



## March 2023 Newsletter

# SPRINGTIME!!!

*New Beginnings and New Growth!!!*



Dear Parents,

Wow, can you believe we had days that reached almost 60-degrees in February!! Truly unexpected warm “winter” weather we’ve been experiencing, but we are not complaining. Let’s hope March is just as nice!

Thank You, Thank You, to all of our Parents/ Grandparents that participate in educational presentations for our children while they were learning about all of the Community Helpers in our neighborhood!

Many parents are forgetting to sign their child In and Out on our HiMama App. It is required by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Early Learning Resource Center of Monroe County (ELRC) that all parents/guardians sign their child in and out each day. Unless we are having an issue with our App or Internet it is Mandatory that parents, guardians, and emergency contacts Sign their child IN at drop off time and Sign them OUT at pick up time.

Please make sure your child is washing their hands before entering the classroom at arrival. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**Who Reads?  
We Read!**



## Dates to Remember

- Mar 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dr. Seuss Birthday
- Mar 7<sup>th</sup> – Green Eggs & Ham
- Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Read books with a Buddy
- Mar 15<sup>th</sup> – Build a Leprechaun Trap
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick’s Day Party (wear green)
- Mar 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Stroudsburg Schools Closed
- Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Lady Bug Cookies
- Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ants on a Log
- Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – Plant a Flower Day
- Mar 31<sup>st</sup> – Rock Painting

## March Birthdays

- Mar 10<sup>th</sup> – Davina C
- Mar 14<sup>th</sup> – Ivory Q
- Mar 19<sup>th</sup> – Violet H
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – Evelyn C
- Mar 28<sup>th</sup> – Ms. Devin



# CLASSROOM NEWS!!!

## Infant 1 Room News:

February seemed to give us our first glimpse of spring with a few warm, sunny days.

Our classroom greeter, Violet, celebrates her first birthday this month; Happy cake day! Addison has been our class clown, constantly making herself and us laugh. Athena started walking on her own terms of course.

We've been focusing on using words and sign language to express our needs and desires; some are still working on completing this challenge 😊 Bryce has started eating cereal and will likely be taller than all of us by next month. Grace has found her voice and loves using it! Little Colin our newest member of the infant classroom will not be little much longer, as he seems to grow an inch a week! We are looking forward to what adventures March has in store 😊

- Ms. Stacey & Ms. Peggy



## Waddler 1 Room News:

Hello Waddler Parents! The month of February was filled with learning about community helpers. We learned about going to the dentist, being safe around service animals, about first responders, and more.

We would like to welcome the children that transitioned to the Waddler 1 classroom, Eliana, Scarlett, and Charlotte. They are making new friends and learning new skills. We would like to say Goodbye to Evan and Michael as they transition to the Toddler classroom. Wishing them all the best on their new exploration.

- Ms. Laura & Ms. Emily



# WELCOME OUR NEW STUDENTS!!!

We would like to welcome the new students and staff that started this past month. Let's please welcome: Colin M to our Infant Classroom and Bella to our School Age Classroom.

We are very happy to have you join our Bright Beginnings family!



## MARCH WEEKLY THEMES

Week 1: Dr. Seuss



Week 2: Baby Animals



Week 3: Insects

Week 5: Growing in the Garden



# SCHOLASTIC BOOKS ORDERS!!!

We will be doing our monthly Scholastic Book orders again!

This is a great way to get some children's books for your child's collection and help us earn free books for the school! Orders are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and shipped right to the school for easy pick up. You can order using the order forms or online.



# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## Toddler Room News:

We would like to wish Declan the best of luck as he transitioned to the Preschool classroom. We will miss you! We would like to welcome Evan and Michael to the Toddler classroom.

All of the Toddlers are so excited to be still going outside in the middle of February.

The Toddlers are working on using nice hands and communication using their words when we have disagreements, staying in our designated centers while playing, and lengthening our attention span while sitting for circle time. Skills that we have been learning are tracing lines, shapes and letters as well as color, shape, letter and number recognition.

I'd like to give a shout out to Ms. Carrie, Thank You for always helping us find new activities and for sharing your fun toys with us!



