



Monthly Newsletter: March, 2019

What have the students been up to and what do they have to look forward to this month?

The Blue room will be studying musical instruments this month so if any parents or family members play an instrument and would be interested in demonstrating for the students, we would love for you to come in! Please see Katy, Kelly, or Stacy if you are interested!

Blue room

The students have been working on

- Refining their sense of sound using the sound cylinders and playing "What do you hear?"
- Quiet/loud and high/low notes with the bells
- Pairs, odds, and evens
- Formal operations using the Golden Bead Materials (GBM), bead stair, and strip boards with the older students

This month we will be introducing

- Musical instruments and their families
- Composers and their music
- GBM Multiplication with the older students

Red room

The students have been working on

- Animal habitats in Spanish
- Refining their fine and gross motor skills with activities related to la casa such as using a screwdriver, putting nuts onto bolts, straining, and using a funnel

This month we will be introducing

- Los animales (animals) including los animales domésticos (domesticated animals) and los animales salvajes (wild animals)
- More needle work in the practical life area, polishing, and caring for a baby

Green room

The students have been working on

- Basic skills such as cutting, gluing, how to care for the artistic tools, and clean up procedures
- The crayon melt activity
- Collage
- Pastels

This month we will

- Continue to work on representational drawing by copying from stencils, pictures, books and objects.
- Print making with the kindergarteners

Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Simple Machines
- Plants and animals of Africa
- Letter-sound association, sequencing, matching, and categorizing
- Grammar including sentence structure and punctuation with kindergarteners

This month we will be introducing

- North America in geography
- The scientific method and life cycles, including amphibians and mealworms
- Poetry
- Parts of speech including nouns, verbs, adjectives and articles using the farm in the language area

For Your
Calendar

**Friday, March 1:
Dr. Seuss's Birthday
and Pajama Day**

**March 15:
Green Room Field
Trip to Get Fused**

**Date TBD: Blue Room
Field Trip to the Police
Department**

**March 25 – March 29:
School CLOSED for
Spring Break**

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a Pajama Day on **Friday, March 1st**. Students may come to school in their pajamas for the day! In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will be serving a "Green Eggs and Ham" themed lunch on this special day (without the ham, of course).

The snow is still plentiful and the playground is very wet. Please remember to dry your child's snow clothes each day so they are fully prepared each day to play in the snow! You can send an extra pair of clothes to school so your child can change after recess.

We will be **CLOSED the week of March 25 – March 29** for spring vacation. *Please be sure to take all winter snow clothes home so we can clean out the bin room over the break.* Don't forget to check the lost and found for missing items.

Sharing

Sharing takes place on Thursday and Friday mornings during first class. Please be sure to arrive at school on time for sharing. The sharing time begins at 9:00 and usually only lasts about 10-15 minutes.

The purpose of sharing is to give the children practice with public speaking. The sharing topic list is posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen, on our website, and on shutterfly. We are not as interested in what your child brings within that topic, but more interested in what your child can tell us about it. Sharing is also a great opportunity for the children to practice their listening skills and taking turns.

Cook's Corner

We would like to introduce our new cook Ms. Ellie to the Children's House community! Ellie will be in the kitchen 2 days per week, sharing the space with Ms. Kristina who will be cooking 3 days per week. Ellie has a young daughter who will soon be joining our school as well! Ellie has been very happy to introduce herself to new faces so far but if you have not yet had the chance please feel free to introduce yourself.