

The ExCEptional Times

March 2017

Dear CEP Parents,

Time sure feels like it is flying. We must be having a great time here at CEP. We are now approaching our last two months of school and there are a lot of activities coming up. We have Easter, Spring Break, Lunch Bunch, Mother's Day celebration and finally Graduation. We are also throwing in a couple of field trips for the 3s and 4s. Wow, so much to do in so little time.

Spring Break starts April 10th and school will reopen on the 18th. I hope great plans have been made for that week. When we return, we will be having our annual Lunch Bunch. This is a wonderful time for families and extended families to experience some of the fun the children have at CEP. This year it will be on the 27th and 28th of April. Everyone is invited to have a picnic lunch on the grass outside, the playground or in the Big Room. There will be a scavenger hunt with many fun activities to do and you will also be able to enjoy playing in Big Room and the playground. Lunch will begin at 12:30 both days, rain or shine. I hope everyone can make it.

Mother's Day brunches are usually done the Thursday and Friday before Mother's Day. They start at drop off and last about 20 minutes. There will be a light brunch for the moms and children and then the children will sing some special songs. It is pretty fantastic!

Our Fun Fair was a huge success, Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make it so great! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did! So much fun at the cake walk!

Graduation for the Stars and Comets, who will be going on to Kindergarten, will be on May 25th this year. This is a bit different from previous years due to the early closing on Friday, May 26th. It will be held at Burke Lake Park and catered by Red, Hot and Blue. More information will be sent when we get closer to the date.

On our last day of school, we will have mini Rainbow Days by opening up the classrooms and letting the children enjoy all the toys in the rooms. Please remember that we close at noon that day.

Teacher Appreciation week will be done the first week of May. Keep a look out from your room parent regarding what will be happening during that week. You have to admit our teachers are awesome!

The last tuition payment is due April 10th. If you are returning next year, the first tuition payment will be due by May 10th. We will be sending a letter home to everyone in the next few

days.

Julie and Elees

April 2017






Monday

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NEWS FROM THE SHINING STARS Four-Year-Olds

This year is flying by! It seems like we just started school, and now we only have a little more than two months left! We have been very busy in the last month beginning with Letter N. We read *The Napping House* and *Notorious Numbers* and played number bingo, painted neckties with net balls, and made a number sticker chart.

Next we celebrated Dr. Seuss and rhyming. We learned that Dr. Seuss was an author and an illustrator and that he drew his own unique characters. We also talked about how Dr. Seuss liked to rhyme, and we rhymed lots of words. We drew our own Dr. Seuss-like character and brought a “wocket” in our pocket for show-n-tell.

During O week, we talked about the octopus and opposites. (Did you know that an octopus can regrow a tentacle?) We sang opposites songs and did opposite exercises.

We celebrated St. Patrick’s Day by playing St. Paddy’s Day lotto, decorating shamrocks, and playing “who took the gold?” That tricky little leprechaun was up to no good all day, but he was too fast for us, and we never did find him. He did mess up our room while we were on the playground!

During P week, we talked about pets, read about and ate pizza, and painted pink and purple pigs. We read *A Pet for Petunia*, which is a funny story about a girl who wanted a skunk for a pet.

Discuss the signs of spring. Point out the author and illustrator when reading with your child. Play a game with your child where they tell you the opposites of words that you name. Have your child rhyme words with you—whether they are real words or made up words. And as always, read, read, read.

Happy Spring from Debbie and Val



COMETS NEWSLETTER-March

This month, we learned about Dr. Seuss, sea animals, and weather. We talked about rhyming words, made octopuses and fish, learned about fresh versus salt water, and did a sink and float experiment. We talked about different kinds of weather and clouds, and did a couple of cloud experiments.

Our letters this month were Q, R, and S. We made quilt patterns and robots. We also had a Rainbow Day with green sensory tables, an obstacle course, rainbow making, and dress up with a photo booth! We even had a visit from Sean the Leprechaun!

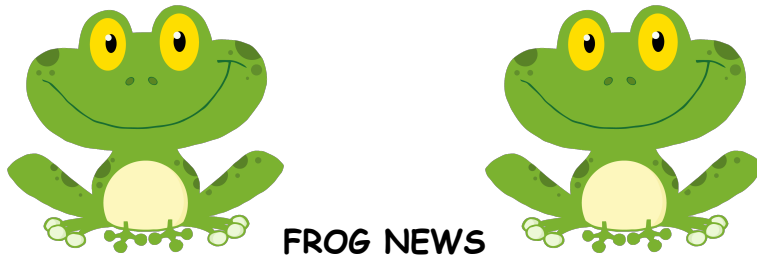
In April, we will learn about the letters T, U, V, and W. Hard to believe we are almost at the end of the alphabet! Thank you for attending your conferences, whether it was in person or over the phone. I appreciate your interest in what your kids have been working on in school. I enjoy sharing your child's progress and successes throughout the school year!