- Ms. Amanda & Ms. Karlyn

## Preschool Room News:

Our preschool students are very excited to welcome Declan to our classroom!

This past month we have been learning about many different community helpers and what they do. The children really enjoyed the visit from the dentist, as well as the EMT and the Paramedic. The students were really excited to be able to sit in the ambulance and learn about the stretcher and heart monitor.

The student loved celebrating Valentine's Day with each other and eating ice cream.

Our class has been enjoying being able to go outside and enjoy this mild spring-like weather. We can't wait to learn about growing plants in the garden and information about insects.

- Ms. Jamian & Ms. Devin



## School Age

Welcome to the 3rd month of 2023. Time is moving fast as we are now preparing for Spring.

For this month, the children and I will work on remembering to clean up after activities & playtime. With all the eagerness to get to the next activity or go home, cleaning up can sometimes "slip their minds". Let's get them back on track!

As for February, we had a blast. From discussing Black History and Groundhog's Day to making music as well as having our Valentine's Day party. We really had a great time. Can't wait to see what March brings! We would also like to welcome Bella back to our school age classroom.

- Ms. Crystal



## REFERRAL PLAN

Invite family or friends to visit our center. When they enroll with us you earn \$50 in cash or a \$50 credit towards your next invoice.



# CLASSROOM NEWS CONTINUED!!!

## Pre-K Room News:

February was a busy month in the Pre-k classroom, we had many visitors and presentations as we learned about community helpers. During the first week in February, we talked about Dental Health and community helpers that keep us Healthy. We practiced brushing our teeth using toothbrushes on a laminated tooth picture. Ava, Marcus, Serenity, and Mathew were very eager to show off how clean their tooth was. Everyone enjoyed the Service Dog presentation as they had a chance to pet the pretend Service Dog, while learning how to safely approach the dog.

Then we learned about community helpers that help keep us Safe. We were able to revisit a familiar song for Music and Movement, "Here Comes the Fire Truck" which Gianna, Evelyn, Ivory, and Aaron remembered right away. We had a visit from Mr. John the EMT and Mr. Mike the Paramedic with a real Ambulance. All of our friends had the opportunity to sit and see inside of the ambulance.

Then we learned about community helpers including construction workers, electricians, machine operators, and plumbers. We had fun designing our own Stamp to Thank Our Mail Carriers.

The last week of February was community helpers that help us Travel. We learned about Pilots, Engineers, Bus Drivers and the Mechanics that maintain all of these methods of transportation. The students were very engaged in creating their own paper airplanes and having test flights.

As we enter the month of March, we are going to start planning and practicing for our Pre-K Graduation. We are look forward to warmer weather and more outside activities.

- Ms. Carrie & Ms. Lisa

## 7 Tips for Vegetable Gardening With Your Child

It's time to think about gardening season, and our vegetable gardens can be overflowing with tomatoes, zucchini, and beans. Those of us who have small helpers may not have the loveliest veggies to show for it, but we have learned some important lessons along the way. Here are some tips:

**1. Know your stuff.** Be smart about gardening before your small helper joins you. Do some research to find the best times to plant various crops in your area. Prepare your soil so it's soft enough for your child to shovel and spade. Try to find a space that is mostly sunny and not too shady. Add compost generously.

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**2. Relax.** Children will pick the first green tomato before it ripens. They will put your pepper seedlings into the ground upside down, roots up, breaking off stems. They will plant 32 bean seeds in one hole and then forget to put any in the second hole. They will cry when the compost needs to go on plants because they were using it for dirt castles. Children are too young to see the big picture.

**3. Keep your goals simple.** This year we have late tomatoes and no zucchini. Why? We started planting late. After all, we have a young child! We do have many green beans, as these are planted later in the summer, and in a few weeks the tardy tomatoes will fruit. Your garden doesn't need to be perfect. What is important is allowing your child access to growing a few crops and tasting what she/he has planted.

