

Walnut Hill ECC

February/March 2022



I LOVE YOU

Sung to: Three Blind Mice

I love you, I love you.
Yes, I do. Yes, I do.
I love you every night and day,
I love you when I work and play,
I love you in so many ways,
I love you!



Working on Fine Motor Skills while
Gluing, Coloring, and Positioning
Sequins

Family Fun.....

Race to Count the Hearts Games

Materials Needed:

1. Small Clear Plastic Cups
2. Small Hearts to Put in the Cups
(ex. -small heart erasers, heart candies, paper hearts, etc.)
3. Number Die or Pair of Dice

Object of Game:

Players take turns rolling the die and then counting out hearts to match the number on the die.

After all of the hearts have been counted and placed into the cups, each player takes turns counting their total hearts to see who has the most. The player with the most hearts wins or the first player to fill their cup wins.

Calendar of Events:

1. February 7-11, 2022—Paystub Verification Week
2. **February 21st, 2022--Staff Training Day has been cancelled**—Walnut Hill will be open for families on this day!
3. March 22nd, 2022—Hacienda Gives Back Event for Walnut Hill.
4. April 4-8th, 2022---Spring Break; Walnut Hill will be closed.
5. April 15th, 2022—Good Friday; Walnut Hill will be closed.
6. April 18-29th, 2022—Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences

Walnut Hill Food Policy

No outside food or drinks can be brought into the center unless it is a birthday treat or an item needed for a special day to share with the whole class. All treats need to be unopened and store bought.

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

Many classrooms celebrated Valentine's Day by making special Valentines for their families, handing out cards to their friends, and enjoying a few sweet treats. Thank you to all the families that helped with this special day by sending Valentine's cards or sweet treats with their child on this day! The children loved sharing special things with their friends.

Health Guidelines Reminder

1. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will need to stay home fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Anyone with repeated vomiting or diarrhea without a fever needs to stay home 24 hours without symptoms before returning to school.
3. If your child has excessive coughing or congestion, we encourage you to keep them home until the coughing and congestion subsides.

****Walnut Hill ECC is following the Elkhart County Health Guidelines and the CDC Health Guildelines.



Center Time—So much more than play! This child choose to work on a puzzle at center time. While “playing” with this puzzle, she is sorting, matching, developing fine motor muscles, and working on color recognition.

Hacienda Gives Back Event

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 is our Hacienda Gives Back Event!! All families, friends, and relatives are invited to participate in this event. The event goes from 11:00a.m. until 11:00p.m. on this date. Hacienda tokens have been attached to this newsletter. Please hand them out to your friends and family and invite them to dine in, take out, or purchase a gift card for a later date on March 22, 2022. At the time of purchase, you must give one of the tokens with Walnut Hill's name on it with your payment. Providing our token with your payment, allows us to receive money back from Hacienda. We will earn 20% of the total guest purchases of our organization's supporters. The more people invited the more opportunity we will have to earn money back from this event. Tokens can be used for lunch, dinner, drinks, gift cards, dine in and carry out. Extra tokens will be available in the main office if you run out before the event and need more. Hand the tokens out ahead of time if you can and remember, tokens cannot be handed out at the restaurant property while the event is taking place.





Changes to the COVID-19 Guidelines in Preschools and Childcares

Due to the recent changes in the CDC and Elkhart County Health Dept. guidelines for upper respiratory disease and COVID-19, the Goshen Day Care Board has decided to update the COVID policies at Walnut Hill ECC. Starting Monday, February 28, 2022, mask-wearing will be optional for all employees and family members. Extra masks will still be supplied in the lobby for those who want to continue to wear a

mask while in our building. In addition, we will no longer close classrooms for potential close contact or exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID. We will still inform families of children who have been in close contact with a COVID positive individual, but it will be up to the families to decide whether they want to keep their child in quarantine due to the possible exposure or send them to school. However, we may have to close a classroom if we have a staff shortage due to illness. We will continue to clean and sanitize the classrooms daily and practice hand washing throughout the day as required by State Licensing and as a preventive measure against spreading germs. We ask that families help us prevent the spread of germs as well by continuing to monitor their children for symptoms of illness and continuing to keep them home when symptoms are present. Please continue to follow our sick policy as outlined in the beginning of this newsletter.

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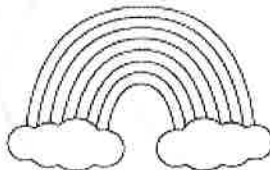
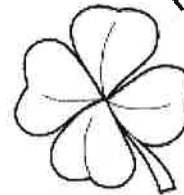
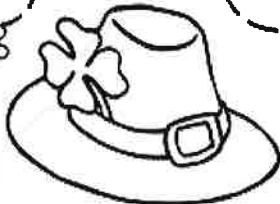
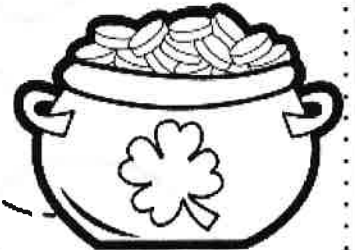
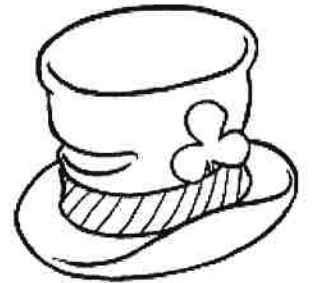
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Name:

Leprechauns!

Help them get their gold.







Group: Walnut Hill Early Childhood
Date: March 22, 2022 Center
Location: H-11 Goshen
618 W. Lincoln Ave Goshen, In

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Don't have time to eat out? Pick up a Hacienda gift card or Fiesta-To-Go order. They count towards the fundraiser.

Restaurant Phone Number (574) 534-9590

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