As a reminder, even though the weather will start warming up soon, there are still days when it will be in the lower temps. Please send your child with a warm enough jacket and appropriate shoes to use on the playground!

Important Upcoming Dates:

Friday April 7 th	2 hour early release
Mon. April 10 th -April 17 th	Spring Break
Friday April 28 th	Lunch Bunch
Wed. May 3 rd	Hidden Pond field trip
Mon. May 15 th	Mother's Day Brunch

Thanks and Happy Spring!
Ms. Angela and Mrs. Kawamoto



3 year old MWF Class

March 2017

Spring is finally here. This last official month of winter we were busy with our main topics of Dr. Seuss, Dentist, St Patrick's Day, Fairy Tales, Spring, and Weather. For Dr. Seuss we read many books and incorporated classroom activities with each one. With the book One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish Blue Fish we created a class mural of our handprint fish. Similarly, with the book Put Me in a Zoo the frogs made a puppet and stamped all the crazy spots that the bear can manipulate. Finally with Dr. Seuss' ABC an Amazing Alphabet Book, we incorporated a motion to each letter and object. It was great to see the kids being bees or eggs or yawing and zig zagging through their ABCs with this book and motions.

Next, we had a guest speaker, Dentist Bunin, come and teach the kids the various types of food to eat and the importance of brushing the sugar bugs away to keep their teeth healthy. In class, along with reading some dentist books, we counted marshmallows and placed them on our pretend mouth to practice counting objects up to 10. We also had the Frogs "floss" the Lego teeth with yarn. They placed our playdough as food stuck on the teeth and with the yard flossed the teeth clean. Finally, the Frogs had a brushing center with they could draw the germs/sugar bugs with a dry erase marker and with tooth brushes brush them clean.

Continuing on through the month, we had St. Patrick's Day and Rainbow day fall in the same week. You may have heard about the leprechaun that did tricks in our room. The kids were very interested as to why this little leprechaun was causing so much mischief, such as paint footsteps, chairs turned upside down, and the couch cushions flipped over. Since the leprechaun messed up all the classrooms at CEP, during Rainbow day all the kids searched for clues for where the leprechaun could be hiding. They never did find him. The leprechaun launched us into other fairy tales, such as Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs, and Jack and the Bean Stalk. The Frogs loved hearing these tales and during music class they liked acting them

out. The Fairy Tale theme turned out to be the most popular with the Frogs. They loved hearing them read.

Finally, we are moving on to Spring and Weather. So far we have talked about rainy weather and what it looks like and what happens when it rains. We did a rain demonstration showing how a cloud (shaving cream floating on water) gets full of water (blue colored water) and then they drip to the ground. Come check out the mural the kids worked on together showing a rainy scene with gray storm clouds and rain coming down. For big motion Ms. Wendi and Ms. Cristina put various types of weather labels around the room and had them run, hop, and crawl to the different types of weather as we called them out. At the end of this we said, "Run to your favorite weather." We were surprised to see that all of them didn't pick sunny. However, Sunny did get the most votes, Snowy was second, but Rainy and Stormy did get some votes. No one seemed to like partly cloudy or windy days. We are hoping for some great weather this spring so we can continue to explore the signs of spring all around us.

Thanks again for your support and sharing your kids with us.

Ms. Wendi and Ms. Cristina



THE ELEPHANTS

Tuesday/Thursday 3 year old class

Miss Katie and Miss Debbie

Well, March came in like a lamb, then decided, no, let's do the lion weather in the middle, then, decided that the lamb weather is best after all...so having the Weather Person Job this month was the most exciting of all the jobs ☺ ...and the Elephants did a great job adjusting between coat and no coat playground time.

We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2 by reading many of his classic books, including *Green Eggs and Ham* and *The Cat in the Hat*. We made green playdoh so we could pretend to make our own green eggs and ham. We made banana and strawberry kabobs that looked very much like the Cat's Hat...but way more delicious.

St. Patrick's Day, Dinosaurs, and Zoo Animals were our other March themes. Our Rainbow Day fell on St. Patrick's day celebration, so we had a Leprechaun Photo Booth, Rainbow and a Pot of Gold Art Room, an Obstacle Course with a pot of gold at the end of it, and sensory tables full of green slime, green playdoh, and rainbow rice. A good time was had by all!!