**4. Make your planting rows obvious.** We don't have wooden edges around our vegetable beds in our gardens because it's hard to keep the soil fertile in a contained box. Other gardeners with young children often raise their beds in boxes to make a visual "keep out," Since we avoided this, our vegetable beds in the garden must stand out (for feet). We used bark to accomplish this, as it made the walking paths a different color and texture). This way we could coach our child to stay on the bark and off of the baby plants. We also used tomato cages to keep our child off of less obvious young plants.

**5. Have a "can-do" garden.** Our child can dig, fill pots and bags, pull off ripe tomatoes and peppers, carry a watering can, hold a hose, taste the produce, and push a cart. When we go to the garden with her, she likes to help for a little while. She enjoys it long enough to harvest tomatoes but not long enough to weed. When she wants to help, we try to assign her an important job, but then we let her play with her plastic tractor or feed the chickens when gardening is no longer fun. That way the message in the garden is "Yes."

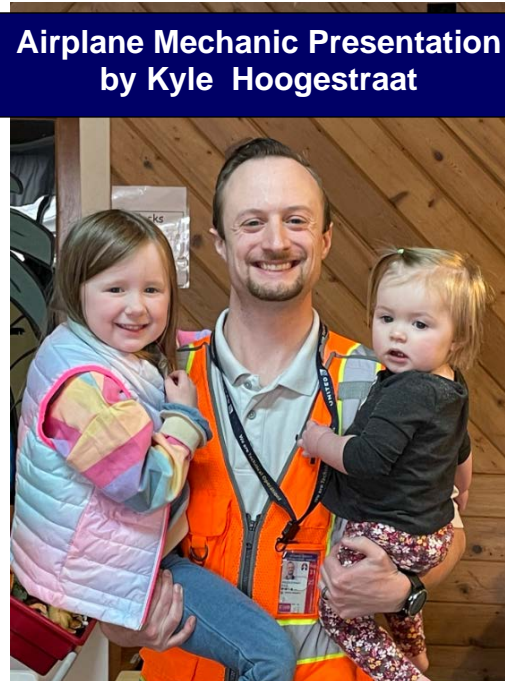
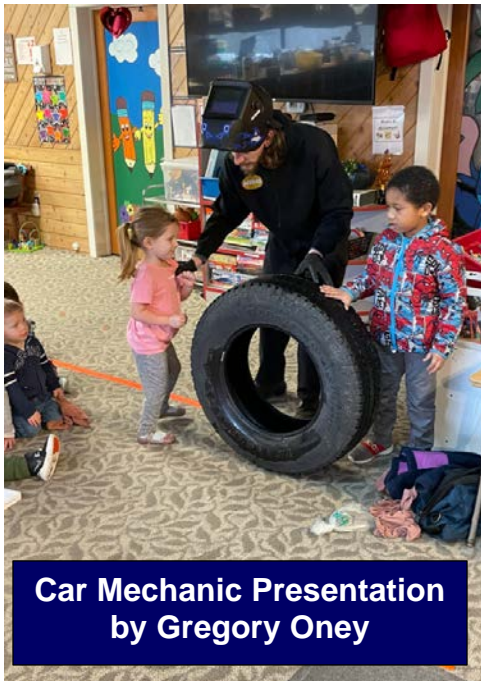
**6. Eat what you grow.** Children imitate what they see. If you want your child to try a radish, try one too. If you want your child to taste Swiss chard, taste it too. There are many fun recipes to try with children (like vegetable soup or tomato sauce), but it's wise to plant some crops that can be eaten right away (says the mother of the toddler who repeatedly tasted our raw potatoes).

**7. Have fun.** It's okay for your child to hoard the bean seeds, hide under the sunflowers, and pretend the peppers are tongues. Gardening doesn't need to only involve watering, weeding, planting, and harvesting. As with any other process, young children think outside the box. Soon enough they will be planting in rows. This is the time to have a jumbled and joyful garden. Happy Planting!

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# A LOOK BACK AT FEBRUARY EVENTS



## YOUR FEEDBACK

We appreciate the wonderful feedback we have received so far! Thank you so much! Please support us by sharing that great feedback with others by giving us a 5-star review on our [website](#) or on our [Facebook](#) page. Thank you for your help and for being a part of our Bright Beginnings family!