



CHESTERBROOK

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Dear Chesterbrook Parents,

March is here and it is almost Spring...thankfully! It has been a cold winter and we know that everyone is anxious to go outside and play. February was a short but busy month with many important themes and activities, and March is sure to be just as eventful!

Here are a few reminders and dates for upcoming events:

- Dr. Seuss's birthday is Wednesday, March 2nd and we will be celebrating him and all his acts of literature all month long. Parents are invited to come in and read to their child's class to celebrate Dr. Seuss!
- Keep an eye out for information regarding priority registration, it will follow in the upcoming days this month.
- Sunday, March 13th Daylight Savings time begins. Don't forget to set your clocks an hour ahead!
- Register for Priority registration Now through Friday, March 11th and save 45 dollars!**
- Thursday, March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. We will be having a school-wide Shamrock Shake Party. The children will enjoy making their own Shamrock Shakes with vanilla ice cream and green food coloring!
- Easter Sunday is in March this year! Save the date, March 27th! We will be having a classroom Easter egg hunt this year on Wednesday, March 23rd!
- Soccer shots demo classes for Toddler B and up are March 7th. After the demo class, families are welcome to sign up online. Visit: www.soccer-for-kids.com. Classes begin March 14th. They will be held on Mondays at 9:30 am, it is 13 dollars per week and can be added into your tuition!

•We are busy planning Summer Camp as we speak and all calendars will also follow in the upcoming days next month.

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Easter!!

Stacy & Thien



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Infants

Welcome Spring! In our infant room this month we will be celebrating 3 birthdays for our kiddos who are turning 1 years old! Happy Birthday to Olivia, Noah, and Carmen! This month we will continue to work with finger painting and sign language. We will be working on signing the words more and finished. Don't forget to sign up to read your little one's Class for DR. Seuss' Read Across America! We can't wait to see the milestones our infants will reach for the month of March, stay tuned!

Toddler A

Welcome Spring! March will be a busy month, full of many fun activities. Our color of the month will be green, and our shape of the month will be a clover. This month we will be exploring self-expression and our fine motor skills through Art Projects. Some of the upcoming events will be Dr. Seuss' Birthday, St. Patrick's Day, and Spring/Easter activities. Busy, busy, busy!

Toddler B

Welcome March! Green is our color of the month. Caroline, Danny, Sammi, and Roman are all using open cups! Way to go! Happy Birthday to Danny! We're excited that Mila and Macklin have now joined our room. Some of our LTL skills for the month are answering questions about events in books, sorting by color, and imitating vertical Crayon strokes. We have a busy and exciting Month for March!

Beginner A

It's March here in Beginner A!! This month we will learn new Spanish vocabulary, "anaranjado" (orange) and "Buenas Dias" (Good Morning). We will also focus on using safety scissors, holding a crayon or writing utensil correctly, and repeating numbers 1-20. The children will describe daily weather at circle time. ☺ March 17th we will be having Shamrock Shakes to celebrate St. Patty's Day!

Beginner B

Welcome to March in Beginner B! This month we will learn our new Spanish word "Anaranjado" (orange) and "Buenas Dias!" (Good Morning). We will practice using safety scissors and discuss the safety rules while using safety scissors. We will continue to learn letter recognition and letter sounds. This month we will also focus on name recognition. We will celebrate Dominic turning 3 this month! We will also celebrate St. Patty's Day, Easter, and Dr. Seuss. On Wednesday, March 2nd, parents are invited to come read Dr. Seuss books! We will celebrate St. Patty's Day by getting Shamrock shakes on the 17th!

Intermediates

Welcome March! This year is flying by. We are all ready for the warmer weather. We would like to welcome our new friend Mia Fanelli! We are very excited to have a new friend. We will be celebrating Audrey and James G.'s birthdays this month, the children are very excited to turn 4! This month we will be focusing our attention on patterns, using up to three objects. We will be orally identifying compound words (race + car = racecar) and as everyday routine, social-emotional, self help skills, and social interaction skills. We are looking forward to a great fun-filled month!

