

The Hagedorn Little Village School

Jack Joel Center for Special Children



March 2019 Newsletter



1st Annual Lucky Charm Dance



Our Little Villagers and their special guests enjoyed a fun evening at our First Annual *Lucky Charm Dance*! Many thanks to **Melissa Flick**, **MaryAnne Hyland**, **Kristin Maisano**, **Mary Russell** and **Amanda Varelakis** for coordinating the evening. Everyone had a great time!





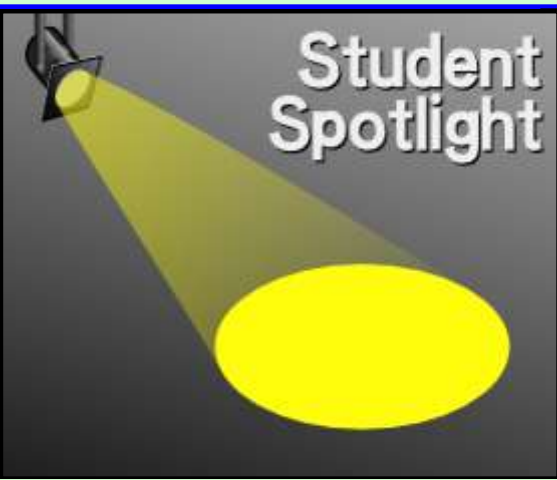
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Student Spotlight - Jimmy DiOrio

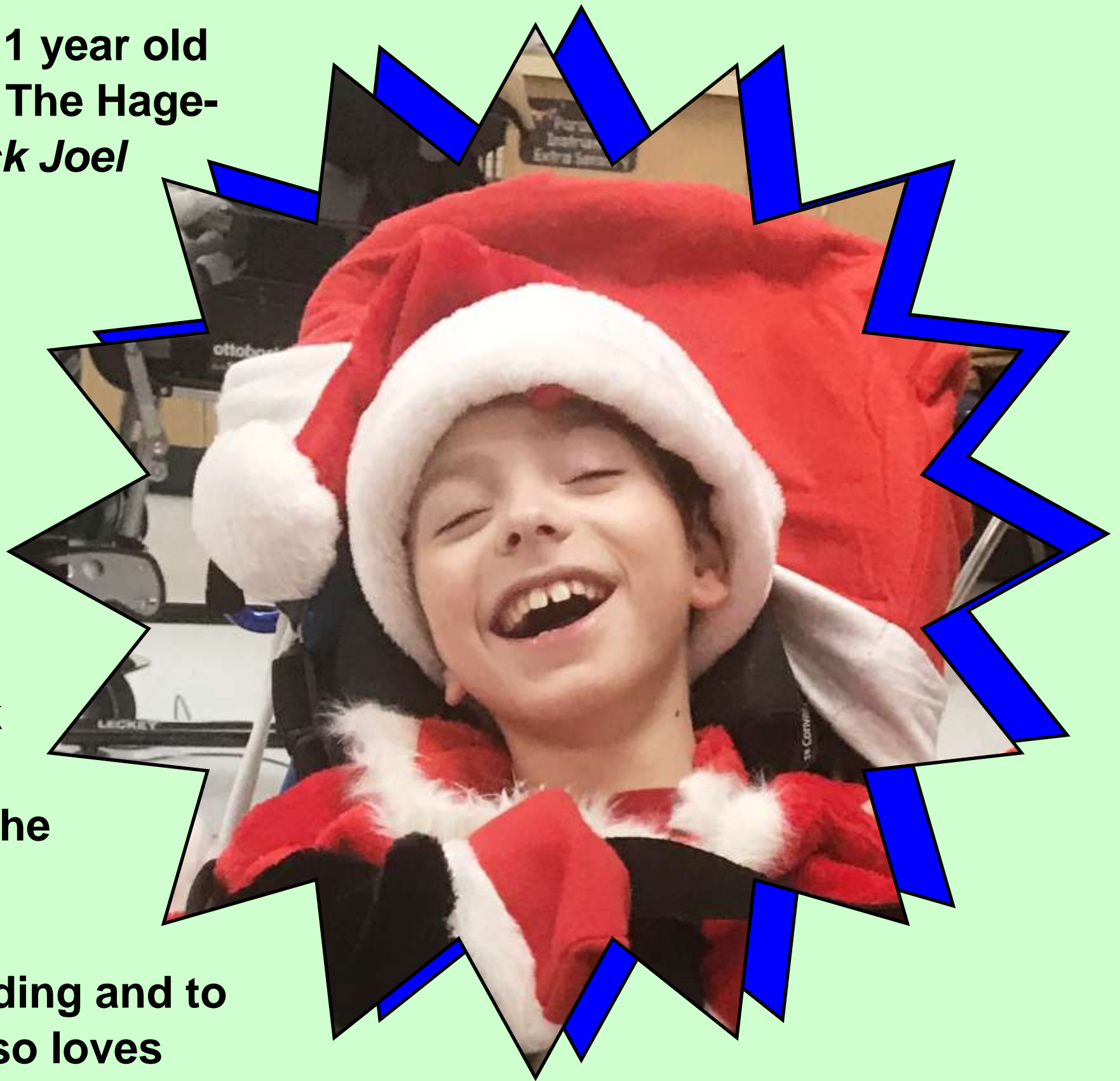
Jimmy DiOrio is an adorable 11 year old young man who has attended The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*, for many years.

