

Finding Me Now

Childcare Center

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March 2015

March is upon us and the children are looking forward to being able to spend more time outdoors with warmer temperatures and lots of sunshine ahead, so please be sure to watch the weather and dress your child accordingly. The long winter has kept us bundled up and we are longing for some spring days!

A WARM AND FRIENDLY WELCOME GOES OUT TO ALL OF OUR NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

Did you know?

Moving like four legged animals such as bears, dogs, cats, or lions requires children to bear weight on their legs and hands/arms and strengthens the shoulder and trunk of the body. Developing a strong trunk and shoulders is necessary before children can develop fine motor (small muscle) skills such as writing, buttoning, and zippering.
(from Head Start Body Start)



INFORMATION & REMINDERS



SPRING BREAK (For School Age Children) - Please let us know if your child will be attending our center during Spring Break.

(Warren Township March 23-April 3, 2015.)

Please see Mr. James or Ms. Sherry at the front desk.



REMINDER—Please check the lobby counter each day to see if you have swipe card reminders, tuition reminders, or papers to sign. Thank you!



Have a
Wonderful Saint
Patty's Day

March Activities

March 17th-Wear Green for a Leprechaun celebration!

Spring Break

Warren Township

March 23rd-April 3rd

Welcome to our newest staff member, Lia Satterfield! You will see Lia helping out in all of our classrooms. Please take a minute to say hello.

We also want to welcome back Ms. Stacey from her maternity leave!



Parents,
If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions at any time please feel free to let us know.

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Swipe Card Reminder: Parents it is so important that you keep current on swiping your child in and out with your Hoosier Works card. It is time consuming and frustrating for you to have to go back and swipe for previous days. You will be charged \$10 for any discrepancy that has to be filed. Please make your best effort to clock your child in and out each day. Thanks!



Emergency Contact Information

Parents please take a minute to stop by the office and check your child's Emergency Card to be sure it is up to date with current information including phone numbers. It is important that we be able to contact you if your child is ill or other needs arise so we need your current contact information. Thanks for your attention to this matter.



School Days

- o **March 23rd-April 3rd-** Spring Break Warren Township



DATES TO REMEMBER

- o **March 8th-**Daylight Savings Time Begins (move clocks forward one hour)
- o **March 17th-** St. Patrick's Day
- o **March 20th-**First Day of Spring
- o **March 23rd-** Spring Break begins.
- o **March 29th-** Palm Sunday

EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA! (Clothes that is)

Please be sure your child has extra clothing in their cubby at all times. Even children who do not have toileting accidents still might spill or get messy in a way that requires a change of clothing. We have NO extras at the center to loan anymore and we know you don't want to be interrupted at work with a phone call to leave work and bring a change of clothes. However, if your child needs a change and does not have one here, that is what we will have to do. We want to help your child be comfortable as well as obey sanitary rules by not letting a child remain in wet or soiled clothing.



Monthly Reminders

- We **MUST** be notified before 10am if your child will arrive later. Then we can plan for **child/teacher ratios for the day** and for **lunch counts**.
- Children **MUST** be picked up by 6pm or late fees are charged.
- Children **MUST** have a clean set of clothing in their cubby at all times (school age excluded).
- **Two week** disenrollment notice must be given or half tuition will be charged for both weeks.
- **NO toys or Electronics are allowed to be brought to school for any reason, other than scheduled Show-N-Share days.**
- **Full tuition** is charged if your child attends any given hours during the week.
- **Half tuition** is charged per week if your child does not attend for a week or more.
- **Pillows and blankets** need to be taken home every **Friday** to be washed.



March Classroom Spotlights



Trailblazing Twos (2 year olds)

During the month of March we will be focusing on a study of

"Read Across America, Seussastical March"

Our activities for March will be: Reading lots of different Dr. Seuss books and exploring and expanding on the fun we find in the stories we read. For instance we will be making and tasting Green Eggs and Ham! We may like them Sam I am! We will also be counting shamrocks and looking for Leprechauns as we focus on the color green and discuss and learn some things about St. Patrick's Day. We will also focus on the letters J, P and U and the sounds they make as well as words that start with them.

Our Foundation Goals for the month will include: demonstrating phonological awareness and demonstrating knowledge of the alphabet.

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with Ms. Christie

Prevailing Preschoolers (3 year olds)

During the month of March we will be focusing on a study of **"Balls"**

We will learn about the characteristics of balls such as shape, size, color and what they are made of. We will also learn about what people do with balls. Finding out which kinds of balls bounce, which ones roll, and which ones are light or heavy, soft or hard, rough or smooth, round or other shapes will be part of our study as well. We will play some games with balls, as well as practice sharing and following rules of games with balls. We are also very excited about being able to spend time outside playing with balls since spring is finally very near.

Our Foundation Goals for the month will include: painting and drawing with crayons as well as throwing and catching different sizes of balls.

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with Ms Stacey or Ms. Lisa

Exceptional Explorers (4 year olds)

During the month of March we will be focusing on a continuing study of **"Recycling"**

We will discuss how we can reuse "junk" and how we can create less trash. We are very happy that spring will soon be here and our outdoor time can be on a more regular basis since the snow and arctic temperatures will be gone. Please remember to bring a jacket for those cooler days outside and to have a change of clothes in your child's cubby at all times for those accidents that creep up to surprise us.

Our Foundation Goals will include: demonstrating phonological awareness and showing awareness that some words begin the same as well as comprehending and responding to books and retelling some of the events in order.

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with Ms. Mignon or Ms. Kyrá

School Age Superstars (School Age)

During the month of March we will be discussing bus safety and why it is important. We will talk about how to stay safe on the bus while going to and from school and on field trips. It's always safety first and we appreciate parents reminding the children just how important this is for everyone! We are looking forward to spring, and of course to spring break from school! The class has decided that they want to work on some different projects and experiments this month so listen for some interesting stories about our activities! Some of our projects might be a bit messy so PLEASE be sure to have your child wear play clothes during spring break so we can enjoy the fun of our plans and our outdoor play time!

If you have any questions or suggestions at any time please feel free to speak with Ms. Ally, Ms. Cynthia or Ms. Amanda