kites, windmills, weathervanes, and windsocks blowing in the breeze. This week, your children will explore the effects of the winds as they learn about how it moves wind chimes and kites around and changes the springtime weather.

- Week Three: “Birds and Butterflies”

As we continue “Marching into Spring,” the warm weather begins to return, and the spring skies start to change, too. We see adult birds returning from their winter homes, baby birds starting to fly, and butterflies beginning to flap their wings as they emerge from their cocoons.

- Week Four: “Spring Things”

Spring brings many new things for your child(ren) to explore and learn about—fresh flowers, new plants, budding trees, baby animals, and green grass.



## Fun Facts about St. Patrick's Day!

1. St. Patrick was a patron of Ireland. A patron is an individual who gives financial and other support to a person, organization, cause, or activity.
2. The shamrock is now the official flower of Ireland.
3. The highest number of leaves found on a shamrock clover was 14. It is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.
4. Legend says that finding a four-leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day will bring you luck. Each clover leaf represents something different. The first leaf represents hope. The second leaf represents faith. The third leaf represents love. The fourth leaf represents luck.
5. The color green represents Ireland. Ireland is also called "The Emerald Isle".
6. The Irish flag is green, white, and orange. Green represents the people of the South, Orange represents the people of the North, and White represents the peace that brings the North and South together.
7. Dublin is the capital of Ireland.
8. In Dublin, they celebrate the St. Patrick's Day Festival March 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.
9. During the St. Patrick's Day Festival, there is a parade, carnival, treasure hunt and dances.
10. In Ireland, people wear shamrocks on their jackets and hats. Children wear green, white, and orange – the colors of their flag, and girls wear green ribbons in their hair.
11. Did you know that a leprechaun is a type of fairy in Irish folklore?

## Celebrate at home!

### Ingredients

- Lime Sherbet
- Lemon Lime Soda

### Instructions

1. In a drinking cup (I recommend a clear glass), add 2-3 scoops of lime sherbet. \*Feel free to adjust according to the size of your cup and your personal preference. Slowly pour lemon-lime soda over the sherbet. Be careful – it will foam up and rise, so don't pour too quickly! Serve immediately with straws and spoons.



## **Sick Policy**

Sick children may NOT be brought to the center for care. Should your child(ren) become ill at the center, you will be informed, and you may need to make arrangements to pick up your child(ren). It is required that we have on file the names, addresses, and phone numbers of persons authorized to pick up your child(ren). It is also necessary for us to have the name and phone numbers of your physician and preferred hospital.

Children will not be allowed to remain at the center should any of the following symptoms occur:

- Fever – A body temperature of 101.00 or more
- Diarrhea – Three or more watery stools in an eight-hour period or if cannot be contained in the diaper or if diarrhea is causing soiled clothing in toilet-trained children
- Vomiting
- Rash – Any unknown skin eruption

When your child(ren) is/are absent due to illness, please notify the center. Children absent due to contagious disease may not return to Bright Ideas without a signed statement from a physician indicating that the child(ren) is/are no longer contagious and can return to center activities. Please remember that when your child(ren) is/are sent home with a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting, they must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to the center.

## **Medicine Policy**

We realize that there are times when your child(ren) may need medication during the day. With children's health and safety in mind, Bright Ideas staff will administer only dated, **pharmacy-labeled** medication at mid-day, including topical medications, such as diaper rash cream, triple antibiotic ointment, etc. We ask that you complete a Medicine Authorization form each week that your child(ren) is/are to receive medication.



# Happy Birthday!

## STUDENT BIRTHDAYS:

Aedin Shahan - 3/5  
Maddalynn White - 3/14  
Ava Ifill - 3/14  
Grayson Moore - 3/15  
Luke Hartle - 3/20  
Harpar Padgett - 3/21  
Haylee Perry - 3/23  
Tessa Hatton - 3/23  
Diesel Hinson - 3/28

## STAFF BIRTHDAYS:

Ms. Jamelia - 3/12  
Ms. Kara - 3/22