According to his teacher, **Ms. Kristina**, Jimmy loves interacting with his classmates and enjoys when his friends share toys, read books and play on the playground with him.

Jimmy has a great love of music and has an extensive playlist on his iPod. You can often find him peddling on his trike listening to Frank Sinatra or Katy Perry. Jimmy has recently learned to use a switch to request a change in the song he is listening to. Way to go Jimmy!

While at home, Jimmy loves to go horseback riding and to the park. He also loves having his amazing sister, **Ally**, read to him while his two very playful dogs listen along.

Jimmy's expressive blue eyes, infectious smile and giggle are sure to make anyone at HLVS happy!





Scholastic Book Fair



Using Light Box for Visually Impaired Children

Through the generosity of the **Vietnam Veterans of America #82, Nassau County Chapter**, HLVS was fortunate to receive a "Light Box" and accessories for use with our students who have visual impairments.

The illuminated surface of a "Light Box" makes a variety of visual tasks easier to perform by helping students better use their available vision. It can be used to help students develop awareness of light, color and objects.

We are so grateful for this wonderful gift. As you can see by the pictures, we have already been putting it to very good use!



*Thank You
Farmingdale
Rotary Club!*

Thank you to the
**Farmingdale Rotary
Club!**

They held a food and
wine tasting fundraiser
and donated a portion
of the proceeds to Little
Village.

We are very grateful for
their generosity and
support!

