

## MARCH THEMES



March will appear "in like a lion and out like a lamb" as we discuss "Things that Move" in the VPK classroom. The three-year-old classroom will be learning about "Things on the Go" and the Twos will be enjoying "Nursery Rhymes" with all the activities.

Please remember to check out the lesson plans that are posted for your convenience. This information will keep you informed about the daily lessons and what the children are learning.



# INSPIRATIONS LEARNING CENTER

March 2023 Newsletter

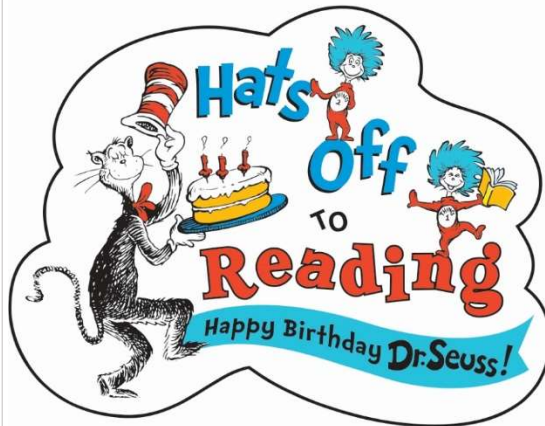
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**March 2 – Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss Day)**

**March 13-17 – Spring Break (No VPK Classes)**

**March 20-26 – National Poison Prevention Week**



We always look forward to beginning the month of March by reading lots of Dr. Seuss books and enjoying reading related activities in the classroom. We encourage all of our families to include a daily reading time with your child.

This special time together with your child will create memories to last a lifetime!

Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated on Thursday, March 2 and it celebrates both the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel and the National Education Association to endorse the importance of reading. A lesser-known fact about Dr. Seuss is that he created the word nerd. The first documented use of the word was in the 1950 book he wrote titled "If I Ran the Zoo" about a boy named Gerald McGrew who visits a zoo and ponders what it would be like if he ran it. So in a way, Dr. Seuss is partly responsible for nerd culture.



The Spring Break holiday for VPK students will begin on Monday, March 13, 2023 and continue through Friday, March 17, 2023. Classes will resume for the VPK students on Monday, March 20th.

Please remember that Inspirations Learning Center is open during the Spring Break. VPK classes are not held during this time, however, we welcome the VPK children to join us if families need care for their children. Please remember that there is an additional charge for this service for the older children.

**The first day of spring is on March 20<sup>th</sup>.....Wishing everyone a beautiful new spring day.**

## LABEL JACKETS AND SWEATERS

Welcome to the cool, sunny weather of Spring!! Springtime usually requires an additional item to help keep warm. **Please remember to label your child's sweaters and jackets (on the inside tags) with their name.** Permanent marker is the best and it usually will not fade.

We cannot possibly remember the owner of each piece of clothing!!! We appreciate your help and thank you for your cooperation.

### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION REMINDER

We enjoy celebrating birthdays at school! If you would like to send in a special birthday treat for your child, please make the necessary arrangements with the classroom teachers. Don't forget – all food items must be "store bought" and completely nut free.



KIERAN  
ASHTON  
LUKE  
MI'KIA

PRINCE  
RAJVEER  
TOREN  
BRAD

### "LUCKY" THE LEPRECHAUN IS COMING!



Each March, the children experience a lot of excitement when our Irish friend, "Lucky" comes to visit from Ireland. Lucky enjoys playing tricks on the children and the children enjoy trying to catch Lucky in one of the classroom leprechaun traps. You will hear lots of stories from the children and may even see a footprint or two from Lucky.

This year, Lucky will be visiting us on March 15, 16, and 17<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes open when you drop off/pick up your children at school. You never know when you may see that little rascal.

Fun facts about four-leaf clovers

What else should you know about these symbols of good luck? Here are some fun four-leaf clover facts to prepare you for St. Paddy's Day:

- The leaves of four-leaf clovers are said to stand for faith, hope, love, and luck.
- According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the most leaves ever discovered on a single clover stem is 56.
- The plant's Latin name is *Trifolium repens*, which actually means white clover.
- Abraham Lincoln always carried a four-leaf clover with him but reportedly forgot it at home the night he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.
- The word shamrock comes from the Irish word seamrog, which means "little clover."
- Children in the Middle Ages believed they would be able to see fairies if they carried a four-leaf clover.
- St. Patrick used a three-leaf clover as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland, which is why shamrocks are associated with the holiday

## NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup>

### NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK 2023

The third full week in March each year is National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW), a week dedicated to raising awareness to poison control centers and the Poison Help Hotline (1-800-222-1222). NPPW 2023 is **March 19-25, 2023.**



National Poison Prevention Week is observed during the third week of March every year and exists to highlight the risk of being poisoned by household products. Take a peek under your kitchen sink or in your laundry room and there'll be tons of stuff that could be dangerous. Household cleaning agents, prescription medications, pesticides, and other items can pose serious hazards to the health and well-being of our families and even our pets. National Poison Prevention Week is here to raise awareness of these dangers and to make sure we are all mindful of what lurks in our own home.

We will be speaking with the children about how to identify and stay away from poisons. Look for the additional information that your child will bring home to share with you.

There are always things we can do at home to implement poison control. Useful tips include cleaning out your medicine cabinet periodically, keeping all chemicals out of sight from children, and keeping all items in its original container are wonderful beginnings.

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### **SMILE – It is picture time in March!**



Mr. Stan (Expressions Photography) will be here to take the class photos of the children on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The children always enjoy pointing out their friends and talking about their classmates to their family. The pictures are reasonably priced and we are sure that you will enjoy seeing them!

Individual Spring photos and VPK Graduation photos will be taken in April. Watch for more information about these events in the coming weeks.