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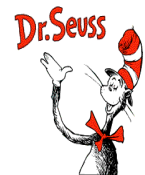
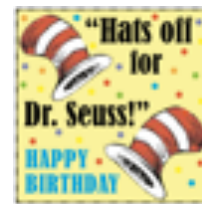
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Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!

On Monday, March 1st and Tuesday, March 2nd we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday! On this silly and fun-filled day the children should bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss book (please put your child's name inside their book)! The date your child's class will be celebrating can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and on your child's class calendar.



The Bluebird Classes Learn About The 5 Senses!

Throughout the month of March the Bluebird classes will learn about their five senses! They will also discover what people do if one or more of their senses do not work. Below are some of the activities the children will do during the month:

1. **Sense of Smell:** The children will "Smell" a variety of things and then guess what they have smelled.
2. **Sense of Hearing:** The children will shake wooden blocks and "Listen" to the sound inside. They need to find the matching wooden block that has the same sound.
3. **Sense of Touch:** The children will put their hand inside a box and "Feel" the object hidden inside. Next, they will guess what they have "Touched".
4. **Sense of Taste:** As the children are eating their snack and lunch the teacher will ask various questions about what the children are eating and how it tastes.
5. **Sense of Sight:** The children will "Look" at part of a picture and try to guess what they are "Seeing".
6. **What Happens if You Cannot See or Cannot Hear?** The children will learn Braille and Sign Language!



The Cardinal Classes Will Have An Artist Workshop in their Classroom!

Throughout the school year the children in the Cardinal Classes learn interesting facts about different artist. Then they do an art project using that artist's technique. Some of the artists include Pablo Picasso, Mary Cassatt, Vincent Van Gogh and a variety of African American artists. In March the children will have an artist workshop in their classroom! **Below are the Artists they will meet...**

1. **Michelangelo** - The children will paint under a table lying on their backs
2. **Georgia O'Keefe** - The children will paint giant flowers
3. **Henri Moore** - The children will make clay sculptures
4. **The Children** - The children are the artist! They will create their very own masterpiece!



A Memorable Keepsake Made By Your Child –

"ART TO REMEMBER" FUNDRAISER

Back by popular demand is a fundraiser entitled **Art To Remember**. On March 9th & 10th you will receive an order form and attached will be your child's artwork. The **Art to Remember** company will put your child's artwork on any product that you purchase. Orders forms are due by March 19th and your order will arrive in April – before Mother's Day! What a wonderful keepsake for you and all the special people in your life!



- March 1:** Classes B/D+,E/E+,G,H&I/I+ should bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss Book! (Please put your child's name inside the book)
- March 3:** Class A/A+,C/D+,F+&J should bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss Book! (Please put your child's name inside the book)
- March 9 &10:** Art to Remember Order Forms will be Sent Home
- March 14:** Daylight Saving Time begins
- March 16:** Classes A/A+ & C/D+ should wear green to school today! Will the Leprechaun make his yearly visit?
- March 17:** Classes B/D+,E/E+,F+,G,H,I/I+&J should wear green to school today! Will the Leprechaun make his yearly visit?
- March 19:** Art to Remember Orders are Due
- March 28:** The First Day of Spring!!!! YIPPEE!!!
- March 29 To April 5:** Spring Break



The Duckling Classes Will Study Animals!!

In March the Duckling classes will have fun learning about all kinds of animals. Some of the activities planned are:

Farm Animals: The children will 'meet' animals that live on the farm. They will match the mommy farm animal with her baby.

Forest Animals: The children will learn about what animals live in the forest. They will create a Forest Animal Mural.

Jungle Station: The children will take a jungle walk and pretend they are jungle animals (walking/crawling/slithering and making animal sounds).

Pet Station: The children will be given stuffed "Pet" animals, veterinarian tools and grooming tools. The children will take care of all the pets with lots of TLC!

Animal Habitats: The children will look at different scenes (forest, jungle, farm, home, etc.) and then they will be given a variety of animals. The children will sort the animals and put them in their habitat.

March "STEAM" Activities... All Classes...



Fizzing Rainbows!

The children (with teacher guidance) will make a Fizzing Rainbow using baking soda, a plate, a measuring cup, vinegar, an eye-droppers and food coloring!

Patrick's Day Float Experiment with Pennies!

The teacher will set up a container filled with water. Each child will be given a small Leprechaun pot and pennies. Before each experiment the children will be asked to make a prediction:

- Will your pot float or sink?
- Will a penny float or sink?
- What happens when you add pennies to the pot?
- How many pennies will it take to sink the pot?
- Older classes will test out nickels, dimes and quarters. Does the amount of coins change with the different types of coins? What other items could sink the pot?

At Home STEAM Challenge -

"Make a Trap to Catch the Leprechaun"! Maybe you will be the one to finally catch the Leprechaun & get his pot of gold!

Directions: Gather recycled items (tissue box, shoe box, toilet paper rolls, etc.), tape, scissor, and anything you can find! Create your trap & bring it to school on the day your class celebrates St. Patrick's Day!



St. Patrick's Day, Leprechauns, Pots of Gold, Rainbows and More...

March is always a FUN and MAGICAL month at the Giving Nest, especially because of St. Patrick's Day. On March 16 or 17 (check class calendars), the children should come to school wearing green. They will be busy all day long looking for that silly Leprechaun! He likes to cause a little trouble when the children are not in the classroom (like playing with the toys and not putting them away, and turning things upside down, etc.). He really is quite harmless and he even leaves his footprints for all the children to follow to his "Pot of Gold"! Each child will get a baggie filled with a "Special Surprise" as a remembrance of this fun-filled day.