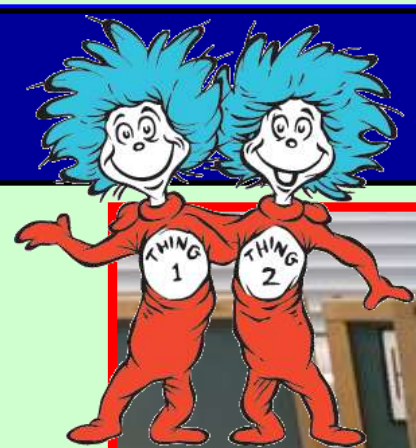


*2019 Golf Outing - Save the Date!
June 3, 2019*

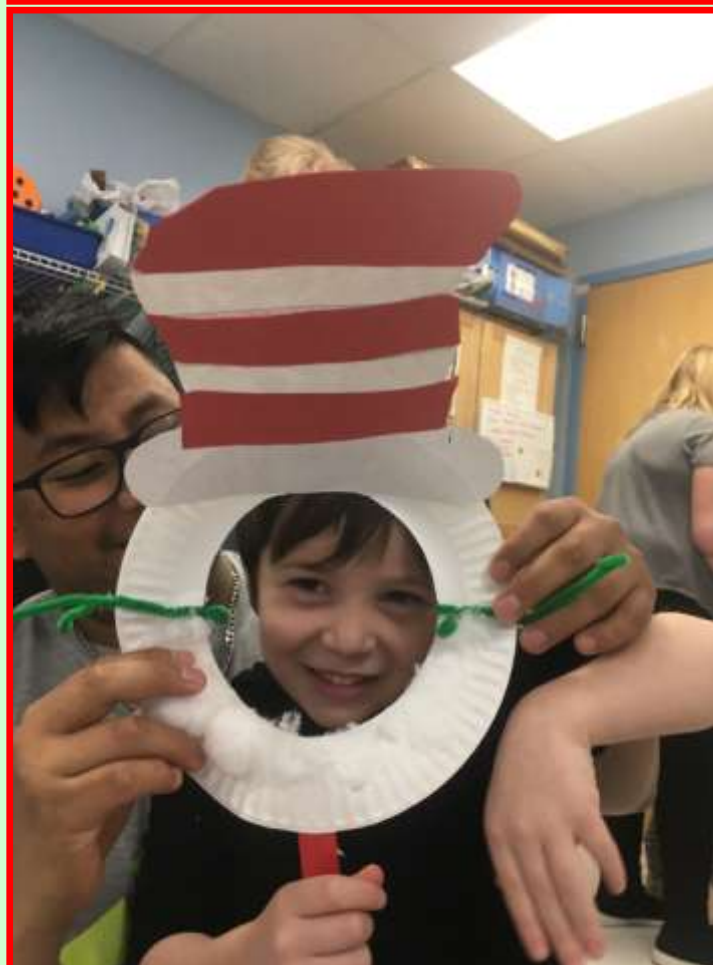
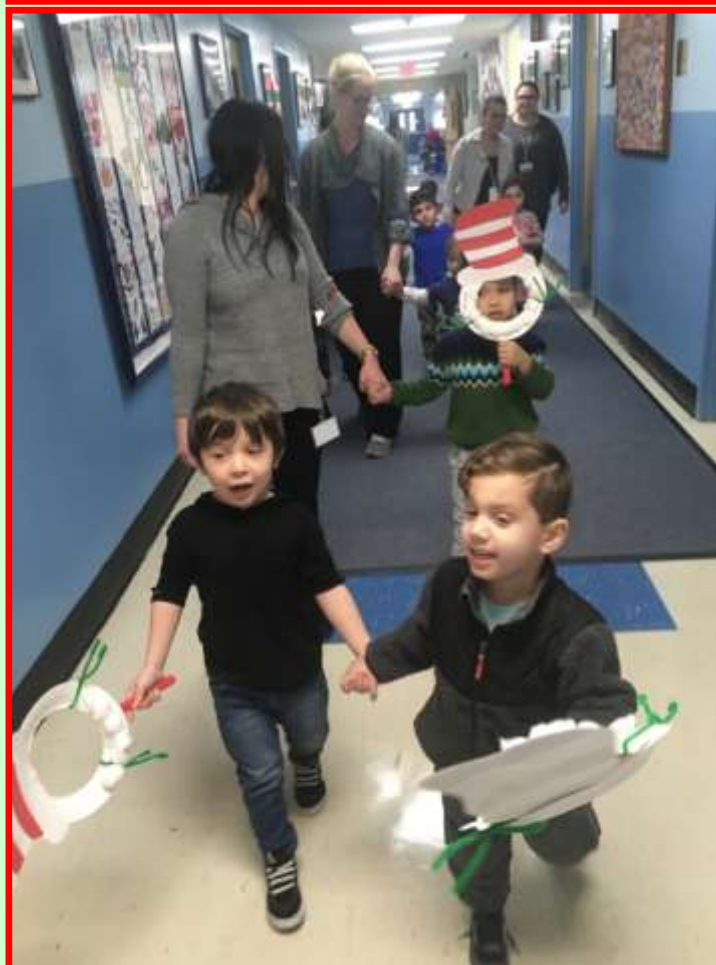
