



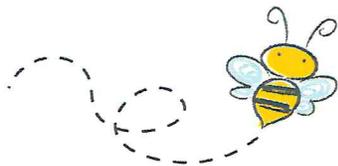
# MARCH NEWS

## What's the BUZZ?

Busy Little Bees will be participating in Read Across America Week! We encourage everyone to dress up with the themes of each day that are listed in our event calendar. We will also celebrate Holi, St. Patrick's Day, Eid al-Fitr, and Easter to embrace multiculturalism throughout March!

## Attachments

- Busy Little Bees Event Calendar
- The Hive Flyer
- Reading Challenge
- Recipe
- Raising Little Readers: The Power of Play in Teaching Leadership to Preschoolers



## Important Dates

### EVENTS AT THE HIVE

- 3/02- 3/06: Read Across America Week!
- 3/04: Happy Holi!
- 3/07: The Hive (11AM-1PM)
- 3/10: Silly McGilly Arrives!
- 3/17: St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- 3/20: Eid al-Fitr Celebration
- 3/21: The Hive (11AM-1PM)
- 3/26: Parent- Teacher Conferences  
(Half day for students!)
- 3/31: Easter Egg Hunt
- 4/01: Busy Little Bees Passover Celebration  
*Spring Art Program Gallery!*
- 4/02: Orthodox Easter Celebration  
(Half day for students!)

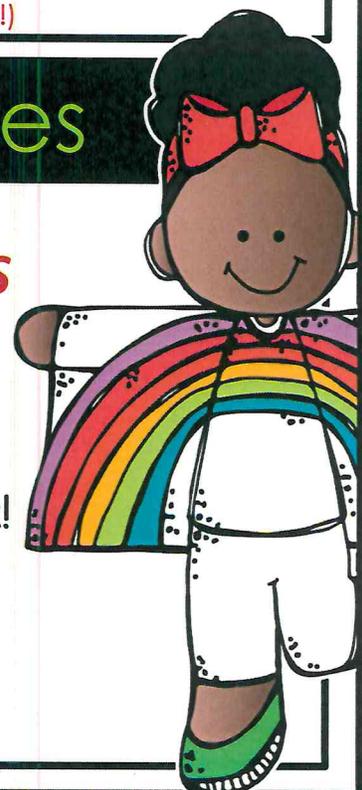


## Upcoming April Dates

April 2026						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

### CALENDAR DATES

April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Half Day!  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>: School closed for Spring Break!



# Busy Little Bees

Preschool And More



# March

2026



READ ACROSS  
AMERICA WEEK!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Dress like your favorite book! 	3 Wear Your Favorite Hat or Silly Hat!	HOLI! 4 Wear everything in your class color!	Dress like your favorite Superhero! 	Ms. Eriny's Birthday! 6 Wear your favorite pajamas! 	7 The Hive 11AM-1PM 
8	9	10 Silly McGilly Arrives! 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Ms. Emily's Birthday! St. Patrick's Day Celebration! 	18	19	20 Eid al-Fitr Celebration 	21 The Hive 11AM-1PM 
22	23 Ms. Maria's Birthday! 	24	25	26 Parent-Teacher Conferences HALF DAY!	27	28
29	30	31 Easter Egg Hunt 	April 1st Ms. Quira's Birthday! Passover Celebration 	April 2nd Orthodox Easter Celebration Half Day!	April 3rd School closed for Spring Break 4/3- 4/10	

Notes:

- 3/02- 3/06: Join Busy Little Bees in celebrating Read Across America Week! We encourage all students to dress up to match the theme of each day! We are so excited for our guest readers to join us!
- 3/04: Our Busy Little Bees will be celebrating the Hindu spring festival of color, love, and community- Holi! It is also pizza day for the entire school.
- 3/07: Busy Little Bees presents The Hive! Sign up at [busylittlebees.org](http://busylittlebees.org) to be added to the email list for future dates!
- 3/10: Silly McGilly arrives at Busy Little Bees just before St. Patrick's Day! This little leprechaun likes to play tricks on the classrooms until we can catch him on St. Patrick's Day.
- 3/17: Our Busy Little Bees will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and say goodbye to Silly McGilly... while celebrating Miss Emily's Birthday with a school-wide pizza party! Please wear green to celebrate the day!
- 3/20: It is the end of Ramadan, known as Eid al-Fitr. Busy Little Bees will celebrate by reading books and discussing the moon, stars, and the significance of starting a new day.
- 3/21: Busy Little Bees presents The Hive! Please join us for our mega play date, we hope to see you there!
- 3/26: Busy Little Bees will be hosting Parent- Teacher Conferences! **Today is a half day for students (12:15p.m. dismissal!)**
- 3/31: Our Busy Little Bees will celebrate Easter with our Easter Egg Hunt!
- 4/01: Busy Little Bees will be hosting an open art gallery dedicated to displaying the creations from "This City is My Home" Spring Art Program, from 5-7 p.m.! Light refreshments will be served.



