



Small Wonders Learning Center March Newsletter 2019



From the Office:

Happy St. Patrick's Day! With March now here and hopefully Spring just around the corner, we are looking forward to the arrival of the warmer weather. While we love winter and all it has to offer, right about now our little ones start to get a little stir crazy and look forward to being able to spend more time outside. ☺

Conferences: As a reminder, Parent-Teacher conferences are Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th. We always enjoy meeting with our families and discussing their children's growth and development as well as sharing fun stories.

Life Touch Pictures: Spring Pictures will be taken Wednesday, March 14th. Each family will receive a proof sheet on Picture Day. You can then order from the form or online.

Milton School District's Summer School Program: If your child is interested in attending the Milton School District's Summer School Program but you are uncertain about how to get them to and from, no worries, we can help. Small Wonders has a contract with Riteway Bus Service so our children can attend the Summer School program. Children must attend both sessions of summer school. In addition, due to the design of the drop off and pick up process at the Milton High School, we will not be offering transportation to this site during the summer school program. The bus picks up from SWLC at about 7:45am and then returns to SWLC around 11:50 am. We provide a staff member who rides the bus with the children. The cost for this service is divided amongst the participants. If you are interested, please sign up on the clipboard outside the office.

School Age and MPK Care Changes: We are so excited to be splitting our Main Site School Age program into two separate programs starting with the 2019-2020 School Year. We will have a School Year only program and a Summer only program. All families (including MPK children) will need to enroll in each program separately. Enrollment forms for the 2019-2020 School Year were sent home in February and are due back by March 13th. The SA School Year program will coincide with the Milton School District's School Calendar as to our start and end dates. Enrollment for the 2020 Summer Program will happen in February/March 2020. **Please note that we will continue to offer our Offsite School Age Care at Milton East Elementary. Offsite Care is a separate school year program in which we provide care for children attending Milton East Elementary.

School Age Field Trip Program: We will again be doing a field trip program for our school agers this summer. As in the past, we will try to keep the field trips on the same day of each week. Thursdays are typically the day we use as our field trips; however, in some cases we do not have the option to choose the day. During the four weeks of the Milton Summer School program, we will be doing walking field trips and they will be half-day trips to accommodate those children who want to participate in both. Our field trips are considered part of our school age program and if your child is scheduled for care on such days, they will need to participate in the activity because all of the school age staff will also be on the field trip.

Annual Registration/Personal Day Program Update: We are updating our current program to be more streamlined. Annual Registration Fees and Personal Days will now occur in September for all of our families. Starting September 2019, everyone will be charged the annual anniversary fee and receive seven personal days to use through August 2020. Families that have an anniversary date in June, July, or August 2019 will be given a special option during this transition. As a reminder, personal days do not carry over from year to year.

School Age No School: Spring break will be Monday, March 25th- 29th.

Winter Gear: With all of this snow and as with as crazy as the weather has been, all of our friends need to continue to have warm outdoor gear at SWLC. When spring finally starts to settle in, the temperatures can fluctuate throughout the day and it is best to be prepared. As the ground begins to thaw, boots are a must as it will be muddy outside. ☺

Daylight Savings Time: Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead on Sunday, March 11th! We are looking forward to a wonderful month in March. If you have any questions, please let us know; we are always happy to help!

Spring Wishes!
Miss Beth, Miss Terri, and Miss Julia



From the Sunshine Room:

Hooray, March is here. We hope that means milder weather and sunnier days. With warmer temperatures (20 degrees and above) we will be able to spend more time outside getting some fresh air and enjoying the sights and sounds. Please send in a warm coat/snowsuit, boots, or shoes along with hats and mittens for our little ones.

Our themes this month are Mari Gras, St. Patrick's, Spring and Community Helpers. We will be working on a number of social and emotional developmental goals such as showing attachment to care givers and responding to each other verbally. We have been working hard on our self-help skills, holding our own bottles and putting ourselves to sleep. We will also be using sensory experiences like touching/playing with new sensory bottles and listening to music.

Reminder: As babies grow their feeding needs may change. Please make sure to have at least one extra bottle (or formula and a clean bottle in the cubby) every day. We will only use them if necessary, but our growing infants need it sometimes. Please ask us if there are any questions or concerns. ☺ Happy First Birthday to our friend Amelia. We wish her best of luck as she moves to the Toddler room. Hooray for you!