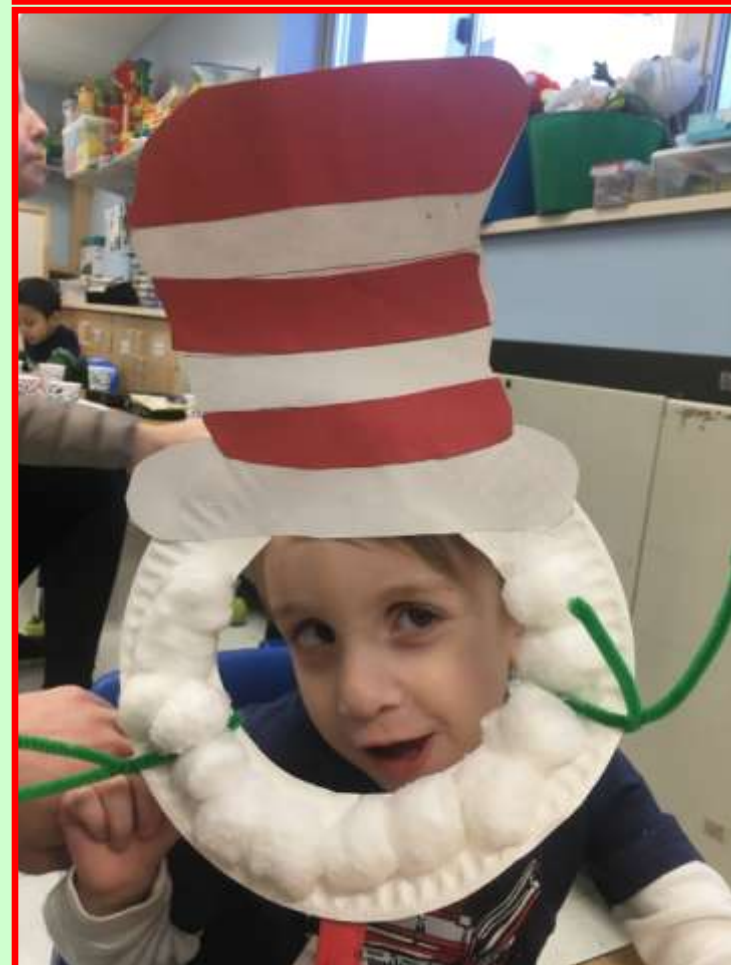
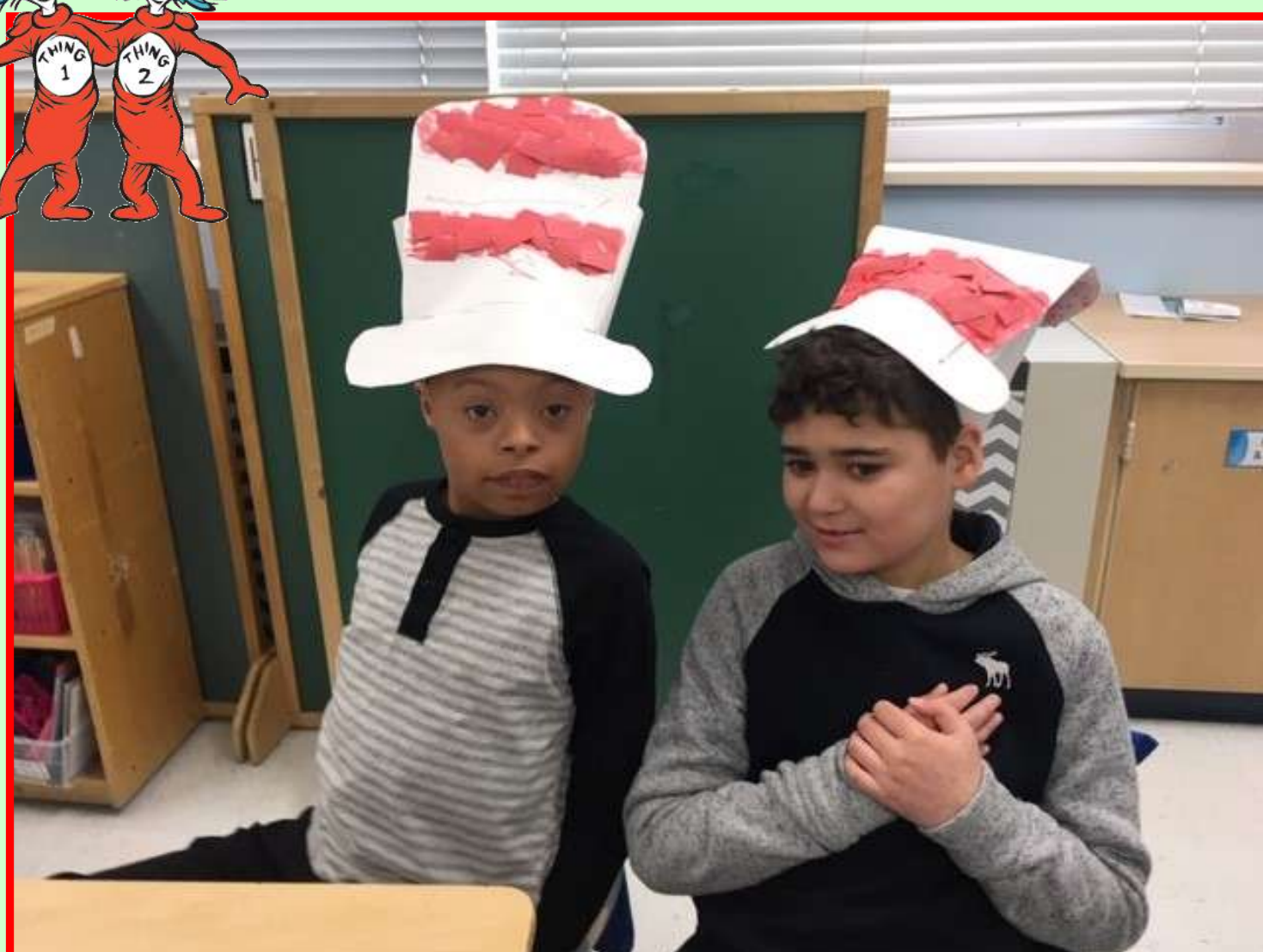


