

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

March 2023 Newsletter

Lucky to Be at Chesterbrook Academy!

Spring is so close, we can feel it! March is a big month - from Women's History Month, to the change of seasons, and Daylight Savings causing us to "spring forward" on March 12th, there are so many reasons to be excited for the month. We feel so lucky to share this joyful time with all of our Chesterbrook Academy school community!



Classroom Happenings

Infants:

- Happy March!! Can you believe Winter is almost over?! We are so excited to learn about all things Spring!
- We will talk about Spring weather, activities, plants, clothes, and more! "You are My Sunshine" by Sandra Magsamen and "Max and Ruby's Bugs and Creatures" will teach us about Springtime weather and insects that come out to play when the weather warms up!
- Something that is just as exciting as the upcoming Spring, is Dr. Seuss month! Dr. Seuss' birthday is on March 2nd, and we will celebrate with his books all month long! "Hop on Pop," "Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?", "The Cat in the Hat" and "ABCs" will all be stories we read together as a class!
- We can't forget about St. Patrick's Day either! "Pout-Pout Fish Lucky Leprechaun" by Deborah Diesen is the perfect book to help us learn and celebrate! We will also be

creating lots of shamrock crafts, listening to Celtic music, and focusing on the color green!

- "Rain Rain Go Away", "It's Raining, It's Pouring" and "Mr. Sun" will be some of the songs we will sing this month as well! Feel free to practice them at home, too!
- We can't wait for what this month has in store for us!!

Young Todds:

- Yayyy!! Time to celebrate LIFE in all its forms, as we officially march into March 2023
- RAINBOWS!!

Colourful, sprightly and vibrant, a rainbow is just like our little friends exuding galore cheerfulness!

Young todts are going to celebrate the onset of March with all things colours. They will be creating the most beautiful rainbows to adorn the CBA skies 🌈 🌈 🌈

- HOLI HAI!!!!

Continuing the colourful merriment, our little friends will splash into a learning puddle to explore all about HOLI, a festival of colours, all the way from India! It's the most vivacious festival and has gained popularity around the world in bringing people of different cultures together!

- "A person is a person, no matter how big or small"

~ Dr Suess

Young todts will commemorate Dr Suess who made reading so much fun for all little ones across the globe! His immense contribution to the literary world will be celebrated year after year.

- MARCH 20, 2022! It's Spring officially!!!

Trees bursting with buds so bright

Birds searching for nesting and perching sites

The days are getting better and longer

Awakening little creatures from their winter slumber

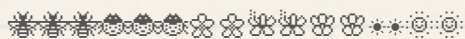
As one Could mildly feel the warmth of sunlight

It's time to exult and rejoice

The celebration of life has just begun

'T's official, Spring has sprung!

- Kokil Yogesh



- Let's celebrate it together, little friends and us! From colourful activities to loads of outdoor fun, ready or not, here we come💖

Todds:

Welcome to another month toddler families! We can't believe how fast these months are flying by! Spring is right around the corner and summer will be here before we know it! This month's themes will include shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, and umbrellas/Rain.

- Week 1 Shamrocks - This week we will read the story "Green Shamrocks" by Eve Bunting. In art we will use green paint and paint brush to create a shamrock. We will also be singing "Five Little Shamrocks" while practicing hand movements.
- Week 2 Leprechauns - This week we will read "The Itsy Bitsy Leprechaun" by Jeffery Burton during circle time. During art we will use green, orange, black, yellow, and white

construction paper shapes and a glue stick to create a Leprechaun. We will also sing "Five Little Leprechauns" and learned hand movements to go along with it.

- Week 3 Rainbows - This week we will be talking about the season spring and rainbows. During circle we will read the story "Penguins Love Colors" by Sarah Aspinall. During art we will use red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet paint and a paint brush to create a rainbow. In music we will sing "I Can Sing A Rainbow." Happy first day of summer on the 20th!
- Week 4- Umbrellas/Rain – This week we will be reading the book "Soaked!" by Abi Cushman. For art we will be using a coffee filter, a pipe cleaner, markers, and water to create a colorful umbrella!

