



Important Dates

April 18/19—3's—bring in a white or light colored T-shirt
May 4—2's—Parent Day



Birthday Celebrations

Two's

Tessa—April 17

Three's

Liana—April 7

Leighton—April 21

Four's

Matthew—April 8

Nicholas—April 16

Chloe—April 18

Lillian—April 20

Ben—April 24

Aidric—April 28

Themes for April

2's—Spring, Easter, Nursery Rhymes

3's—Spring, Farm, Purple, Diamond, #7



Tuition Reminders

FINAL INSTALLMENT
Due now

7TH MONTHLY PAYMENT
Past due

If you haven't already, your payment needs to be made BEFORE MAY 9.

Register for 2017-2018!

Forms available on the website or from a teacher. Pass the word to family & friends—your referrals are always appreciated.

Here we are in April with only one month before graduations and parents' days. Looking back to September, it is always amazing to see how much the children have accomplished. As a parent, you should be pleased with their many achievements. With only a short time until the end of preschool the classes are still busy. All of the 2's, 3's, and 4's classes have been creating books throughout the year and busily completing them. The 4's classes will also finish their alphabet books.

In March all classes had fun as they celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2 and learned that his real name was Theodore Geisel. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with art activities. All the classes enjoyed activities associated with spring and Easter by making an Easter basket ... which the children hope to be filled by the Easter Bunny!

What we did last month ...

The 2 year old class, for the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, were read the story *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* and then sponge-painted red and blue fish. When they heard the story *Ten Apples Up on Top*, they had a counting lesson on the numbers 1 to 10. After the big snowstorm, it was time for spring, so the children painted cloud pictures.

The 3 year old classes heard the story *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss. They learned about rhyming words, words that sound alike but have different meanings, and played a game using rhyming cards. Another theme was the wind. They listened to the story *Gilberto and the Wind*. There were several wind experiments, including seeing which items would blow away, such as a clothespin, feather, crepe paper, a toy bear, and a book. Another experiment had them try to move a cotton ball by blowing through a straw. They also learned some spring and Easter songs, rhymes, and finger plays. Be sure to look at the classroom bulletin board—the children are working on a farm theme and made farm animals to go in the barnyard!

The 4 year old classes also read Dr. Seuss books, including *Put Me in the Zoo*, *Fox in Socks*, and *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*. The 5 day and afternoon classes made a display in the stairwell of "1 Thing 2 Thing" which pertains to the book *The Cat in the Hat*. The classes discussed rhyming words and did an art activity. Another theme was learning about dinosaurs by making their own fossils and decorating T-shirts with dinosaurs. Some new words they learned were volcano, paleontologist, fossil, herbivore, carnivore, and omnivore. A volcano experiment was fun and exciting, and so was digging for fossils! Dinosaur-themed books read included *The Dinosaur Who Lived in the Back Yard*; *A Trio of Triceratops*; *Can I Have a Stegosaurus, Mom? Can I Please?!*; *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?*

Preschool Open House Thursday, April 20, 4:00-6:00pm

Please invite your family and friends with preschool-age children to attend this fun and informative event!

