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Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

Dear Parents,

It's March! Spring is in the air! Our March themes include the color "green," St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, spring and Dr. Seuss. During Dr. Seuss week (3/2-3/6), we will make "green eggs and ham" and please dress "wacky" on Wednesday, March 4th, for our Wacky Wednesday. The teachers use these exciting themes to enhance our curriculum, promote creativity and to teach and develop preschool skills in math, language arts, science and social studies.

The teachers and I look forward to our conferences with parents the week of March 9th - 13th. Don't forget to sign-up through Sign-Up Genius if you would like to meet with your teacher.

March also brings Picture Day! Monday March 16th and Tuesday March 17th are picture days! We are trying something new...sing-a-longs will take place immediately after drop off (9:05am) on Thursday, March 26th for the 3s and Friday, March 27th for the 4s and 5s.

Keep Smiling,
Elizabeth

Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Happy Face Nursery School

*Please attend our
next board meeting
Thursday, March 5th
@ 7:00 pm
in the Conference
Room @ Happy Face
Nursery School*

**All are
Welcome!**

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E. Denis, McCloskey, D. Mayberry, J. Weber and B. McGinnis

- Fundraising
 - Rizzo's Wildlife program is being scheduled for our students.
 - Plant Sale - Ashley Farms has agreed to grow our Heirloom vegetables for us for a fee.
- Registration for 2020-2021
 - Open enrollment is in progress
- Yearbook: Contract with Entourage yearbook company.
- Conferences will be held the week of March 9th - Please sign up via SignUp Genius



Dr. Seuss's Wacky Wednesday

* Week of March 2nd *

Wacky Wednesday will be held Wednesday, March 4th

Today all students should dress "wacky" as we read *Wacky Wednesday* and enjoy a 'Topsy Turvy' day in school. Don't be afraid to be creative!!! The Wackier, the better!

Dr. Seuss is the pen name for Theodor Seuss Geisel. He was born during 1904 in Springfield, MA. In 1927, he began working for magazines, submitting both cartoons and humorous articles.

Dr. Seuss submitted his cartoons to *Judge*, *Life*, *Vanity Fair* and *Liberty*.

During WWII, Geisel joined the army and wrote for Frank Capra's Signal Corps Unit in Hollywood. In 1954, *Life* published a report concerning illiteracy among school children.

The report said that children were having trouble learning to read because their books were boring. This inspired Geisel's publisher and prompted him to ask Geisel to write a book using 250 words (the publisher's idea how many words at one time a first grader could absorb). Nine months later, Geisel, using 220 of the words given to him, published *The Cat in the Hat*, which went on to instant success.

In 1960, Bennett Cerf bet Geisel \$50 that he couldn't write an entire book using fifty words. The result was *Green Eggs and Ham*. Theodor Seuss Geisel died September 24, 1991.



Picture Days

Monday, March 16th: 2.5 year and 4 year old programs

Tuesday, March 17th: 3 year and 5 year old programs

On Monday, March 16th, the 2.5 and 4 year old programs and on Tuesday, March 17th the 3 and the 5 year old programs will have their pictures taken. Picture forms were sent home in your children's backpacks. If you did not receive your form please reach out to your teacher or Mrs. M.



HAPPY START SCHOLARSHIP

Happy Face offers a financial-needs-based scholarship for a 4-year-old student interested in attending Happy Face.

The Scholarship will award:

\$500 towards tuition for the 3's program

\$1,000 towards tuition for the 4's program

Camp Smiley

Camp Smiley will be held at Happy Face

June 1st-5th 2020

From 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Registration flyer going home soon!

Children ages 3 years (potty trained) to 5 years of age will explore a variety of hands-on fun activities as well as enjoy socializing with their peers.

Camp Director: Meg Schafer

Cost: \$175 per child.

Space is limited to 30 children.

\$50 non-refundable registration fee due at sign up.

Registration deadline is April 13th - Final payment due May 16th.

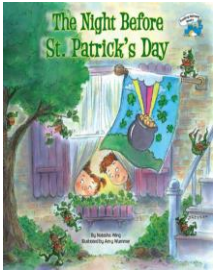
Children should bring their own bag lunches except for the last day, when lunch is included.





Children will spend this month reading literature and investigating several themes and topics including:

- Maple Syrup
- The color green
- Shamrock shape
- St. Patrick's Day
- Dr. Seuss
- Spring
- Letters X, Y and Z
- Numbers
- Rainbows
- Nursery Rhymes
- Color words



The nursery rhyme of the month for the 2 1/2s is:

- **Humpty Dumpty**

The color and shape of the month for the 3s is:

- **Green**
- **Shamrock**

The author of the month for the 4s is:

- **Dr. Seuss**

To extend learning at home, you may wish to read books related to these themes, such as the following:

- **Violet the Pilot** by Steve Breen
- **The Night Before St. Patrick's Day** by Natasha Wing

March Show & Tell

3s

- Tues., 3/3: Something Pirate
- Tues., 3/10: Something Shamrock
- Tues., 3/17: Something Green
- Tues., 3/24: Something Dino
- Tues., 3/31: Something Spring

4s & Fab 5s

- Wed., 3/2: Letter W
- Mon., 3/9: Letter X
- Mon., 3/16: Letter Y
- Mon., 3/23: Letter Z
- Mon., 3/30: (4s) #1 (5s) #1 & 2

Week of March 2nd
 Friday, March 6th
 Week of March 9th
 March 16th
 March 17th
 March 20th
 March 26th and 27th

Important Dates:

Dr. Seuss Week
 Amazing Athletes starts
 Parent Conferences
 Picture Day for 2.5s and 4s
 Picture Day for 3s and 5s
 Rizzo's Wildlife assembly
 Sing-a-longs at 9:05am