We played with lots of dinosaurs and zoo animals throughout our room. At circle time read books that taught us all about those dinosaurs and animals. Miss Katie suggested that the children ask their parents to take them to the zoo over spring break...so don't be surprised if that suggestion happens ☺

In Music with Mrs. Cooper, we performed the musical... The 3 Little Pigs...we have some future Tony Award Winners for sure. We also learned about that hard working Little Red Hen and her 3 dead beat friends. April 1st is April Fool's Day which the children learned sometimes bring surprises...so Mrs. Cooper taught Haydn's Surprise Symphony, where half of the class would "sleep" during the sweet soft part of the symphony, then be rudely awoken by the LOUD musical instrument playing of the other half of the class. The sleepers fell for it every time, and everyone thought it was hilarious.

In Chapel this month, Miss Katie told us the story of Daniel in the Lion Den...we learned that no matter how scary or hard things get...we can trust our wonderful God!!

Our class Field Trip to the Gym will April 6th. Thank you in advance to all who volunteered to drive and chaperone the children.

Please make sure that the extra set of clothes in your child's school bag are weather appropriate and the right size (they have grown quite a bit over this school year). Also, with the warm weather, PLEASE NO sandals, crocs, or any other open type shoes...they fill up with mulch and sand which means constant stopping fun to empty them. As always, good old tennis shoes work best at preschool! Thank you!

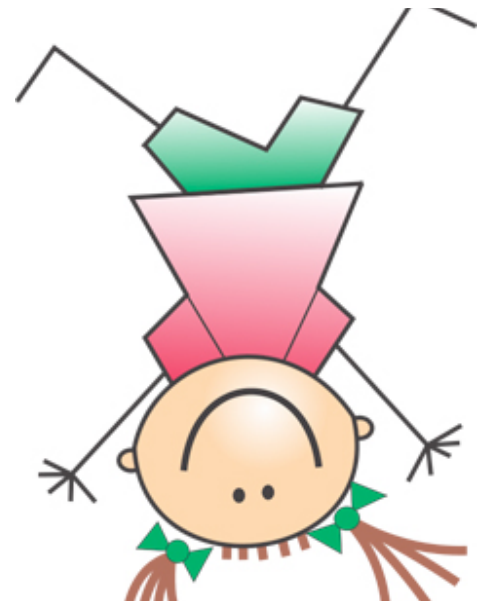
HAPPY APRIL

Miss Katie

Miss Debbie

Caterpillars' Newsletter

April Showers Bring
May Flowers



Friendly Reminders:

Hello Caterpillar Families,

Ms. Jodi and I hope that you all are doing well, and staying well.

We have a couple of other friendly reminders. Please make sure EVERYTHING is labeled with your child's name on it. With the weather temperature changing, please make sure that everything is labeled, and make sure temperature appropriate clothes are in the bag in case we need to change.

For April, it will be a quick month. We will do our Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday April 6th. Also, Spring Break will be April 10th-17th. At the end of the month, we will be having Lunch Bunch where parents are invited to lunch with your child. More information to come on that.



Calendar of Events for April:

April 6th: Easter Egg Hunt
Chapel

April 10th-14th: Spring Break

April 27th: Lunch Bunch

Owl News

2 Year-Old Class W/F



During the first part of March, we have been exploring the world of Dr. Seuss. Our favorites were Ten Apples Up on Top, Green Eggs and Ham, and The Foot Book. We made apples to balance on our head and made Green Eggs with green paint and marbles. We used the eggs to make a Red Fish, Blue Fish, Green Eggs, and Ham mural that we hung on the classroom wall. We also painted pink tulips using plastic forks - check them out - they are hanging in the hallway across from the classroom!

During the first week of April, we will learn about Easter and the Easter Bunny. We will practice the Peter Cottontail song, decorate paper Easter eggs, and dyes some real Easter eggs. After spring break, we will also spend some time learning about dinosaurs - we will read about them, paint with the, and dig for dinosaur bones. Finally, we will spend time experiencing the wonderful author Eric Carle. We also hope to see you for CEP's Lunch Bunch coming up this month! It is a special time where you can have lunch at school with your child and wander around the school with them. We hope to see you there!

Please make sure we have enough diapers, wipes, pull-ups, and back up clothing, socks, and shoes. Also, please make sure to regularly check that the extra clothes in the bag are appropriate for the season - it is warming up outside!

Thanks,

Ms. Theresa and Ms. Louise



What can't our Bears do? Seriously this class is so much fun and enjoys doing everything!!!

We started off the month reading some good old fairy tales such as The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks. We have been focusing on categorizing things by characteristics such as color, shape, and size. The Bears have also been working on fine and gross motor skills using varied objects to make artwork including their feet! ☐ And boy do our Bears love to cook and eat! We loved making porridge, bread, and rainbow pudding!

