

BEGINNINGS AND BEYOND

March 2019

HAPPENING IN MARCH.....

Holidays

March 1st- Dr Suess's Birthday!

March 17th- St. Patricks Day

NO PLANNED CENTER CLOSURES

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 11th- Michael

March 13th- Karson and Ava

March 16th- Marcella

March 17th- Jakai

March 25th- Kennidy and Audrey

March 27th- Christopher

Dental Presentations!

The Smile Place will be here March 12th beginning at 9 am to do a presentation and activities on dental health and wellness with the children. This presentation and activities will be for children in the one year old classrooms through pre-k.

Families, if you haven't already, please return the photo consent form to the office for this event.

STAFF CHANGES

Please welcome our New Administrator, Miss Heather!

On site Event with Miss Kate! This is a one hour show with Miss Kate, a folk singer, who will be presenting to children in our two year old classrooms through pre-k. March 26th at 9am. \$7 per child. Make sure to turn in your permission slip and payment to the office! Look for slips and informational flyers that were sent home!

Family Literacy Night!

March 29th from 6 to 8 pm ~ This is a family event for families to attend. Various books will be read to the children to enjoy. We will also have a book swap, along with prizes and give aways!

A short educational presentation on the importance of reading to children will kick off the Family Literacy Night, followed by the scheduled book readings and activities. Food and Drinks will be available.

Please RSVP by March 15th with number of adults and children.

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CURRICULUM CORNER

Dramatic play is one of the ways children gain a better understanding of their experiences. In dramatic play, children take on different roles, act out real or imaginary situations, use props to make believe, and work together. They learn to cooperate with others, solve problems, and control their own behavior—all of which are important skills for school success. When children pretend, they recall experiences and agree on how to re-create them. To play the role of a doctor, for example, they must remember what a doctor does, what tools a doctor uses, how a doctor examines a patient, and what a doctor might say.

Here are some ways to support your child's dramatic play:

- Talk about real-life experiences as they take place. On a trip to the grocery store, post office, or clinic, talk about what is happening. Explain what people are doing, their jobs, and the names of tools and other objects they use. This helps your child understand and recall those experiences in pretend play.
- Provide props that inspire pretend play. Dolls, doll blankets, a cradle, telephones, pots, pans, plastic dishes, and safe tools will encourage your child to explore social roles. Other useful props include people and animal figurines; transportation toys such as cars, trucks, and boats; and various ride-on toys.
- Make believe with your child. This is one of the best ways to encourage your child to pretend. You can also encourage pretend play by asking questions; providing dress-up clothes and work-related props such as firefighter hats, work gloves, and a toy stethoscope; and taking on a role yourself.
- Encourage your school-age child's imaginative play. Your child might enjoy creating plays and acting them out or using puppets to retell a story.

