



What's humming in the Hummingbird Class?

March 2020



YOUR TERRIFIC TODDLER!

Cognitive Development Activities for the Month:

- We will identify animals and their colors; i.e. pink pig, black cat, etc.
- On Dr. Suess' Birthday we will have various story times throughout the day, including One fish, Two fish, Red fish, Blue Fish!
- We will be practicing the concepts of "hiding and finding" while playing hide and go seek with various stuffed animals.
- Can we find the Leprechaun?
- Are we happy or sad? We will make an art project showing our emotion while singing a Happy Song!

Physical Development (Large & Small Muscle) Activities for the Month:

Large Muscle Skills:

- We will be practicing catching and throwing with various objects including bean bags, balls and balloons.
- As we listen and learn animal sounds, we will begin mimicking the walking patterns of various animals. i.e. crawling like a turtle, walking like a duck, hopping like a bunny, etc.

Small Muscle Skills:

- The children will have challenging fun sorting and filling containers with various objects such as popsicle sticks, rocks, pompoms, bean bags and pipe cleaners. The fun will continue when we dump the objects out of the containers!
- We will continue working with different forms of clay and play dough to increase dexterity and strength in the extremities. Sometimes we will find hidden surprises in the clay!

Creative Art Development Activities for the Month:

- We will continue to work with holding a paint brush and making even strokes across the page.
- We will do some messy art this month because we LOVE messy art! Smocks will definitely be required!

Hummingbird Themes for March...

- We love to sort!
- Searching for Mr. Leprechaun and shamrocks. Hiding and Finding
- Happy or Sad?
- What is wind?
- Songs – "I'm a Little Leprechaun" & "I'm a Happy Face"

1. March 2nd & 3rd we will be celebrating **Dr. Suess' Birthday!** Remember to bring in your favorite book to share at school.
2. **St. Patrick's Day celebration** – March 17th & 18th
Wear Green if you please!

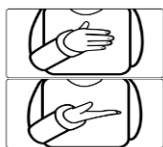
Hand Signs...

Each month we will introduce a "Hand Sign" to your little ones. Sign Language helps toddlers communicate their needs.



sad

Hands facing outward pulling up and down



happy

Flat hand facing chest then turning up with downward movement

I'm a Happy Face

I'm a happy face,
Just watch me grin.
I have a big smile
From my forehead to my chin.
When I'm upset
And things are bad,
Then my happy face
Turns to
sad



"I'm a little Leprechaun"



I'm a little I'm a Little
leprechaun
Dressed in green,
The tiniest man
That you have ever
seen
If you ever catch me, It
is told
I will give you my pot
of gold!