

Miss Bonnie's Newsletter

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

Psalms 133:1

Thanks to all who helped out and pledged for the walk-a-thon! The kiddos were very excited and had a lot of fun! Those little legs sure ran a lot of laps.

The season of lent begins March 6th. Lent is the season on the Christian calendar marking 40 days before Easter, not including Sunday's. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection, discipline, self-sacrifice, and service to others. Through stories, Scripture and learning activities, we will appreciate more about this holy season as we prepare our hearts for the resurrection of our Lord.

Many things come to mind when we approach the month of March, but my favorite is the beloved author Dr. Seuss. (Theodor Seuss Geisel) The late Dr Seuss' birthday is March 2. Therefore we will celebrate his birthday throughout the month with many "Seussical" activities. I would like to welcome Dr. Seuss and his fun filled books to our carpet, library and science centers. Reading books aloud and playing with language help create reading literacy skills. Dr. Seuss books are great for reading aloud and keeping open ended sentences to allow the children join in to help finish the sentence. Not only is there a lot we can learn from Dr. Seuss and his stories, but his books and illustrations are a great tool in introducing rhyming and sight words. Hearing rhymes help the little ones develop an ear for words with similar sounds. Sight words are words that are used commonly throughout text we read every day.

We are going to build on the fun whimsy of Dr. Seuss with STEAM science activities. It's always so much fun to pair a great book with a fun science experiment. Combining literacy and science is perfect for hands-on learning.

Are You My Mother? - building a nest; Horton Hears A Who - building a paper-cup phone; Horton Hatches an Egg - egg drop challenge; Cat In The Hat - LEGO hat patterns or red and white slime; The Oobleck - of course we can't have Seuss STEAM without making Oobleck!; Green Eggs and Ham - cooking project - March 1 Yum! What better way to help understand rhyming words, antonyms and sight words. There's a Wocket in my Pocket on March 4th is pocket day. Please have your child wear pockets, lots of pockets. Also help your child choose a small object from home to place in one of the pockets (the object must be completely covered by the pocket.) What really makes the works of Dr. Seuss noteworthy are the valuable life lessons that can be found throughout his writing.

After returning from Spring break we will continue practicing the kiddo's last names and addresses by creating a little community with houses, people and transportation. The literacy center will have friends' names posted so the kiddos can draw pictures or write letters to a friend and deliver it to their house.

At dramatic play the children can engage in authentic learning with a mock grocery store. The store is stocked with many items where the kiddos can engage in pretend shopping. The kiddos will match up the item with the items on their grocery list and check them off. When they finish shopping they will pay for the items by matching the coin on their item to the coins in their wallet. Meanwhile the stock person will restock the shelves in the right categories. I am sure the kiddos will be eager to help with the real shopping after this! I am excited to get started on all the fun activities we have planned for this month!

There's just a little less than 3 months left of school, if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress please feel free to contact me.

"A person's a person, no matter how small."

God Bless, Miss Bonnie, Miss Vicky

Important Dates:

March 4 - pocket day

5 - Open House 6:00 - 7:30

11 - 15 Spring Break

Happy Birthday

18 - Micaela

25 - Christina

