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From Our Directors...

Another fascinating month has passed! February has lived up to its reputation of being short, cold, blustery and busy! The children enjoyed learning about random acts of kindness by giving, caring and sharing. They explored their own ideas on how to express themselves, and showed their peers just how special they are!

As we look forward to Spring at Little People, there is a real buzz in the air! We look forward to the warmer weather and all the growing and sowing that will be going on here at our center!

Upcoming Dates and Events

- Monday, March 2nd, Pie order forms are in your mailboxes.
- Thursday, March 9th, is National Cheese Doodle Day; We will be having Cheese Doodles for afternoon snack.
- Sunday, March 8th, Daylight Saving begins. Don't forget to put your clocks ahead 1 hour.
- Friday, March 13th, Pie orders are due. We will be celebrating National Potato Chip Day by having Potato Chips for afternoon snack.
- Monday, March 16th Daffodils should arrive this week if you ordered them.
- Tuesday, March 17th, Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear something green to school.
- Friday, March 20th, is the first day of Spring.
- Monday, March 23 through Friday, March 27th is our Scholastic Book Club Fair from 9AM to 6PM each day. Watch



for notes in your mailboxes on this exciting event. We will be earning free books for every book that you purchase. There will be books for you to browse through before you purchase!

- Monday, March 30th, kicks off our Hop-A-Thon. You will be receiving a packet in your mailbox about a week or so before the event.

Community Happenings

- On March 8th the St Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Route 6 in Mahopac at 2:00PM.
- Annual Putnam County Seedling Sale sponsored by Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District. It's held at 841 Fair Street in Carmel. Order forms are available on site. You can call 845-878-7918 extension 104 or visit www.putnamcountyny.com. The trees and plants that are sold in this program are for conservation purposes only. Order early - there are no surplus trees.

A Few Important Reminders

- When you bring your child to the pediatrician for immunizations or any kind of visit, please get an updated record from them. Children under the age of two often get immunizations and their files need to be updated accordingly. When clocking them in and out, a message will appear if your child is missing some records.
- If we sent back your child's medication because we did not have an updated doctor's note, you can have the doctor fax us the new form. Just make sure to fill out your part before giving it to the doctor. Don't forget the medication must be in the box.
- When receiving your annual medical report update from the doctor, please look closely over the form before leaving the office. This is to be sure it is filled out correctly.

Our Incredible Infants

Cubs

Hi again! Well, the month of February is over, but now we will be getting ready for spring to come. I hope the mommies enjoyed the handprints on the hearts. Next month, we will focus on the color green and other pretty colors of spring.



Our babies are growing everyday! We would like to welcome Hannah, who started two weeks ago. She is doing well with her new friends and day care experiences. We also have Joseph who is walking and enjoying his independence. His buddy, Landon, is

loving his finger foods from the school lunch and has become very verbal using his new words, "MAMAS and DADAS!!" In her own words, Violet is a very "social butterfly." She enjoys talking to the younger babies and she is becoming very mobile around the room. Jack N. is also trying his best with crawling and getting up on his knees! Last but not least, Jack P. and Jeremy were introduced to the baby cereal and veggies. They are both having a blast eating these new foods!

Next month is health month and the babies will be doing lots of floor excersises. They will use the excersaucer amd the gym step to stretch their body muscles with their hands and feet.

It's always a pleasure keeping you informed about our Cub Room. See you soon.

~Miss Anna

Honey Bees

The Honeybees will be "painting" their room green for the month of March. It is said March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. For one of our several projects, we will make lions and lambs on paper plates. Then, hopefully the weather will change from cold snowy days to warm springtime!

We will also use the color green to make shamrocks with our handprints for St. Patrick's Day! It will be fun to see how green appears when blue and yellow paint is mixed together. The painted paper will then be used to make green turtles, caterpillars and frogs.



Some stories for us will be, The Hungry Caterpillar, Franklin's Bad Day and Froggy Goes to School.

~Miss Joyce

Our Terrific Toddlers

Koala's

Hi Everyone! The month of February went by so fast! The kids really enjoyed all the projects we completed. We made our own mailboxes for our Valentine's Day cards and also talked about hospitals.

The major holiday in February was Valentine's Day, but in March it is St. Patrick's Day. We will talk about shamrocks, learn new songs and create new projects. This month will also focus on the color green. We will discuss gardens and plants, and even learn to grow our own garden. Some other topics this month



will include baby animals, teeth and different occupations.

See you next month!