B1:

With the days getting longer, Spring is just around the corner!!!

- We leap into March with a renewed sense of excitement as we learn about new topics and themes. We begin the month by reading a wonderful book "The Cat in the Hat" in honor of Dr. Seuss' Birthday!
- Week 1 - We will take a virtual trip to the country India to learn about the "Festival of Colors - Holi". The festivities begin with ushering in the Spring season, the triumph of good over evil and a bountiful spring harvest. It is an occasion to reset and renew and play with colored dyes made from flowers and herbs. We will read the book "Festival of Colors" by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal!
- Week 2 - Happy St Patrick's Day!!! We will learn all about the Irish holiday St Patrick's Day, clovers, shamrocks, pot of gold and catch those sneaky little Leprechauns. We will read the book Ten Lucky Leprechauns by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook. To celebrate St Patrick's Day with our friends we will be hosting a green theme food party on March 17th. Please look out for the sign up sheet in the classroom. We will have fun games and treats for our friends!
- Week 3 - We will be officially celebrating the "First Day of Spring" on March 20th. We will learn all things Spring, flowers and gardening this week. We will read the book "Lola Plants a Garden" by Anna McQuinn. In this lovely story Lola and her Mommy decide to grow a garden resulting in a collection of beautiful flowers. We will engage in some hands-on learning as we explore working with gardening soil, flowers and watering the soil!
- Week 4 -Sunshine and Rainbows. With the Sun and Rain often playing hide and seek, our little weather watchers will be on the lookout for a sunny spring day or a rainy spring day. Spring rain showers are often followed by beautiful rainbows! We will learn the what, where and when facts about rainbows and create colorful rainbow themed art. We will read the book "How The Crayons Saved The Rainbow" by Monica Sweeny!

B2:

Let the countdown to Spring begin!

This month we will continue learning about seasons in particular: SPRING!

Throughout the month we will cover more Spanish vocabulary.

- Week 1 - March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will read 'Are You My Mother?' By Dr. Seuss. We will also learn about Holi(March 8th). As well as creating Holi inspired art.
- Week 2- Our class will learn about St. Patrick's Day and make shamrocks with what we are lucky for.

- Week 3- (Flower Petal Name Building) This week we will craft flower petals with your child name.
- Week 4- We will be going on a bug hunt to see how many insects we can spot.

Intermediates:

- February flew by in a blink for our Intermediates! Love was in the air for our Intermediates as we celebrated Valentine's Day, learned about Black History Month, and enjoyed President's Day!
- In March, we will begin exploring the creative genius of all of our friends! We'll also meet some strong female figures who have innovated our lives in celebration of Women's History Month!
- We all miss Ms. Jen and are looking forward to her healthy & speedy return, hopefully soon!

Pre-K:

- This month we are exploring many different topics!
- To start the month we are finishing our Inventors through time! We will look at different inventions and the people who created them, including the traffic light, telephone, basketball, and even nerf guns!
- This month is Women's History Month, so we will learn all about influential women! First, we will look at Mala Yousafzai the youngest person to ever win a Nobel Peace Prize! We also will look at other amazing women including Amelia Earhart, Rosa Parks, Ada Lovelace, and finish with the incredible Maya Angelou! Through looking at these women we will learn about geography, civil rights, mathematics, and poetry.
- Luck of the Irish! This next weeks all about St. Patrick's Day! We will create different rainbow crafts, examine different countries flags, and have a St. Patrick's Day party, Wooohoo!
- To go along with the green from St. Patrick's Day, we have a week all about different plants and flowers! We will learn about the life cycle of a seed, how BIG sunflowers get, healthy fruits and veggies we can grow, and lastly plant our own flowers! To finish the month off we will be going over the change of the season. We will examine the four seasons, learn about bumble bees, focus on different types of flowers, and go over the life cycle of a butterfly! Happy Spring friends!

