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April 2021 News from the Office...

We had a fantastic March with all things "Seuss-ical"! The children really enjoyed this learning unit. We did our best on St. Patrick's Day to trap the leprechaun, but alas, he got away again. Not without leaving a mess in his wake of course! The leprechaun traps were really well thought out—but that leprechaun is just too good for us! Rainbow week was bright and colorful and really got us in the mood for some warm spring weather!

Speaking of warmer weather, please take home all boots and snowpants if you haven't done so already. Pretty soon we'll be asking you to bring in swimsuits, water shoes, towels and sunscreen!! Just a quick reminder that no flip flops or crocs are to be worn at school (sorry!), but they both present safety issues.

I can't believe I'm saying this already, but Pre K graduation is only one month away! This school year has totally flown by. All graduate families should mark their calendars for Wednesday, May 5th. The ceremony will be held at the Maumee Indoor Theater, and all children must arrive by no later than 6:15 pm. Bring your cameras, your phones and your tissues as this ceremonial end arrives for all our friends about to go off to the big school. We will be limiting the total number of persons in a group that can attend to 5 (this does not include the graduate) per family so that we can maintain social distancing. Children will be in full graduation gear, and they should also wear comfortable shoes (no high heels please!).

Happy Easter Everyone!

April Themes

Oceans, Frogs, Bugs,
Gardens, Weather, Baby
Animals, Life Cycles,



April Birthdays

Emmet K.	2
Skylar D.	1
Camryn M.	5
Kael M.	5
Parker W.	2
Ryker G.	5
Jayse C.	6

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Miss Cheryl/Miss Tina —Infant Room News

Happy Spring! We're looking forward to more sunshine and warmer weather. Weather permitting the older infants go outside in the afternoon. Please remember to send them with a jacket and shoes each day.

Our themes this month will be Easter; Butterflies; Bugs and Weather. We will have an Easter Party on April 2nd. Thank you in advance for all the goodies!

The infants have been working hard on developing their gross motor skills. Congratulations to Gavin who rolls over, Cohen who can stand up on his own, Lincoln who started walking and Brayden, who is trying so hard to jump. Way to go boys! We have been working on some basic sign language with the children (more, all done, and please). We are also focusing on pointing to body parts (eyes, nose, mouth, ears and belly) with belly definitely the favorite! We plan to start working on pointing to animals and making animal sounds.

Our student of the month will be Cohen. Cohen is so quick and gets around the room in seconds. I think he'll be taking some steps soon!

Happy 1st Birthday Skylar! We can't believe you're already a year old!

Have a great month!



Miss Lexi —Toddler I News

HAPPY EASTER TODDLER I FAMILIES!

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL WILL BE DENVER! DENVER LOVES BEING A HELPER AND SHE IS VERY SWEET AND LOVING!

IN APRIL, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING EASTER! OUR EASTER PARTY WILL BE FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND. AS YOU MAY IMAGINE, WE'LL BE CREATING LOTS OF EASTER CRAFTS.

ANOTHER APRIL TOPIC WILL BE EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY. WE'LL BE MAKING TREE CRAFTS IN HONOR OF ARBOR DAY. THE FOLLOWING WEEK, WE'LL DISCUSS RECYCLING AND SAVING THE EARTH.

WE WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT THE TOPIC OF FARMS. THIS IS ALWAYS A FAVORITE FOR OUR TODDLER I FRIENDS, THEY LOVE LEARNING ABOUT BABY FARM ANIMALS AND READING FARM BOOKS.



Miss Angela —Toddler II

Hello Families! I am so excited for this upcoming month as the weather starts to warm up! It gives us the opportunity to do so much more with the kids!

Because of it getting warmer, we will have the opportunity to get outside more, so our themes for April will definitely reflect that! We will start out by learning about Easter and will have our egg hunt with the kids to promote their physical motor skills! We will follow our Easter theme with learning about the farm! The children will practice their animal names/sounds as well as participate in activities that will have them walking around like their favorite farm animals—should be pretty funny!



The week of April 19 -23 will be devoted to a study of bugs and a celebration of Earth Day. We will be playing with dirt to see if we can find our own bugs as well as learning about the importance of taking care of our planet.

We will be celebrating Easter on April 2nd with our Easter party—keep a look out for treat sheets in the office foyer.

Our student of the month for April will be Audrey! Although Audrey just started with us at the Village in mid March, she is adjusting quickly and making friends easily. I'm excited to watch her open up more as time goes on!

Just a small request for parents that the toddler II and III classes do not use a changing table for diapers, we do our diaper changes in the bathroom with the kids standing up. Because of this, we prefer than any diapers sent in have tabs (no 360 diapers). Thank you so much in advance!

Miss Mandy—Toddler III

Hello and welcome to April! This month, we are going to be working a lot more on our names. We all got our spelling of first names down pat, now we are going to mix it up a bit and add our middle names, this will allow us to learn even more letters of the alphabet! The kids are getting really good with sight recognition of their first names so I am super excited for this next chapter!

