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EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PARENT NEWSLETTER – March 2024



PRINCIPAL NEWS

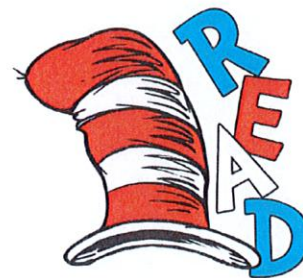
Wow, it is amazing how fast this year is going. Spring is right around the corner. The students will begin the Read-a-Thon fundraiser this week and we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America. There will be a couple of other fun days in March as well. We will celebrate Spring's arrival by wearing Spring colors on March 19th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 10th 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. Also, as the weather begins to improve, please refrain from bringing your dogs to drop off and pick up. It does make some of our students uneasy to be around dogs at this time. Thank you for your help with this.

MARCH PTG READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER – March 1st -31st

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 10th. (If you need another just call the school, and we'll send one home.)
- **The Read-A-Thon begins on March 1st and continues through March 31st.**
- Your son/daughter can determine the number of books he/she can read in the month of March and earn certificates 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 read a chapter book, each chapter counts as a book.
- Any books read from March 1-31 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 5th**.



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

PTG

The PTG will be meeting on March 6th at 8:15 am in the library. All are welcome to attend.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER – Mrs. Nichols



Hello to all families! In March, K4 classrooms will be learning about identifying feelings while K5 classes will be focusing on the character trait of honesty. Small group counseling sessions are continuing for identified students. As always, please call with any questions or to make a referral for your child.

PREKINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



Kindergarten registration will begin online on the www.gorockets.org website beginning on March 1, 2024. This is an on-going event.

Age cut-offs: Pre-Kindergarten – Must be four by August 1, 2024.
Kindergarten – Must be five by August 1, 2024.

You will begin the registration process online at www.gorockets.org. Once you complete the online portion of registration, you will be prompted to select an appointment time. During this appointment time, you'll 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 son/daughter's immunization records. During this appointment, 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 additional.

MUSIC NOTES – Miss H



March came in a hurry! The K5 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 K5 students have played rhythms on many new instruments! The K4 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

Mar. 4th -Mar. 8th – Dr. Seuss Spirit Week – See attached calendar for dress up days
March 19th – Wear Spring Colors to welcome Spring

SPRING FORWARD

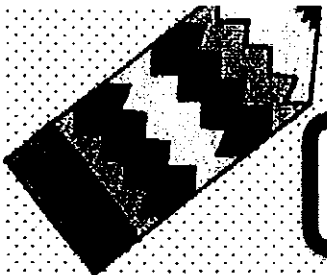
Please remember to set your clock ahead one hour on **March 10th**. Daylight savings begins.



IMPORTANT DATES

March 1-31	Read-a-Thon Fundraiser
Mar. 4-8	Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss Birthday (See attached calendar)
March 6	PTG Meeting @ 8:15 a.m.
March 8	K4 Purple Day
March 15	NO SCHOOL
March 19	“Spring” into Spring – Wear your Spring Colors
March 21	Bus Evacuation Drill – Just Practice!
April 2-5	Return Read-a-Thon Tracker Sheet, Pledge Sheet, and pledges/donations.

No School for Students – March 15



MUCH NEWS



NOTES FROM THE NURSES

FOOD ALLERGIES

- An estimated 4-6% of children are affected by food allergies
- Food allergies can cause mild to severe symptoms, but future reactions can change and may become more severe
- These foods cause about 90% of all reactions in children: Eggs, Milk, Peanuts, Tree nuts, Fish, Shellfish, Wheat, and Soy
- Most reactions from food occur within 2 hours of eating, although some start within minutes and some, although rarely, can occur 4-6 hours later
- Once diagnosed with a food allergy, the best treatment is to avoid the food

*Sources- Mayo clinic, ACAAI

ALLERGY CARE PLAN

If your child has been diagnosed with a food allergy, please discuss an allergy and anaphylaxis care plan with your doctor and bring a copy to the school nurse along with his/her EPIPEN and the doctor's order.

EPIPENS

If your student has an EPIPEN, check expiration dates. If expired, talk to your pharmacist as some dates have been extended.

BRACELET

If your student is diagnosed with a food allergy, have him/her wear a medical alert bracelet or necklace. This will help with first aid in an emergency.

EDUCATION

Educate your child about the allergy so that he can advocate for himself when away from home.

CLOTHING


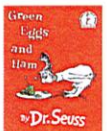
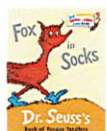
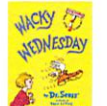
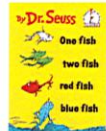
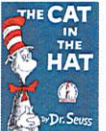



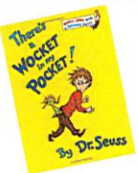

Please remember to put extra clothes in your child's backpack. Accidents happen!!



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ECLC March 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read-A-Thon Begins March 1st! 					1 Read-a-Thon Begins—start reading! <i>Read Across America Day/ Dr. Seuss' Birthday!</i>	2
3 Dr. Seuss Spirit Week →	4 Wear Green! 	5 Wear Crazy Socks! 	6 Wear Whatever You Want! (Ex.: PJs, Costume,, Etc.) PTG @ 8:15AM 	7 Wear Red and Blue! 	8 Wear a Hat! K4 Purple Day 	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins Turn clocks ahead 1 hour 	11	12	13	14	15 NO SCHOOL! Professional Day	16 
17 	18	19 Wear Spring Colors! First day of Spring	20	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28 Easter Break	29 Easter Break	30 
31 Last Day for the Read-A-Thon!	1 Easter Break	2 Return to School	Students return to school on April 2, 2024. The Tracker Sheet and pledges are due by: April 5th, 2024.			