

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – March 2025

#### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Wow, it is amazing how fast this year is going! Spring is right around the corner. The students will begin the Read-a-Thon fundraiser this week and we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America. There will be a couple of other fun days in March as well. We will celebrate Spring's arrival by wearing Spring colors on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 9<sup>th</sup> for Daylight Savings Time.

Just a reminder to parents that drop their students off in the mornings. The front door does not open until 7:30 am. Please remain with your child until school personnel are visible outside the door. We would not want anything to happen to any unsupervised child. Thank you for your help with this.

#### MARCH PTG READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER - March 1st -28th

The month of March includes both Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America. As part of our reading month, PTG is holding a Read-A-Thon.

- All materials for participation went home on February 14th. (If you need another packet, call the school and we will send one home.)
- The Read-A-Thon begins on March 1<sup>st</sup> and continues through March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Your son/daughter can determine the number of books he/she can read in the month of March and earn certificates and/or prizes.
- Students ask for pledges for the number of books that they read from family and friends.
- Books that students read or that parents read to their child count as books read.
- If you or your child reads a chapter book, each chapter counts as a book.
- Any books read from March 1-28 count toward the Read-a-Thon. (So mark it down on your tracker sheet!)
- Tracker sheets and pledges are due back to the school by April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck boys and girls! Parents, thank you for your on-going support!

#### **PTG**

The PTG will be meeting on March 5th at 8:15 am in the library. All are welcome to attend.

#### COUNSELOR'S CORNER - Mrs. Nichols

Hello to all families! In March, PreK classrooms will be learning about identifying feelings, while Kindergarten classes will be focusing on the next step—coping skills and problem-solving tips. New sessions of small group counseling are also beginning for identified students. For your awareness, I do have a school counseling intern, Mr. Bowes, working with me this semester. The students have warmed up



to him quickly! As always, please call with any questions or to make a referral for your child.

#### PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration will begin online at <a href="www.gorockets.org">www.gorockets.org</a> on March 1, 2025. This is an ongoing event.

**Age cut-offs**: Pre-Kindergarten – Must be four (4) before August 1, 2025. Kindergarten – Must be five (5) before August 1, 2025.

You will begin the registration process online at <a href="www.gorockets.org">www.gorockets.org</a>. Once you complete the online portion of registration, you will be prompted to select an appointment time. During this appointment time, you will come to the ECLC with your child to turn in the following documents: your child's birth certificate, parent's photo I.D., proof of residency and your child's immunization records. Additionally, your child will complete a screener so we will better know your child and his/her academic, social, and developmental needs.

Any child currently in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten is already registered for next year. You will not need to do anything at this time.

#### MUSIC NOTES - Miss H



March came in a hurry! The Kindergarten students have been hard at work learning musical notation and reviewing skills from the fall. We have worked on the correct formation of quarter notes and quarter rests. Using this notation, we have created and performed 4-beat rhythm patterns. Additionally, the Kindergarten students have played rhythms on many new instruments! The PreKindergarten students have been working hard to use their best singing voices and adding instruments while singing. We played three new instruments in February! As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or email me.

#### FUN DAYS at the ECLC during MARCH

March 3<sup>rd</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – See attached calendar

March 17th – Wear Green Day – "Happy St. Patrick's Day"

March 20th – Wear Spring Colors to welcome Spring

#### **SPRING FORWARD**

Please remember to set your clock ahead one hour on **March 9**<sup>th</sup>. Daylight savings begins.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

March 1-28 Read-a-Thon Fundraiser

March 3-7 Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Birthday (See

attached calendar)

March 5 PTG Meeting @ 8:15 a.m.

March 13 PreK Purple Day

March 14 NO SCHOOL

March 17 St. Patrick's Day- Wear Green

March 20 "Spring" into Spring – Wear your Spring Colors

March 20 Bus Evacuation Drill – Just Practice!

March 21 Last Day to Order a Yearbook!

March 28 PreK Black Day

Mar. 31-Apr. 4 Return Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheet, Pledge Sheet, and pledges/donations.





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# ECLC March 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read-A-Thon Begins March 1st!						Read-a-Thon     Begins-     start reading
2 Dr. Suess Spirit Week	3 Wear Orange and Yellow!	4 Wear Your Favorite Color!	5 Wear Exercise or Comfy Clothes!  PTG @ 8:15AM	6 Wear a Holiday Sweatshirt!	7 Wear Your PJs!	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins Turn clocks ahead 1 hour	10	11	12	13 PreK Purple Day	NO SCHOOL!  Act 80 Day	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day Wear Green!	18	19	20 First Day of Spring Wear Spring Colors!	21 Last Day to Order a Yearbook!	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 PreK Black Day  Last Day of Reading for the Read-A-Thon!	29
30	31	April 1	Read-aThon Tra	cker Sheet and pled	ges are due by: <b>A</b>	pril 4th, 202

