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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Key Dates in March

- ♣ **March 1st:** Tuition Due
- ♣ **March 4th:** Daddy/ Daughter forms DUE
- ♣ **March 6th:** Yoga
- ♣ **March 12th:** Scholastic Book orders DUE
- ♣ **March 13th:** Yoga
- ♣ **March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day
- ♣ **March 20th:** Yoga
- ♣ **March 21st:** Daddy/ Daughter Skate Party-- **No Extended Day**
- ♣ **March 25th-29th:** Spring Break-- **NO CLASS**

## Tidbits From The Teachers

This month our students will be learning about other types of landforms beside the volcano. Our younger students will be using their previously learned punching skills to create their landform replicas. Our kindergarten students will be coloring drawings and writing the definition of several landforms. We will also be utilizing our atlas to find examples of these landforms to make the learning process more concrete and relatable.



With the St. Patrick's Day holiday approaching, it's a perfect time to introduce the country of Ireland. A perfect example of the island landform. In addition we will be making the flag of Ireland and discussing some traditions of the upcoming Holiday. Irish Soda bread, Irish butter, and of course a bit of Green River drink will be part of our cultural experience.



As the weather (hopefully) continues to warm up we will be exploring the changes that will soon be taking place in nature. Please remember as the snow melts our outdoor environment will be messy, so continue to send your child in boots.

A gentle reminder that some of our families are **STILL** missing their 5x7 framed family photo. The children love showing off their families, so please send those in!

**Also, please remember to check your child's backpack to ensure it is stocked with 2 changes of clothing (including socks and underwear) in case of a potty accident, water/food spills, or for any other reason they may need those extra clothes.**

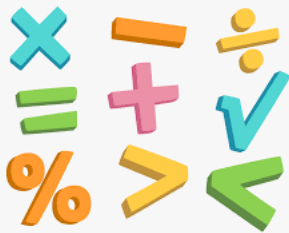


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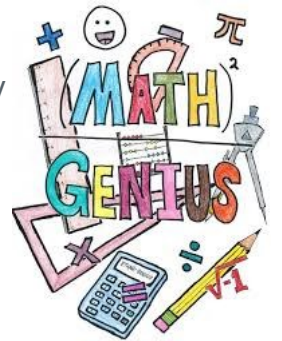
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# Extended Day Updates

## MATH MADNESS



Fractions are used to represent smaller pieces (or parts) of a whole. The parts might make up a 'whole', which may be one thing, or more than one thing. When children are given the opportunity to visualize fractions (particularly more complicated ones) across different situations, they deepen their understanding of how these strange objects behave.



The key to understanding fractions is to build them into our everyday routines. This month in math madness, we will be learning all about fractions through the use of hands-on manipulatives and food items.

## Phonics Fun



Our letter recognition and sounds are growing stronger each week! This month, we will continue along our consonant letters and finish up the ones we haven't done with fun crafts our students enjoy making.

## Science Discoveries

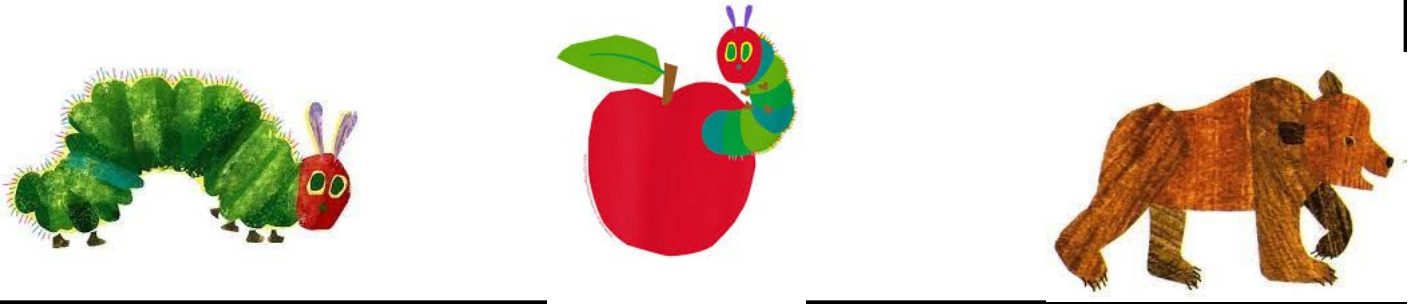
*"The child has a mind to absorb knowledge..." Dr. Maria Montessori*

In our extended science day this month, we will work on learning about our planet Earth with respect to time. We will try to learn about seasons, months, days and their relationship to the movement of our planet.



## ART APPRECIATION

This month we will be exploring the artist Eric Carle, the author of some of our favorite books such as *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We will be using his collage techniques to make our own artworks.



## FUN FRIDAYS

During the month of March, we will be focusing on the upcoming holiday of St. Patrick's Day. Lots of fun projects and creating leprechaun traps in hopes of catching a leprechaun and his gold. Wish us luck!



Oh so  
**LUCKY**  
to have  
you!



The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thanks to all those who donated items to our school during the month of February. Your generosity contributes to the success of our school. **Thanks so much!**

Stevee- Pipe cleaners, craft sticks, cotton balls, small envelopes, valentine stickers, pony beads, ribbon

Emersyn- Lysol wipes

Benjamin- Cotton balls, Lysol wipes, valentine stickers, popsicle sticks, blocks

Michelle- Pony beads, ribbon, Lysol wipes, envelopes, stickers, foam stickers

Santino- Pony beads, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, envelopes, Valentine stickers

Amelie- Pony beads, ribbon, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, Lysol wipes, envelopes, stickers

Maisha- Popsicle sticks, Valentine stickers

Madison & Jake- Pony beads, ribbon, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, Valentine stickers

Abram- Cotton balls, Pom poms, Valentine stickers

Ella- Lysol wipes

Oliver M- envelopes, Valentine stickers, pipe cleaners, Popsicle sticks, baby carrots

Sophia- Cotton balls, stickers, envelopes, ribbon

Leya- Pony beads, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, Valentine stickers, Lysol wipes

Mia- Valentine stickers, envelopes

Aria- Pony beads, Lysol wipes, envelopes, stickers

Stephan- Disposable knives

Patel- Michael's Giftcard

## Reminders from the Office

✍️ **2024-2025 Re-enrollment application, forms and fees** were due back to school at the end of January. If you have not yet turned in your registration papers, please give them to your lead teacher ASAP!

✍️ **Scholastic book orders** for this month are due by Tuesday, March 12th. For every order placed online our school receives a free book.

✍️ **Tax Time.** It's that time of year again—you can claim your tuition under the child care deduction. ***Our Tax ID number is 82-3516300.***

✍️ **Spring break** is from March 25th– March 29th. School resumes Monday, April 1st.

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