Sunny Smiles!
Miss Heather and Miss Lyndsay



From the Rainbow Room:

It looks as if March will come in like a lion but that's okay because our toddler friends have plenty of great sensory and learning opportunities to enjoy inside. As the temperatures begin to warm (20 degree or above), we will be going out for some fresh air. All of our friends must have outdoor gear so we can enjoy the snow and the arrival of spring. Please be sure they have a warm coat, snow pants, and boots. The spring weather can be a bit muddy. ☺

Our themes for the month are Diggers & Trucks, Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, and Taking Care of my Friends. We will be using our senses as we explore and play in our sensory table. In addition, we will be working on our social skills as we learn about being a good friend. And last but not least, we will go on a search for leprechauns. What fun!

A few quick reminders... please check your toddler's extra clothing items to make sure they still fit and are weather appropriate. All items should be labeled, including lunch items please. We hope you each have a wonderful day! We are also very happy to welcome Emelia to our room as well as wish her a Happy Birthday.



Happy St. Patrick's Day
Miss Barb L. and Miss Taylor



From the Moonbeams:

The Moonbeams are going to have fun "marching" through the month with tons of new activities! While we know spring is almost here, the weather can still be pretty cold so please be sure to dress your child appropriately for outdoor play. Even as the temperatures start to rise, we would like your child to have his or her snow gear here. The ground can be pretty soggy for a while in the spring and wet clothes = cold children.

Our learning units will include exploring Mardi Gras, St Patrick's Day, Spring, and Community Helpers. We will be working on our fine motor skills while using glue and scissors. Our class enjoys doing music on a daily basis, ask your children about our dinosaurs, bear hunt, and fish songs.

We would like to welcome John and Courtney to our room! We also would like to wish Madison good luck as she moves to the 3's room. Happy March Birthday wishes to John, Courtney, and Maniah!

Have a Seuss-ical Month!
Miss Brittani and Miss Kelly



From the Milkyways:

March is here! That means spring is just around the corner. Hooray! Our learning themes this month will include Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Community Helpers! We have so many fun hands-on activities to enjoy in March. We will be using our creativity as we create daily art projects to display around the center. We will also be working our pencil grip and learning to write out names.

For our Community Helpers unit we would love to have any of our families join us to teach the class about their careers. If this is something you are interested in please touch base with Miss Barb and set up a time that works for yourself as well as the class.

As the snow melts, the ground will be getting soggy and wet. Please continue to send in winter gear with your children. Snow pants and boots are a must along with a coat and mittens.

Welcome Spring!
Miss Barb S.



"You're off to great places. Today is your day.
Your mountain is waiting so get on your way!"
-Dr. Seuss

From The Shooting Stars:

Wow! March is here and we are getting ready for a fun-filled month as we explore our learning units of Weather, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Lion & Lamb. We will start off with working on our scientific thinking as we create weather mobiles. We will then be using our mathematical thinking as we work with shapes and counting while learning about St. Patrick's Day. During our Spring unit we will observe and discuss how flowers grow and how things change during the season of spring.



During our Lion & Lamb unit we will discuss March weather and what we think it will be like...calm or not so calm. Hmm... Let's hope for the calm weather so we can get outside and enjoy the snow and fresh air. Please continue to send in warm outdoor gear as we will begin to spend more time outside as the temperatures rise. In addition, please check your child's extra clothes bin and switch them out with spring clothing.

Reminder: If you have not signed up for a conference and would like to do so, please let us know. We look forward to meeting with each family.

Think Spring!

Miss Melody and Miss Mandy



From the Comets:

March is here and that means lots of things are happening. Our theme this month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Community Helpers and Spring. We will start the month celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and continue throughout the month with our other themes. Our emphasis this month will be "teamwork". We will focus on working together and encouraging respectful and responsible behaviors at Small Wonders and at home.

Please continue to have your child bring in his or her snow pants, boots, coat and mittens as we will continue to go outside as much as possible. The ground can get be pretty wet in March and due to this, we will not be allowing our friends to play on the playground if they do not have boots. They will, however continue to go outside with their class.

Reminder: Spring Break is Monday, March 25th through Friday, March 29th. Sign up sheets are available through the first week of March. If you miss the sign up and find that you will need care, you may call for availability. Any open spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Celise, Hunter, Sophia, Maria, Declan, and Colton. We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Hugs and Smiles,
The School age Teachers