# Busy Little Bees

**P**reschool **A**nd **M**ore

**PRESENTS**

## The Hive

A NEUTRAL LOCATION DEDICATED FOR A PURPOSEFUL PLAYDATE IN A FAMILIAR PLACE FOR ALL TO GATHER.

WE ARE INVITING PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO JOIN US AT THE HIVE TWO TIMES PER MONTH, FOR TWO HOURS, FOR A MEGA PLAYDATE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME.

THIS IS 100% FREE TO ENCOURAGE CONNECTIVITY, SOCIAL SKILLS, AND CHILD INTERACTIONS ALONG WITH CREATING A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY FOR PARENTS. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR TOYS, WE WILL PROVIDE ALL THE FUN NEEDED! WATER BOTTLES WELCOME.

NOTE: CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED AND SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT FOR THEIR ENTIRE STAY AT THE HIVE. STAFFING WILL ONLY BE USED TO MONITOR THE SPACE AND HOSPITALITY, NOT TO SUPERVISE THE CHILDREN.

*March*

**DATES:**

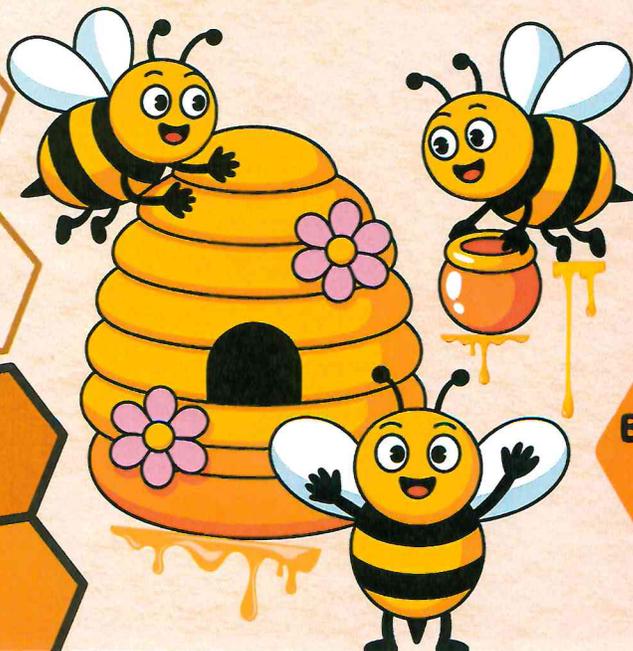
**MARCH 7TH  
MARCH 21ST**

**11AM TO 1PM**

**625 AVENUE C  
BAYONNE, NJ**

*Sign Up*  
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**BUSYLITTLEBEES.ORG  
TO BE ADDED TO  
THE EMAIL LIST  
FOR FUTURE  
DATES**

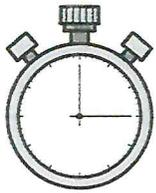


# March

## Reading Challenge



Read for 15  
minutes



Read on the  
toilet



Read while  
having a  
snack



Read a book  
with your nose  
plugged



Read a book  
with a clover  
on it



Read a book  
with treasure  
on the  
cover



Read a book  
with green  
on the  
cover.



