



Small Wonders Learning Center

March Newsletter 2017



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: Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our Parent-Teacher conferences. We always enjoy meeting with our families and discussing their children's growth and development as well as fun stories.

Life Touch Pictures: Spring Pictures will be taken Wednesday, March 15th. They are running things a little differently this time around. Each family will receive a proof sheet when the pictures are taken. You can then select online or choose from the form what you would like printed. The pictures will be sent as packages with what you ordered.

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 contracts with Riteway Bus Service so our children can attend the Summer School program. Children must attend both sessions of summer school. The bus picks up from SWLC at about 7:45am and then returns to SWLC around 11:50am. 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 in participating, please sign up on the clipboard outside the office.

School Age Summer Care: We have a waiting list for our summer care program for our school agers. In order to determine our availability, we need to know if your school ager will need summer care. Every family received a handout that is due Friday, March 3rd. If we do not receive your form back by this date, we will assume you will not need care and we will begin filling spots from our waiting list.

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 plan 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.

School Age No School: Milton School District will be closed on Friday, March 10th. Sign-up sheets are located on the parent table at both main site and the East locations. Spring break will be April 10th-14th and sign out sheets are also out and located at the main site and East locations.

Winter Gear: As the weather begins to warm, please continue to send in your child's warm outdoor gear. As spring settles 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 12th! 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:

As the signs of spring begin to appear, we will enjoy looking at pictures of spring as well as listening to the sounds of spring. Speaking of spring, as the temperatures begin to warm (20 degrees or above), we will be going outside for fresh air as much as possible. Please send in warm jackets, boots, or shoes along with hats and mittens for our little ones.

This month our themes are School, St. Patrick's Day, Firemen and March Weather. We're excited to read *Little Critter's This is My School* along with singing "The Wheels on The Bus". We will be getting our fingers cold playing with ice cubes for a new sensory experience. We will also be very mobile so please make sure to keep your shoes off when entering the room!

As the seasons begin to change, we would like to remind you to check your infant's extra clothing items. Our little ones grow so quickly that the current items may no longer fit! ☺

Sunny Smiles!

Miss Cheryl, Miss Nikki and Miss Taylor



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 Dr. Suess, Police/Fireman, St. Patrick's Day, Bus Driver and Post Office! We have some pretty exciting sensory activities planned like making green eggs and ham with playdough and searching for toy fish in the sand. In honor of our Police and Fire men and women we will be learning all about police cars and fire trucks! We have plans to make envelopes and learn about mail and the post office. We will be focusing on our self-help skills by trying to put on our own boots and shoes. We will also focus on using a spoon at meal times.

We would like to welcome our new friend Ryan to the Rainbow Room! We are so excited for you to join us in our fun and learning! We would also like to say farewell to our friend Andrew as he will be joining the Moonbeams class! Good Luck!

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! Please bring in updated family photos for our classroom! We love to see our friend's families!

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Miss Rhonda, Miss Marta, and Miss Barb L.



From the Moonbeams:

The Moonbeams are going to have fun marching through March 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 awhile in the spring and wet clothes = cold children.

Our learning units will include exploring Dr. Seuss, Movies/Stories, St. Patrick's Day, My Body and Nursey Rhythms. We have some pretty exciting small muscle and grasping activities by practicing screwing and unscrewing screws, lids, nuts and bolts. We will also be using our imaginations with dinosaur play, going on a bear hunt and looking for llama llama. We'll get our bodies moving with exercises, dancing and playing bean bag toss! March is sure to be a busy month!

We also have fun events such as Movie and Pajama day on Friday, March 10th and celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17th with a fun party! Make sure to wear green to help celebrate!

Happy March birthday wishes go out to our friends Ella and Carson. We hope you all have a wonderful day. We would like to welcome our friend Andrew from the Rainbow Room! We are so excited to learn and grow with you!

Have a Seuss-ical Month!
Miss Lynn and Miss Emily



From The Milkyways:

Wow! March is here and we are getting ready for a fun-filled month as we explore our units of All About Green, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and Weather. We will be working on our color recognition by making green collages and painting with green jello! We will also have some shamrock fun using our creativity and imagination with shimmering shamrocks, puzzles and making headbands. Our messy fun will continue as we use stamps to create hand prints flowers as part of our sensory activities. Our weather unit will be perfect to observe and gather information while the weather changes to spring. Our creative art activities will include building kites, making rain sticks, and painting with straws.