Pre-K



Pre-K had had fun and worked very hard last month. Pre-K enjoyed their field trip to the Pitman Theater to see the "Wizard of Oz," their Valentine's Day party and exchange, and the Valentine's Day dance. March will be just as fun and busy. In March, Pre-K will be busy continuing getting ready for Kindergarten. Pre-K will learn more about coins and their values. They will also be working with picture reference books to obtain information. Another skill Pre-K will be working on in March is exploring the differences in the daytime sky compared to the nighttime sky. There are a few birthdays in March: Allison (6th), Robert (10th), Jake (12th), Billy (31st). Pre-K will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday! March is going to be full of fun and kindergarten readiness activities. We look forward to seeing the children grow and succeed socially, emotionally, and academically!

Kindergarten

Happy March! This month we are focusing on blending initial, medial, and final /h/, /l/, consonant sounds, reading text based comprehension such as sequence and cause and effect, learning the Animal Fantasy Genre, learning about position words in Mathematics such as above, below, in front of, behind, next to, and beside, learning all about the seasons and storms in Science, understanding family stories in Social Studies, and much more!

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 2nd Happy Birthday Dr.

Seuss, Parents come in and read  

Sunday, March 13th Daylight Savings Time

Thursday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day and

 Shamrock Shake Day 

Kindergarten Spring break/ Spring Camp

Week-March 21-25th

Wednesday, March 23rd Class Easter egg hunt



Sunday, March 27th Easter



Congratulations

Rebecca Babilino

Teacher of the Month

March 2016!

Miss Becca joined the Chesterbrook family in November of 2015. She attends Rowan College at Gloucester County. She is working towards her degree in Biology. She is also a waitress at Applebee's in Williamstown. Between her busy schedule with working another job and attending school, she also dedicates her time and heart to our kids here at Chesterbrook.

Congratulations, we are very **LUCKY** to have you!!

Don't forget to visit our website for the lunch menu, special event dates, reminders and so much more...

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Introducing Your Preschooler to the Fascinating World of Non-Fiction

When you think about children's books, you might envision princesses in castles, talking animals or a flying magic school bus. Although it's fun to read these types of stories with your child, it's important to also introduce him to non-fiction books. You may be surprised to learn that he's fascinated with exploring real people, places and things!

Non-fiction is not only interesting to children, but it also creates an important foundation for learning. It helps children build new vocabulary, develop critical thinking skills, fuel their curiosity and gain a better understanding about the world around them.

Below are ways we integrate non-fiction in the classroom, as well as activities you can try at home.



INFANTS:

In the classroom: Infants love to look at faces, so our teachers choose non-fiction books that include photographs of people, such as *Global Babies* by Global Fund for Children. Afterward, they show the baby a photo of his own family and talk about the people in the photo. For example, "Look, Ben. Here's your mom. Who's she holding? That's you."

At home: Read multi-sensory picture books with your child. Choose non-fiction books with different textures and bright colors to help stimulate his growing sensory awareness.

Recommended reading: *Families* by Rena D. Grossman, *Bathtime (Baby Touch & Feel)* by DK Publishing

TODDLERS (ages 1-2):

In the classroom: Toddlers learn the names of different animals and vehicles and the sounds they make. While singing songs with students, our teachers ask, "What does a pig say?" or "What sound does a fire truck make?"

At home: Point out photographs of familiar animals and vehicles in magazines or books. Ask your child to mimic the noise that each item makes. This can also be done in the car as you're driving around your neighborhood.

Recommended reading: *Baby Animals* by National Geographic Kids, *Noisy Trucks* by Tiger Tales

BEGINNERS (ages 2-3):

In the classroom: Teachers and students read non-fiction books by going on picture walks. A picture walk motivates children to rely on pictorial clues to decipher the story's plot and make predictions. Before reading the story, they flip through the book, and the child is encouraged to make predictions about the characters and plot. The teacher then reads the book aloud to the student. When finished, the teacher asks questions to start a conversation about the text.

