



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Director's Corner

March has blown in. This month is all about spring. Spring is a very nice time of the year when everything is just starting their new life cycle. It can be my favorite time of the year along with the 3 other seasons. I can find something special about each of the seasons.

What do I like about spring? I love seeing cherry blossoms, crocus and tulips, new green grass; listening for the birds chirping during nice warm mornings. Along with this I enjoy warmer temperatures and more sunny days; even, a nice rain sprinkle.

During the first week of March our children will be talking about Dr. Seuss, the famous children's author, and they will read lots of his books. Reading is very important for young children. Read to your children everyday and it will make them brighter down the road. Once or twice a month you can take your child/children to one of the local libraries and read some books. Let them pick books themselves and then return them. It will teach them responsibility.

This month is also about St. Patrick's Day. How many of you have enjoyed searching for the Leprechaun and his pot of gold when you were young? We do it every year! Remember to ask your child if he/she found one. You can also plan some fun activities at home as well. Hide some green items in your backyard or around the house along with gold chocolate coins and let your children search for them. Make it like a contest – "Who gets the most?" Paint a rainbow, make sun catchers, be creative... children like to do fun stuff with grownups.



Daylight Savings Time is around the corner. Remember to set your clocks 1 hour ahead on Sunday, March 13. Try not to be late on Monday! ☺

School pictures by Classic Portraits Photography are scheduled on March 15 & 16. Spring colors.... Children will be taking pictures with a "live" bunny!

We are planning to have a Spring Fling on Saturday, April 16. This is one of the biggest events that we usually plan for children and families. It will include different activities, sweets and food. In order to have a successful event we will have a spring fundraiser (March 14 - March 25) to help with some of the expenses. We ask all families to help us with this fundraiser.

As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Have a wonderful March everyone! Get out and enjoy the warm weather!

~Tatyana

Happy Birthday!

Paris Spencer	March 2
Ellory Lamp	March 3
Christopher Harris	March 17
Noah Harris	March 27
Jeremy Higgs	March 28
Aimee Herrera-Clemes	March 29
Jurnee Walker	March 29

Upcoming Events

March 2	Dr. Seuss Birthday
March 13	Daylight Saving Time
March 14-25	Spring Fundraiser
March 15	Picture Day (N1, N2 & UPK)
March 16	Picture Day (LPK & TK)
March 17	St. Patrick's Day (wear something GREEN today)
March 17	GREEN Classroom Parties
March 20	First Day of Spring

Changing Clothes

- Remember to supply at least 2 sets of changing clothes for your child everyday.



Congratulations, **Mrs. Maria**, on being chosen as the recipient of **Shining Stars Academy @ Arrowood Teacher of the Month of March 2011**. Mrs. Maria was selected because of her flexibility and the love that she gives to our children.

Congratulations to Mrs. Maria!

Join our group on **FACEBOOK!**



Our group name is **Shining Stars Academy**.

Recipe of the Month

Kiwi Lime Pie

Your kids will get a bang out of baking this lime-flavored pie with you. Let them help make the crust. All they have to do is pop some crackers into a zip-top bag and crush them with a rolling pin. They will have fun! And you will have this delicious pie for dessert.



Ingredients:

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 3 tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk
- 4 egg yolks
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- Thin chocolate cookie wafers
- 1 kiwi, peeled and sliced

Instructions:

- Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Mix the graham cracker crumbs and butter in a bowl. Firmly press the crumbs against the bottom and sides of a 9-inch pie pan. Bake for 5 minutes.
- In another bowl, stir the sweetened condensed milk, egg yolks and lime juice until well mixed. Pour the mixture into the crust and bake for 15 minutes or until an inserted knife comes out clean.
- Once the pie cools, push cookie wafers into the filling along the edge. Top with kiwi slices arranged to resemble a shamrock.

Serves 8

FamilyFun.com Recipes

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www.ShiningStarsAcademy.com

"Lovable Ladybugs" N1

March is here and spring is on the way. The infants are looking forward to going outside and enjoying the nice weather.

We would like to welcome Emily Fitzgerald, Dylan Joseph and Demetri Wall to our class. Welcome to the ladybugs.