During our unit on weather, we will discuss March weather and if it will be calm or not so calm. Let's hope for 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.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you to everyone who joined me for conferences. I'm looking forward to March as it will be a terrific month of learning and exploring for my friends. Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Shamrock Fun!
Miss Melody



From the Milkyways:

March is here! That means spring is just around the corner. Hooray! Our learning themes this month will include Nursey Rhymes, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and the Weather!

We have so many hands on activities this month including making hand flowers, spring stamps, stuck in the muck and so much more. We will be using our creativity as we create shimmering shamrocks, pot-o-gold catchers and leprechaun headbands! I'm excited to get our bodies moving with The Jumping Song, kite flying, cotton ball races! As you can see, our friends will be busy throughout the month of March!!

For our unit of Nursey Rhymes, we'd like to share everyone's favorite nursery rhyme book. Please send in your child's favorite on Friday, March 10th so we can share with the class.

We have a new friend this month! Everyone please welcome Chloe to our room! We are all so excited for you to join us in our learning and playtime fun!

As the snow melts, the ground will be getting soggy and wet. Please continue to send in winter gear with your children. Thank you to everyone who participated in conferences. I always enjoy meeting with my parents and talking about my friends.



Welcome Spring!
Miss Mitchy

From the Shooting Stars:

As we look forward to the month of March, we are excited to explore our learning themes of Dr. Seuss, Community Helpers, St. Patrick's Day, Spring and In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb. We will be focusing on our literacy with rhyming words and Dr. Seuss Books. We are also excited to learn about the importance of hard workers throughout our community. St. Patrick's day is always fun with learning about the traditions and symbols associated with this holiday. As spring approaches, we are SO excited to be welcoming nicer weather. We'll also be tapping into our creativity as we make lamb and lion plates!

As we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, we will enjoy several of his books throughout the week! On Wednesday, March 1st please bring in your child's favorite Dr. Seuss book to share with the class! We will also be having a Dr. Seuss's Birthday party on Friday, March 3rd, be sure to wear red for a special activity we have planned.

During our Community Helpers unit we will be discussing different occupations and the roles each of them play in our lives. On Wednesday, March 8th, we'd like all of our friends to dress up as what they'd like to be when they grow up.

As the weather continues to warm and spring begins to appear, we will continue to spend more time outside. Some of our activities outside will include working on our upper body strength on the monkey bars as well as our hand-eye coordination with some tossing, catching, and kicking activities.

March Madness Fun!!
Miss Kelly and Miss Heather



From the Comets:

East: Our themes this month are National Anthem Week and National Incredible Kid Week. We are changing things up a bit and will be doing bi-weekly themes. With such little time we have with our school agers, we decided bi-weekly themes allow more time to focus on our activities. With that said, we have some fun activities planned to get our bodies moving like using the big parachute, What Time is it Sergeant and Super Hero Tag. We will be working on our small motor movement by weaving paper to make flags and creating mini colonial flags. For show and tell to express our uniqueness, we would like our friends to bring something along the lines of:

- Thursday March 9th- Americana themed
- Friday March 13th- something from the past
- Friday March 24th- favorite super hero toy
- Friday March 31st- something that makes you feel special



Main Site: It's that time of the year again! Dr. Seuss's birthday! Our theme this month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss, the color Green, Aliens and Fitness Week. We will be focusing on our large motor skills by balancing in different ways, playing freeze tag and outdoor sports. We will put our small muscles to work by painting and cutting different objects. We will be using sand, packing peanuts, string and beads to create our alien artwork to get some different sensory going. Our main focus of the month will be our teamwork building by working together and encouraging respectful and responsible behaviors at Small Wonders and at home. Reminder, please return the clovers saying why you're lucky to have your child/children.

All School Age: Please continue to have your school ager bring his or her snow pants, boots, coat and mittens to Small Wonders 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.

NO SCHOOL Friday, March 10th. Sign-up sheets have already been posted and returned to the office. Just a reminder, **spring break is April 10th-17th**. The sign-ups are still out and located on Parent Tables.

Please remember to check your child's mailbox daily! Our March birthday wishes go out to our friends Serenity, Trinity, Abby, Chase, Presley, Isaac, Brady and Maria. We hope you all have an awesome day shared with friends and family.

Hugs and Smiles,
The School age Teachers

