



Small Wonders Learning Center March Newsletter 2018



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 6th and Thursday, March 8th. 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 when the pictures are taken. You can then select online or choose from the form what you would like.

Lunch Program Update: As we continue to evaluate our snack and lunch system, we have decided to make a slight change to allow for one less step for our families. Starting March 12th, the lunch box bins will be located in each of the classrooms. Instead of making two stops, you will be able to drop off the lunch box when you stop in your child's room.

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 will contract 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 11:50 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 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. All of our SA families received a handout that is due Friday, March 9th. If we do not receive your form by this date, we will assume you will not need care and we will begin filling spots from our waiting list.

Summer and Fall 2018-2019 School Year: All of our School Age families and Shooting Stars families with children entering kindergarten in the Fall have received their Fall Care Agreement. They are due Friday, March 9th. Our School Age program fills quickly.

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: Spring break will be Monday, March 26th- Monday, April 2nd. The sign-up sheets were pulled on February 23rd, however we do have a few spots available on first come, first serve basis.

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 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:

As we enter spring the temperatures will 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 Post Office, Grocery Store, Restaurant, and Fire Station. 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 will also be using sensory experiences like touching/playing with bubble wrap and other items.

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 Courtney. Hooray for you!

Sunny Smiles!
Miss Nikki, Miss Lynn, and Miss Marta



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. Seuss, Spring, Community Workers, and St Patrick's Day. We will be using our senses as we explore and play in our sensory table. In addition, we will be working on our fine motor skills while creating amazing art projects and playing with bubbles.

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! Happy Birthday wishes to our friends John and Maniah! We hope you each have a wonderful day! We are also very happy to welcome John to our room.

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



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.

We'd like to welcome Miss Alexis to our classroom. Many of you have met her as she has been training in our room. We are so excited to have her join in our Moonbeam fun! Miss Allie has moved up to be with our three year old friends in the Milkyways so she is no longer with us. We miss her but are having lots of fun with Miss Alexis now.

Our learning units will include exploring Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Easter. 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 child about the dinosaurs, bear hunt, and fish songs.

We will be having a birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 6th, please wear red!!!
Reminder: Please continue to send in your book bag weekly. We exchange out the books weekly.

Have a Seuss-ical Month!
Miss Heather and Miss Alexis



From the Milkyways:

March is here! That means spring is just around the corner. Hooray! I'd like to say hello to all of the Milkyway families. I am so happy to be working with the Milkyways and look forward to having lots of learning fun with each and every one of my friends.

Our learning themes this month will include Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Nursery Rhymes! 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 and our homes. We will also be working our pencil grip and learning to write out names.

For our unit on Nursery Rhymes, we'd like to share everyone's favorite nursery rhyme book. Please send in your child's favorite during the week of March 26th. We will take turns reading them with the class. We will send the books home when we are finished sharing.

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. Happy February birthday wishes to our friends, Carson and Ella. We hope you have GREAT day!

Welcome Spring!
Miss Allie



"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 Easter. We will start off with working on our sensory skills as we create rainsticks, kites, and rainbows during weather unit. We will then be using our creative and imaginative sides while learning about St. Patrick's Day. During our Spring week we will be focusing on our mathematical skills as we create objects of spring using geometric shapes. Our last unit for March will be Easter as we enjoy an Easter Egg hunt, paint with jelly beans, and weave our own baskets.



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. Reminder: Please check extra clothes bin and switch them out with spring clothing, thank you.

Welcome Spring!

Miss Melody and Miss Barb S



From the Comets:

It's that time of the year again! It's Dr. Seuss's birthday! Our theme this month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Community Helpers and Spring. Our main focus of the month will be teamwork through 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 26th through Monday, April 2nd. Please note this is a full week plus the additional Monday. Sign sheets have been taken down but we do have a couple of spots available. If you need care and missed the sign up, you may call for availability. The spots will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Presley, Maria, Brady, and Colton. We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Hugs and Smiles,
The School age Teachers