The infants are doing well and doing their own little things. Some are sitting up and holding their bottle, along with rolling over, smiling, and babbling. Tummy time is social time for our little friends and they are really enjoying it.

Parents please remember to label all of your child's bottles with their name and the current date. Also, please label anything you bring into the center for your child. We often have several items that look similar and we can accidentally mix them up. Lastly, please keep a change of clothes in your child's cubby in case of an accident.

Have a great month!

Ms. Teda, Mrs. Luli & Ms. Mandy



"Amazing Ants" N2

Our Amazing Ants are marching into the month of March.

Our friends have been doing a wonderful job learning their ABC's and counting to 10 in Spanish and English! Way to go Amazing Ants!

We will continue to work on identifying colors and shapes, as well as practicing our names.

Two of our friends will be turning 2: Jeremy Higgs – March 28 & Aimee Herrera-Clemes on March 29. We wish them a Happy Birthday.

Parents please remember to trim your child's nails and please bring a change of clothes for any accidents that might occur.

See you at the St. Patty's Day Party!!

Mrs. Shawnda & Mrs. Johanna



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

"Beautiful Butterflies" LPK

Happy March everyone!! We are so excited that Spring is just around the corner. This month we will be learning about the wind, birds, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and planting a garden.

We are very excited about the nice weather because, as you know, we love to do outdoor activities. Please remember to dress your child appropriately and, unless you tell us specifically, we are required to dress the children in their jackets, regardless of the weather. Therefore, if it is going to be warm in the afternoon and you feel that your child will not need their jacket, then please let us know!

This month we would like to welcome our new friends, Zephyniis Wharton, Aaron Tavernier, and Jacqueline Santos to Lower Pre-K. We also want to wish a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!" to Noah Harris on March 27th ☺

Show and Tell has been a big hit in our classroom so we will continue to share every Thursday morning during circle time. Please remember to check your child's class newsletter for the Show and Tell schedule.

We hope that everyone has a happy and healthy start to Spring!!

Ms. Lindsey & Mrs. Maria

"Creative Caterpillars" UPK

Happy March to all!

Spring is in the air and our Caterpillars are jumping with joy and are waiting for the warm weather.

We would like to welcome to our Caterpillars' classroom our new teacher Mrs. Maya Tavernier. We would also like to welcome our new students Daemyn Adams, Stephanie Gomez, Fabian Hernandez, Phillip Summers and Jurnee Walker. We are so happy to have them in our classroom!

We are looking forward for many celebrations in March. Happy Birthday wishes to Christopher Harris & Jurnee Walker.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2nd. Children will be making striped hats and green milk shakes. There is a rumor that the Cat in the Hat is planning to visit our school and that he might be stopping by our classroom to read a book or two.

During the month of March we will talk about windy days, Spring and gardening. St. Patrick's Day is on March 17; please remember to wear something green. The first day of Spring is on March 20. During that week we will have lots of art activities and we will start our classroom garden.

The children are looking forward to putting their hands in the dirt and enjoying all of the wonderful activities that we have planned for them.

We will be back to visit you in April, so stay tuned.

Happy March to all!

Mrs. Ida & Mrs. Maya

"Busy Bees" TK

Spring is in the air! With the warm weather approaching, we have planned a month full of activities and fun. In the month of March, we will be celebrating, discussing and learning about rhyming words, opposite words, St. Patrick's Day, spring and flowers. Happy birthday wishes to Paris Spencer (March 2) and Ellory Lamp (March 3).

On Tuesday, March 2nd, we will celebrate the birthday of the famous children's author, Dr. Seuss. In honor of his birthday, we will be learning about rhyming words and opposite words. We will be cooking green eggs and ham in the Bee Kitchen and there's a rumor that "The Cat in the Hat" may stop by to read us a book.

The Bees will take spring pictures on Wednesday, March 16th. Please send your child dressed for this event.

We are extremely excited to welcome Hanna Atilano, Thalisa Santiago, Johan Samuel Gomez, Tadeo Cuadra, Kemrin Joesph and Ellory Lamp to the bee hive.

Don't forget to check our classroom website for updates and our weekly lesson plans.
www.teacherpage.com/kimstevenson

Looking forward to a happy and fun month. Happy Spring!

~ Mrs. Kim