~Miss Alyssa and Miss Jen

Chipmunks

Hi Everyone! The time has really flown by! We've been very busy. The kids loved the projects we made this month. We made special valentines for our parents and worked with the color red.



This month, we will work with the color green. We will be talking about gardens and plants and even have our own garden. We will also talk about baby animals, our teeth and different occupations. Look for all our projects and handouts that will be coming home. There will also be an ant farm that we'll be studying, we are just waiting for the ants to get here.

Shamrocks will be our main focus and we will learn cool new songs and complete new projects. They all love learning new songs. If your child has a special book or song they would like to share, we encourage them to bring it in and share it with us. It would be a great addition to our circle time. Ask your child about the circle time box we have added. They can't wait to see what comes out of the box.

Watch for exciting things to happen! Until next time.

~Miss Julie

Bunnies

In the month of March, we will look forward to the beginning of spring.

We will start off the month discussing the importance of good dental hygiene. Along with learning how to take care of our teeth, we will be working on various related projects. We're going to make toothpaste using baking soda, salt, water and peppermint flavor. The kids will also make their own toothbrushes and sets of teeth. Then, we will read, Andrew's Loose Tooth.

Another topic we will learn about is baby chicks and other baby animals. We will talk about what they like to eat and where they live. We're going to read Animal Babies, and many other baby animal books. We'll also make animal baby collages.

As we get closer to the beginning of spring we will learn about the changing of the weather, dressing in lighter clothes and how plants grow. The children will plant



carrot seeds to watch and study their growth. The story we will read is Spring Surprise. Dirt will also be placed in the sensory table so the children will see what it feels like.

We are going to decorate our classroom for St. Patrick's Day as we learn about the holiday. The children will learn to make the color green by mixing blue and yellow paint together. We will use the color green for several projects such as creating clovers and leprechauns. The story we'll read is Clever Tom and the Leprechaun.

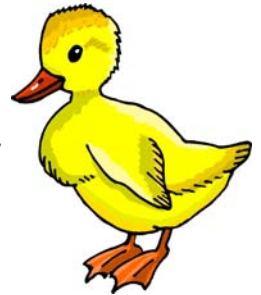
~Miss Erin and Miss Toni

Our Precious Preschoolers

Ducks

We have waddled through the month of February and are looking forward to the month of March. We enjoyed learning all about feelings, kindness and sharing. The ducks were wonderful mail carriers as they learned how to process mail, including all those beautiful Valentine's Day cards!

As we march toward spring, we will be exploring all the wonder this season has to offer! Water, paint and mud are sure to be the duck's favorite ingredients for fun! The color green, the diamond shape, wind, kites, lions, lambs and planting our own plants are just some of the concepts we will be learning about this month. In order to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, we will have a week long of book sharing, the week of March 2nd.



Think spring and hold on to your hats as we welcome March!

~Miss Carol Lynne and Miss Isabel

Dolphins

As my first month as a lead teacher in the dolphins class, my colleague Amy and I had our children participate in fun, creative, and most importantly, educational activities designed to develop their cognitive skills. The curriculum includes imaginative readings, music, movement, creative and theme-based arts and crafts, and interactive math and science games. The interaction between the children has been very exciting!



We are looking forward to the fun to continue in the month of March! We will be getting an early start with honoring Dr. Seuss in a week-long book share from February 23rd - 27th. Our class will celebrate this pioneer children's author by learning about his characters and engaging in creative art activities related to the characters. Finally, we will culminate the week by having a green eggs and ham lunch! March will include stories of leprechauns and pots o' gold which lead up to a St. Patrick's Day Party. Along with these readings we will be planting and cultivating

"four leaf clovers."

We look forward to an exciting and fun month!
Happy Spring!

~Mr. Brian and Miss Amy

Our Precocious Pre-K

Wolves

As February draws to a close, we look back on all the things this short month covered. For example, our 100th day party, Valentine's Day, and adopting a wolf and two soldiers. Lets not forget Ground Hog day - WOW!

Now we look forward to March and all its wonder. This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. In addition to cooking green eggs and ham, we will read his books the entire week. The green eggs are especially appropriate since green is our color this month.

We are all looking forward to St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, and we will be anticipating spring! Think Green!!

~Mr. Dan, Miss Christine and Miss Jen

Psssssst.... A leprechaun may be stopping by our class for a secret visit!



Little People Parents

- We welcomed Hannah in the Cubs; and Emilee and Willow in the Honey Bees.
- We said goodbye to Zoe in the Koala's and Matthew in the Wolves!
We will miss them both.