Pre-K 2:

During the month of March we will learn a bunch of new and exciting things!

- Throughout the month we will be talking about how March is Women's History Month and learn about all the important women that helped shape the world and our country to be better and do better.
- We will also be talking about St Patrick's day! We will learn all about the holiday, like how it became a holiday and how we can celebrate it. We will also be doing a shamrock letter scavenger hunt!
- We will learn about our new letters of the month "S" and "Y"! We will learn the sounds they make, what words start with them, and if they are vowels or consonants.
- We will then talk about rainbows and clouds! We will learn how rainbows are formed, the order the colors go, and even make our own rainbows! We will then talk about all the different kinds of clouds and when we see those clouds in the sky what they mean.

- Lastly we will be focusing on our math skills! We will do some simple math problems using objects around the class and even take home some math and number worksheets so that everyone's math skills stay strong!
- March here we come!

Upcoming Events

Spring Fling Open House

WHEN

Saturday, March 18th, 10am-1pm

WHERE

Our School

Classroom Color Day!

WHEN

Monday, March 13th, 7am-6pm

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

Wear your classroom's theme color to show off your class pride!

Classroom Colors:

- **Infants:** Yellow
- **Young Tods:** Pink
- **Toddlers:** Green
- **Beginner 1:** Red
- **Intermediates:** Red
- **Pre-K:** Blue
- **Pre-K 2:** Purple

Reminders & Announcements

March is Women's History Month

The month of March is Women's History Month! This month is dedicated to recognizing & celebrating the amazing contributions women across all cultures have made to society. Throughout this month, your child will be learning about many remarkable women throughout history, and taking time to celebrate the wonderful women in their lives as well!



For more resources on Women's History Month, check out the following resources:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/womens-history-month>

<https://womenshistorymonth.gov/>

<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/womens-history-month>

March Teacher Appreciation Day

Our Teacher Appreciation Day this month is Wednesday, March 15th. Please sign up to participate at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-march1>

Upcoming Book Fair

Mark your calendars! Our annual Spring Book Fair will take place next month, from **April 3rd to April 7th**, plus a special **bonus fair day** on **Saturday, April 8th**! Stay tuned for more information!

SMG Parent Survey

Our next wave of parent satisfaction surveys will be rolling out between **March 14th-17th**, so keep a lookout for emails providing details on what to expect. We would love to have as much participation in this as possible! The survey only takes a few minutes, and the information you provide will help us make our school better for our families!

We would also like to take a moment to explain how the scoring system of these surveys impact our overall rating. The only score that is reflected as a positive rating is the "**highly satisfied**" score (which is a rating of 5). The scoring of **satisfied** (a rating of 4) actually *negatively* impacts our overall rating. While we are always going to take constructive feedback seriously and strive for improvement, we do want to ensure that the feedback we receive is wholly reflective of where we should focus on making positive changes!

Thank you to all families for participating and helping us make our school the best that it possibly can be!

Thank You KOP Dental

A special thank-you to KOP Dental for their fabulous visit on February 22nd! Our kids loved learning all about the importance of keeping our pearly whites clean and bright!

Vacation Credit Reminders

Heading out of town for spring break? Let us know if you are planning on using your vacation credit this month. Please remember:

- Vacation credits require **two weeks' written notice** in order to be utilized
- Credits reset on July 1st.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle your Bags!

Our plastic bag recycling initiative is in full swing! Drop off your plastic grocery bags to the gray basket in our lobby, and we will send them to the Tredyffrin Township Building! From there, your plastic bags will be sent off to be converted into park benches! How cool is that?

Priority Re-Enrollment

Don't forget! **Priority re-enrollment for next school year ends March 17th.** There has been an overwhelming demand for care, so make sure your child's spot at our school is secure for the next school year!

Love Our School? Leave Us a Review!

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp, and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school!



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