Pine Hollow
Country Club

Look for future mailings. Contact
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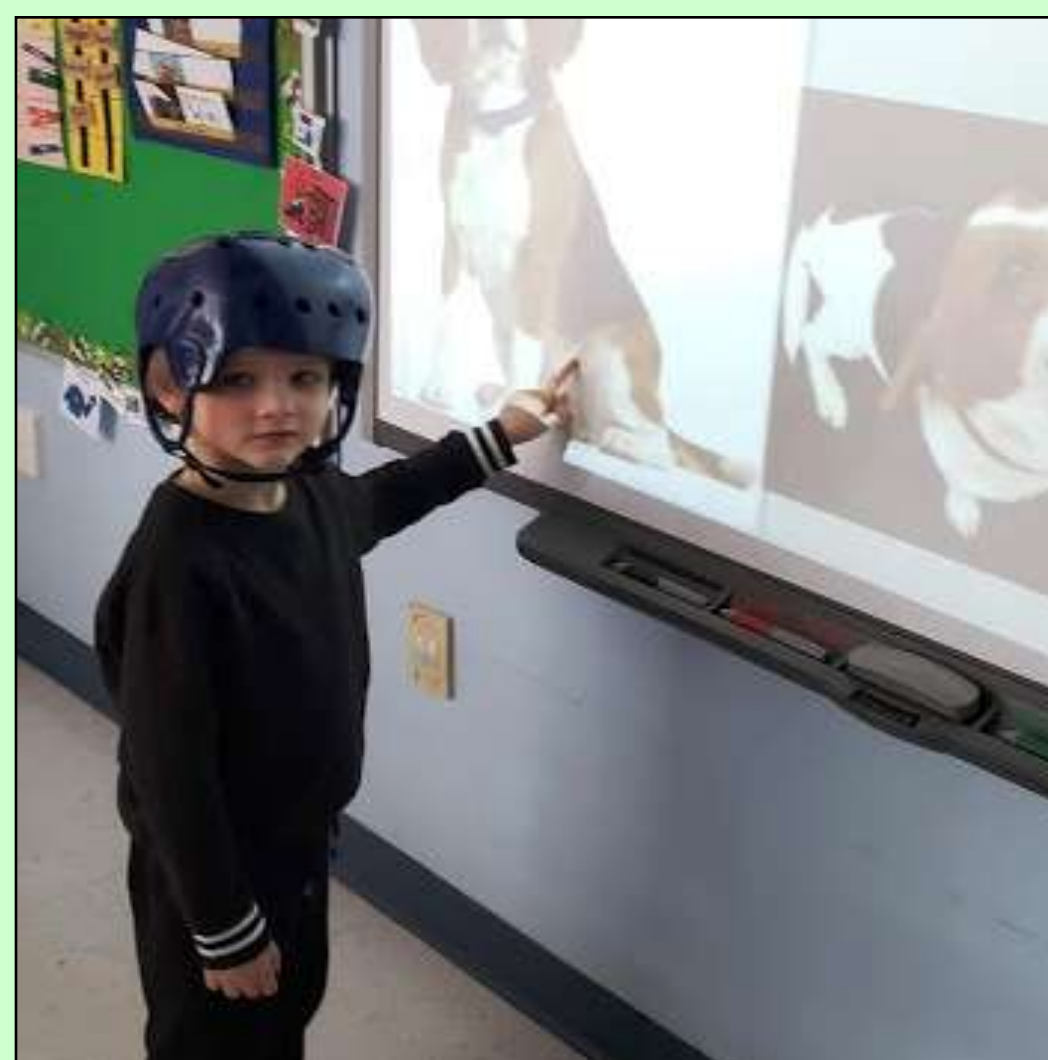


Celebrating Dr Seuss!



Room 25 Learns About Animals and Pets

The students in Room 25 are learning about animals and pets. Teacher **Denise McGowan** and the children had fun observing different types of pets and where they sleep and what they eat. They read a variety of books and had fun with different arts and crafts. The students had a great time playing with different stuffed animal pets!





Room 14 Explores Outer Space!

Teacher **Sam Kirincic** and the students in Room 14 enjoyed learning about Outer Space. They engaged in different activities which included putting on astronaut arms to complete puzzles, complete a color by number rocket worksheet, play an alien letter turn taking game, and making rockets using unifix cubes and number mats! They also made moon sand during a science lesson and had a chance to explore the moon sand and use astronaut figures to make footprints in the sand. They had so much fun!



Don't forget to follow us on Instagram and Facebook!



Free Legal and Financial Seminar

On Monday, April 1, 2019 **Andrew Cohen, Esq.** and **Mitch Weisbrot, CLU** will present a Legal and Financial Seminar at Little Village. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child. Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni dads. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help parents navigate estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion will include:

- Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
- How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
- Establishing guardianship
- Estate planning and wills
- Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
- Strategies for funding trusts

The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours.

If you are interested in attending this free seminar, please contact Janet Mouliere at 516-520-6067 or email her at Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org.



Save the Date



Little Village Fashion Show!!

Thursday April 18, 2019



Crest Hollow
Country Club
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for more information



Space Collaboration

This month, Rooms 11, 13, 14, 80 and 82 got together for an out of this world space collaboration! The students participated in an astronaut space training camp, learned how to drive a buggy on the moon and write with zero gravity. The children raced to collect moon rocks and searched for stars inside a pretend planetarium. All of the students and staff had a BLAST!



Blasting Off In Room 80

Teacher **Maxianne Russo** and the children in Room 80 had a blast learning all about Space! The students were engaged in many different hands on activities where they took a rocket ship to the moon, crushed moon rocks, made their own space helmets and completed obstacle courses wearing space boots and jet packs!