During Easter Week, we will be "hopping" into the month, learning all about Easter and Farming. During the week of the Farm, for dramatic play we will be going to the "farm", collecting eggs and milking cows (physical motor). We'll finish up the month learning about bugs, the Earth, and recycling. I'm sure bugs will be a hit (LOL) - we're taking our magnifying glasses outside to see what we can find. We will create a special art project that week—bug fossils.

This month, we congratulate Cooper as our Student of the month! Cooper is learning so much and is becoming a great teacher helper and friend to all his class friends. Congratulations Cooper!



Miss Jamee— Preschool 3's

Hello, April!

Spring is here in full force and the preschool room is very excited for warmer weather and tons of fun. We will start the month off by discussing all things Easter. The kids will enjoy making Easter prints with potatoes, making bunny crafts, a marshmallow peep science experiment, and of course, an Easter egg hunt!

Next, we will dive into our bugs theme. The kids will have fun learning about different insects. We will go on a much anticipated "worm" hunt, search for spiders, and even make up our own insects. The kids will enjoy trying on butterfly and lady bug wings in the dramatic play area, looking at the parts of an insect in science, and buzzing all around the classroom. We will have tons of creative artwork such as bees, butterflies, and ladybugs to send home. And we will conclude the week with a movie day watching, "A Bug's Life" while we enjoy eating a special bug snack!

We will do two whole weeks on our theme Garden! I am so excited to turn my little friends into a bunch of tiny green thumbs. We will get our hands dirty as we plant our individual seeds into pots, as well as learning about the life cycle of plants and the conditions needed for them to thrive. There are tons of learning opportunities for this theme and we will explore them all! The dramatic play area will be turned into our own garden with play soil and lots of pretty flowers. Be sure to ask your kids all about this to engage and facilitate discussion about what they are learning.

We are doing very well with our classroom goals. Most of us have mastered either tracing or writing our first names! I am very proud of this. Thank you to all parents that work with their kids at home for this goal as well. We are now spelling our last names and beginning to trace write them as well. Our other main focus is enhancing our fine motor skills, we have implemented more and more cutting worksheets and scissor work. The kids are having fun with it, and getting a lot better!

Another HUGE focus in our group is the concept of "choosing kindness!" I completely understand that the kiddos are only 3 years old, but it is never too early to instill this concept in our children. When my kids are tattling on each other, or hitting/pushing/cutting in line, I use the phrase "choose kindness." Essentially encouraging them to make a nicer choice in their actions and behavior. This language is working very well, and I'd imagine it would work even better if it was used at home as well!

Our student of the month is Spencer B. Spencer is a funny kid with a ton of energy. Spencer enjoys running at full speed outside and playing with the cars and tracks. Spencer's been doing very well with bringing his listening ears to school, and I am impressed by his progress. Keep it up, Spencer!



MISS BRITTANY—PRESCHOOL 4's

Hello Families! Welcome to the month of April! I'm excited to announce I have entered my last month of student teaching and will graduate May 14th. Even though it's nothing different from what I do in the classroom everyday, I am very fortunate that I got to do my student teaching here at LVP. I would like to thank you all for the positive support and kind words, I truly appreciate it.

We will begin this month talking about Easter. Some fun activities we will be doing that week are coloring eggs, exploring in the Easter theme sensory table and dramatic play area and having an egg hunt outside if the weather cooperates. Friday, April 2nd is our Easter party—our sign up treat sheet is in the foyer if you would like to share something with the class.

The following week, we will be talking about bugs. The children will use their scientific inquiry skills to describe, compare, sort, classify and order the different types of bugs. When talking about butterflies, we will act out the life cycle which promotes life science and helps support how living things can change over time. Toward the end of the month, we will talk about gardens and the different parts of a flower, and what they need to grow. The children will have a chance to plant their own flower and watch it grow over time. When children have these experiences, it helps to support their exploration of living things. I will also be turning our dramatic play area into a garden shop, this helps promote social/emotional skills and allows children to interact with their peers, learning to take turns and to role play.

Our student of the month for April will be Gavin O. He loves sharing with others his passion for all things hockey, and how much he loves to play. Gavin enjoys playing in the dramatic play area and with cars. Way to go Gavin!!



Miss Sarah—Pre K I News

WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF APRIL. WE HAD A REALLY BUSY AND EXCITING MONTH OF MARCH WITH DR. SEUSS WEEK, THE BEGINNING OF SPRING, AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY. SPRING IS IN THE AIR AND IT MAKES HARD TO BELIEVE HOW QUICKLY THE SCHOOL YEAR IS FLYING BY. IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING EASTER! WE WILL BE COLORING EASTER EGGS ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST. WE WOULD LIKE THE CHILDREN TO BRING IN TWO HARD BOILED EGGS FOR COLORING. THE PRE K CLASS EASTER PARTY WILL BE FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND. THE PRESCHOOLERS WILL BE MOVING ON TO POND LIFE AFTER OUR EASTER PARTY. WE WILL DISCUSS THE LIFE CYCLES OF ANIMALS ON THE POND—DUCKS, FROGS, WORMS AND TURTLES. THE CHILDREN WILL ALSO WATCH THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE BUTTERFLY IN THE CLASSROOM.

OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE MIKEY G. MIKEY IS FAIRLY NEW TO OUR CENTER, BUT HE IS SUPER STOKED ABOUT HIS NEW SCHOOL EXPERIENCE. HE HAS TRANSITIONED INTO OUR GROUP VERY QUICKLY, AND IS MAKING ALL KINDS OF NEW FRIENDS. WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE MIKEY! IT'S SUPER GREAT TO HAVE YOU!

BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO CAMRYN AND KAE—WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT 5TH BIRTHDAY.

PLEASE REFER TO OUR CLASS CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY THEMES.



Miss Elaine's Pre K News

WELCOME TO THE MONTH OF APRIL! SPRING IS FINALLY HERE! I HOPE YOUR EASTER HOLIDAY WILL BE WONDERFUL, WITH THE EASTER BUNNY ARRIVING RIGHT ON TIME WITH A BASKET FULL OF GOODIES. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST, WE WOULD LIKE THE CHILDREN TO BRING IN TWO HARD BOILED EGGS FOR COLORING. THE PRE K CLASS EASTER PARTY WILL BE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND.

WE WILL START THIS MONTH OFF WITH A SOCIAL STUDIES LESSON ON OUR COUNTRY OF THE MONTH, THE NETHERLANDS. WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE DUTCH CULTURE AND RESEARCH THE ORIGINAL NAME FOR WOODEN SHOES. WE'LL ALSO LEARN ABOUT WHAT TYPE OF FLOWER IS IMPORTED FROM THE NETHERLANDS. HERE'S A HINT: IT STARTS OUT AS A FLOWER BULB AND BLOOMS IN EARLY SPRING. WE WILL USE OUR SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY SKILLS TO EXPLORE THE POSITION AND MOTION OF OBJECTS AS WE MAKE A WORKING PINWHEEL TO REPRESENT THE WINDMILLS OF THE NETHERLANDS.

THIS MONTH, OUR PRE K CLASS WILL ENGAGE IN AN EDUCATIONAL HANDS ON CLASS PROJECT WITH THE LIFE CYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY. THIS PROJECT WILL REACH ACROSS ALL DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD. WE WILL WATCH AND DISCOVER HOW THE TINY CATERPILLARS GROW AND DEVELOP INTO MATURE BUTTERFLIES. THE CHILDREN WILL GET TO SEE UP CLOSE ALL OF THE CHANGES THAT HAPPEN WITH THE BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE IN OUR CLASSROOM. WE WILL READ "THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR" AND RETELL THE STORY WITH OUR FLANNEL BOARD. WE WILL USE OUR JOURNALS TO DRAW A PICTURE OF "IF I WERE A BUTTERFLY, WHAT WOULD I SEE?" WE WILL USE OUR MATH SKILLS TO COUNT THE DAYS FROM CATERPILLAR TO BUTTERFLY AND PLAY A BUTTERFLY MATH GAME WITH FRUIT COUNTERS. WE WILL ALSO USE AN APPROACH TO LEARNING WITH A BUTTERFLY FLOOR PUZZLE AND USE OUR CREATIVE ART SKILLS TO MAKE HANDY DANDY CATERPILLARS AND WINGED WONDERS. I REALLY ENJOY THIS SPECIAL CLASS PROJECT AND WATCHING THE CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT NATURE,

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2021 PRE K GRADUATION ON MAY 5TH AT THE MAUMEE INDOOR THEATER. I AM SURE YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT! IT WILL BE AN AWESOME PROGRAM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO JAYSE AND RYKER ON THE SAME DAY—APRIL 13TH. WOW!

OUR APRIL STUDENT OF THE MONTH WILL BE RYKER. RYKER IS A SWEET BOY THAT HAS A BIG SMILE WHEN HE RECITES HIS NAME AND BIRTHDAY AT CIRCLE TIME. WAY TO GO RYKER!

HAPPY EASTER!



****April Points of Focus****

Letters of the Month: R & U

Color: Blue

Shape: Oval

Country: The Netherlands

Artist: Rembrandt

Number: 14

Author: Teacher's Choice



*Happy Easter
To All Our
Little Village
Families!*



Installment 3 of Parenting Practices to Help with Behavior

We appreciate all your feedback last month regarding which methods of preventing problem behaviors you employ in your home. This month we will focus on a fairly basic concept, building good relationships.

A positive parent-child relationship is the foundation to good behavior. To build a positive relationship, you have to:

- *Be consistent
- *Be fair
- *Be kind
- *Be thoughtful
- *Follow through on promises
- *Use humor and playfulness
- *Give affection and loving touches
- *Avoid name calling, belittling and shaming (these can harm children negatively)
- *Be a mirror that reflects positive things to your child so that they will grow up feeling confident and competent



