

Cricket's March 2010 Toddler Newsletter

With March comes spring! Daylight savings time begins March 14th. We spring forward into longer hours of "sunshine". The Crickets will be looking forward to watching the trees bud and being outside in the good weather.

Cricket's Project:

This month's family project is to decorate a leprechaun any way you wish. The teachers will provide the leprechaun; you supply the

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Open door policy

The parents and families here at GQCCC are always welcome to visit the Center anytime during the day. Come share a story or cooking experience with your child. We would love to see you and you are always welcome!

Book orders

Scholastic book forms have been sent home. If you would like to order any books it needs to be done by March 12th! Don't forget you can order online.

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Password: GQCCC2

Curriculum

March 1-5 Dr. Seuss

This week is all about Dr. Seuss's birthday. The Crickets will be reading "Green Eggs and Ham", "The Foot Book", "1 Fish 2 Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish", "Cat in the Hat", and "Bartholomew And The Oobleck".

After reading "Green Eggs and Ham" the children themselves will be involved in cooking green eggs and ham. We will also be making a birthday cake in honor of Dr. Seuss. Both of these activities reinforce counting, sharing, and promotes conversation. The children will be using their imaginations as they create their own cat in the hat and animal from the story "If I Ran the Zoo". These activities will also work on their fine motor skills.

March 8-12 Rainbows

Red and orange, green, and blue, shiny yellow, purple too. All the colors that we know live up in the rainbow. This is just one of the songs the children will be singing this week. This is a great week. The children will be making beautiful rainbows and learning their colors at the same time. While making roller rainbows and blend a rainbow the children will be involved in a little bit of science watching colors mix and change into new colors right before their eyes

March 15-19 St. Patrick's Day

Green will be the color of the week. Watch out for little leprechauns. They like to play tricks on everyone. Do you think GQCCC will finally catch one? While everyone is looking for leprechauns the Crickets will also be making lots of green things. We will be making shamrocks galore, coffee filter shamrocks, shamrocks using green peppers, and ink blot

shamrocks. These projects will also help with fine motor skills. We will also explore our sense of smell as we bake shamrock cookies as well as promote counting and sharing.

March 22-26 Nursery Rhymes

The Crickets will have lots of fun as we read and sing some favorite nursery rhymes. We will use our fine motor skills as we put "Humpty Dumpty" together again. Glue pom poms onto "Baa Baa Black Sheep", and stamp with stars for "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star". The children will explore their sense of touch as we make hand print "Itsy Bitsy Spiders".

March 29-April 2 Bunnies, chicks, and others

As we welcome spring we will talk about new little baby animals. We will be making duck prints using spatulas, chocolate bunnies, and sweet little chicks. These projects combine fine motor skills as well as sensory exploration.

Good Bye and Good Luck

The Crickets will be saying a sad goodbye to Annie as she leaves us March 26 to prepare and welcome her new baby boy Jason. We all wish Annie and her family our best. We will miss you.

As we say Good Bye we welcome Stephanie who comes to the Cricket classroom from the Firefly classroom. The crickets are looking forward to having Stephanie as our new teacher. We all know she will be great and bring us many new ideas.

Dates to remember

March 5th - Leprechauns are due

March 8th - Annie's birthday & Annie's Vacation Day

March 9th and 23rd - Music and movement with Ms. Diana

March 10th - Caleb's birthday

March 16th - Brian's birthday

March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

March 20th - First day of spring

March 26th - Annie's last day

March 27th - Grace's birthday

March 29th - Stephanie's first day

March 31st - Yoga with Ms. Kara

Thank you

Annie, Charlene and Kim