



Monthly Newsletter: March 2020

What will the students be up 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 or Stacy if you are interested!

Math

- Continuing to strengthen addition and subtraction with the Short Bead Stair and Golden Bead materials
- Continuing to explore Stamp Game and Bead Frame materials
- Introduction to Golden Bead Multiplication with the kindergarteners

Sensorial Skills

- Refining their sense of sound using the sound cylinders and playing "What do you hear?"
- Quiet/loud and high/low notes with the bells

Art

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

Practical Life

- Polishing
- Washing a dish
- Egg cutting

Language

- Parts of speech including nouns, verbs, adjectives and articles using the farm in the language area
- Letter-sound association, sequencing, matching, and categorizing
- Grammar including sentence structure and punctuation with kindergarteners

Science and Geography

- North America in geography
- The scientific method and life cycles, including amphibians and mealworms
- Islands and Lakes

Spanish

- Animal habitats in Spanish
- Los animales (animals) including los animales domésticos (domesticated animals) and los animales salvajes (wild animals)

We would like to introduce the newest member of our team: **Ms. Kaitlyn!**

Kait just moved to Durango from Denver with her husband, dog, and cat. Kait was working with a Reggio-Emilia based Early Childhood Education Center in Denver and is completing her degree in Early Childhood Education. In the past Kait has worked with a STEAM School as a teaching assistant with students navigating learning disabilities and taught ukulele, mindfulness, and song analysis.

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday with a Pajama Day on **Monday, March 2**. 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).

Our playground is free of snow! We have been going outside with just jackets, hats, and mittens this last week and it looks like spring is well on its way. If there is snow in the forecast please bring a full snow bag for your child but for now we will wear to jackets outside and have the opportunity for multiple recesses.

Reminder: When we are outside for recess in the afternoon the front door will be locked for security reasons and we ask that you enter and exit the school through our back gate. Thank you!

We will be **CLOSED the week of March 16 – March 20** 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.