The Bears have all been using the tricycles in Big Room and working on using the pedals. It should be a fun summer keeping up with them!

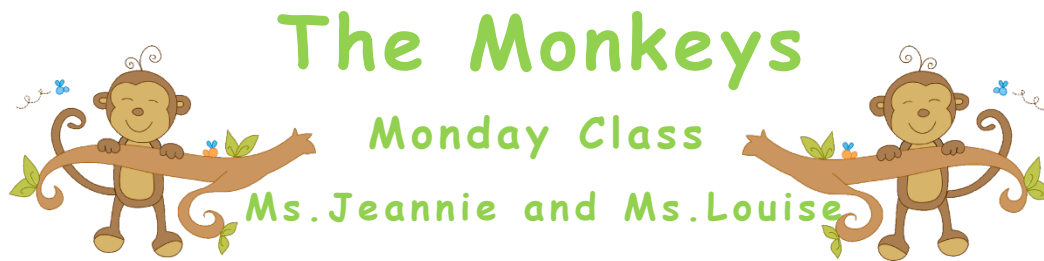
April brings learning about Easter (yes, we'll have some bunny talk, but mostly an introduction into why we celebrate Easter and what a precious gift Jesus gave to us by his sacrifice). After Spring Break we will be full on springtime! Flowers, birds, butterflies.....basically life all around us!

Just a reminder that as the weather gets warmer make sure our Bears are still protecting their feet with tennis shoes for the playground. Also, encourage them to use their voice by making choices such as: Do you want a pear or apple? And expect a response from them even if it isn't a full word it should be a vocalization. They are becoming increasingly independent and this will give them a way to have control over their situation in positive manner instead of using crying or screaming to get what they want.

We really have a great class and Jeannie and I love coming to work each day to see their sweet smiles and hear their giggles!

-Kristy and Jeannie

p.s. Check out their seeds hanging in the windows! They're going to be so excited when they sprout!



The Monkeys have been having some fun this month celebrating the beginning of spring. We painted some beautiful flowers and butterflies, and colored with chalk on black paper.

We celebrated St Patrick's Day with a mural made by sticking green tissue paper and fun shamrock cut outs onto clear contact paper hanging on our wall ... they loved how things were 'magically' sticking to the wall!

We have read many great books, but the favorite remains Brown Bear, Brown Bear. We read it every class ... ask them about it.

We have been printing photos of them recently, and cannot believe how much these little guys have grown in these short 7 months!

Next month, we will celebrate Easter by dying eggs ... should be an adventure. ☺ We plan on doing this on April 3rd.

We will be celebrating our wonderful mamas on May 15 with a special little Mother's Day brunch. You are invited to stay at drop off to nosh on bagels, fruit and juice with your little men. We do hope you can join us.

Ms. Louise and Ms. Jeannie

Late March, 2016

April Fooling

1. The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh the grand old Duke of York. He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill and he marched them down again
And when they were up they were up and when they were down they were down
And when they were only halfway up, they were neither up nor down.

2. The Surprise Symphony

Papa Haydn, so they say, had a bright idea one day.
And he wrote this melody for his symphony. !!!!
Now you know that crashing sound is really not a big mistake
It was put in this symphony, so that everyone would keep awake.

3. There was an old lady who swallowed a fly

I don't know why she swallowed a fly Perhaps she'll die
There was an old lady who swallowed a spider
That wiggled and jiggled and tickled inside her
She swallowed the spider to catch the fly
I don't know why she swallowed the fly Perhaps she'll die
There was an old lady who swallowed a bird
How absurd to swallow a bird
There was an old lady who swallowed a cat
Imagine that! She swallowed a cat
There was an old lady who swallowed a dog
Oh what a hog, to swallow a dog
There was an old lady who swallowed a goat
She opened her throat and swallowed a goat
There was an old lady who swallowed a cow
I don't know how she swallowed a cow
There was an old lady who swallowed a horse
(said) She died of course OR She popped of course

4. The 3 Little Pigs

Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf, the big bad wolf, the big, bad wolf?
Who's afraid of the big, bad wolf, tra la la la la?
Little pig, little pig, let me come in.
Not by the hair of my chinny, chin chin.
Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll huff and I'll puff
And I'll blow your house right in.

5. The Little Red Hen (sung to Bluebird, bluebird)

I am planting seeds for wheat (3x)
Please, help me plant the wheat.
We can't help you, we're too busy (3x)
We have other things to do.
I am cutting wheat for grain (I am grinding grain for flour) (I am kneading flour for bread)
We can smell your tasty bread, (3x) Please give us some bread to eat.
You can't have my tasty bread (3x) Cause I did all the work myself.
Thanks, Linda Cooper