Read laying on  
your belly



Take out a  
book from the  
library



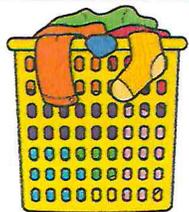
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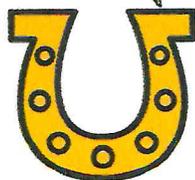
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Read a book  
about luck

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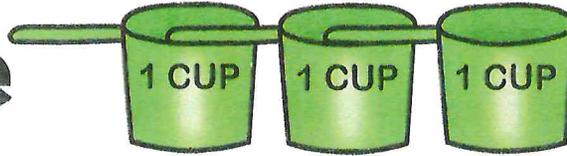


Read your  
favorite  
story



# SHAMROCK SHAKE- DIRECTIONS

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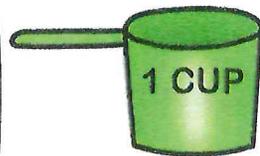
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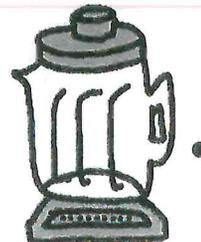
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4. Add



to



5. Now add 3 to 4 drops of



6. Turn the



and blend.

7. Pour into a



8. Add



to top of



. Enjoy!



# Raising Little Leaders: The Power of Play in Teaching Leadership to Preschoolers

In the bustling lives of modern families, every moment with our children is precious. For those of us dedicated to nurturing responsible, compassionate little humans, the early years are a golden opportunity to lay the foundations of leadership. Remarkably, one of the most effective and joyous methods to introduce these qualities at a preschool age is through something children naturally love: play.



## The Essence of Play in Leadership Development

At first glance, play might seem like mere fun and games. Yet, beneath the surface of laughter and imaginative adventures, play is a critical arena for learning. It's where children develop social skills, learn to solve problems, and, importantly, where they can explore the essence of leadership in a context that resonates with their understanding of the world.

## Strategies for Encouraging Leadership Through Play



**1. Cooperative Games:** Unlike competitive games, where the focus is on winning, cooperative games encourage children to work together towards a common goal. This form of play not only

fosters teamwork but also teaches children the value of collaboration and communication, pillars of effective leadership.



**2. Role-playing:** By engaging in role-playing, children step into the shoes of leaders and followers alike. They can be superheroes saving the day, captains of ships navigating the vast oceans, or doctors in a busy hospital. This not only stretches their imagination but also allows them to experience and understand different aspects of leadership such as empathy, decision-making, and responsibility.



**3. Problem-solving Activities:** Puzzles, building blocks, and strategy games are excellent tools for developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills. These activities challenge children to think ahead, consider various outcomes, and make decisions—key components of leadership.



**4. Encouraging Independence:** While it might be quicker and easier to do things for our children, allowing them the space to try, fail, and succeed on their own is invaluable. Simple tasks like choosing their clothes, helping with meal preparation, or organizing their play area can boost their confidence and promote independence.



**5. Modeling and Guidance:** Children learn a great deal by observing the adults in their lives. By modeling positive leadership behaviors such as empathy, patience, and fairness, we can provide a live example for our children to emulate. Furthermore, guiding them gently through their interactions, encouraging them when they display leadership qualities, and discussing the outcomes of different actions can reinforce these lessons.

## The Impact of Leadership Skills Learned Through Play

The leadership skills children develop through play extend far beyond their early years, influencing their approach to challenges, relationships, and opportunities throughout their lives. By learning to cooperate, solve problems, and take on responsibilities from a young age, children are better prepared to navigate the complexities of the world with confidence and compassion.

Moreover, these early lessons in leadership also contribute to a child's sense of self-worth and their understanding of their ability to make a positive impact on the world around them. This is particularly important in today's fast-paced, often challenging world, where the capacity to lead with kindness and confidence can make all the difference.

## **Making Life a Little Easier for Busy Families**

For busy families, knowing that your child is developing into a responsible and compassionate individual through play can offer a great sense of relief and achievement. It turns the playtime that already fills your home into a valuable learning experience, without adding to the day's stress or to-do list. This approach to teaching leadership is not only effective but also enjoyable, creating precious memories and strengthening bonds.

Incorporating these strategies into your daily routine doesn't require extra time or resources; it simply involves a slight shift in perspective towards the activities your child already enjoys. By recognizing and utilizing the opportunities for leadership development within play, we can support our children in growing into the leaders of tomorrow, one imaginative adventure at a time.

As we guide our little ones through their early years, let's embrace the power of play in shaping future leaders. After all, the skills learned through joy and laughter are those that are deeply rooted and long-lasting, paving the way for a generation of leaders who are not only capable and intelligent but also kind and compassionate.