

March



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS



MARCH, 2010

Cuddly Room:

This month there are several fun things going on in the center. This month is National Nutrition month, Social workers month, and Dr. Seuss's birthday. There are many different activities planned in the baby room. We will be encouraging the children to try different foods and talk about and learning our body parts. The children in the baby room are progressing well. There are a few kids that are walking now and a few that have learned to crawl. They are all keeping us very busy and they are keeping the teachers on their toes. This week is also the week of "Read across America." Reading to your children is very important. Even though they are babies they still like to look and the pictures and watch their parents be silly. On March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, this day will be wear green day. March 20th is the first day of spring. Parents we are going to be having warmer temperatures in the afternoon and cooler temperatures in the morning. Remember to dress your children appropriately. We would like to say goodbye to Thomas and welcome Rylee, Luz, and Hunter to the Cuddly Room. Don't forget to spring forward on March 14th for daylight savings time.

Busy Bees:

The Bees hope that Spring will come soon. We have many activities planned for this month. We'll be reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books. Saint Patrick's day will bring Shamrocks and Leprechauns and finding things that are green. On Saint Patrick's Day, March 17th, everyone wear something green. March is nutrition month and we will have opportunities to try a variety of foods. We can have fun with food without eating it. We'll Paint with broccoli "trees", make apple prints and taste them before painting. We will be talking a lot about food this month and as always encouraging your child to try a variety of foods.

Rainbow Room:

March is National Nutrition month, Social workers month, and Dr. Seuss's birthday. There are many activities planned in the Rainbow Room this month. Over the next two weeks they will be talking about healthy foods. The children love to eat, and now is the time we need to teach them about healthy foods. On March 9th, bring a Dr. Seuss book. We will be reading several different Dr. Seuss books this month. On March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, this day will be wear green day. Later on in the month the Rainbow room will be talking about wind, kites, and signs of spring. The first day of spring is March 20th. Parents we

are going to be having warmer temperatures in the afternoon and cooler temperatures in the morning. Remember to dress your children appropriately. All the children are progressing well and achieving their objectives. We would like to welcome Cash, Emma, and Damian to our class. We would also like to say goodbye to Michael. Be sure to let your child outside and enjoy the warmer temperatures and to get plenty of exercise. Don't forget to spring forward on March 14th for daylight savings time.

Growing Room:

We are so happy that Spring is on its way. We hope it hurries. March is nutrition week and there will be emphasis all month on eating healthy. We will be offering opportunities to try different foods and activities that use food. We are always told "Don't play with your food!", but sometimes playing with food is a good opportunity to introduce new foods or increase the variety of foods your child will eat, but not at meal time. We'll save or food play for activities in art, circle time and center play. We'll also be reading Dr. Seuss and talking about Town and Country, what's the difference and what's the same. We'll also hope for windy days to try our hand at flying a kite.

Ramblin Room:

We are having a great time in our room. We are learning how to be big kids. We're all working on saying more words, using our forks, and sitting in circle time. Ms. Joanie and Ms. Lana K are planning lots of fun activities for this month. March is nutrition month, so we are going to be talking about eating healthy. If you have any old magazines with pictures of food in them, we would appreciate it if you could send them for our food activities. Also, on March 1st, we are asking children to bring food labels to school. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and talking about the color green. Don't forget to wear green on March 17th. We will also be talking about flying kites and town & country.

March is National Social Work Month.

Please tell Zandy how much you appreciate her hardwork and help.

Although we were sad to see our friends Damian and Emma move up to Room 3, we are excited about Bekah and Saira coming to play in our room. We are a very busy group of kids with lots of energy! Our boys, Tylan, Cody, Phil, and Aiden are doing a great job of playing together and learning to share. Of course our beautiful girls, Diamond, Beckah, Saira, and Melinda are learning to do things for themselves and really growing into big girls. We appreciate the parents for sending your child everyday. We also appreciate all you do to help out with our day. By sending diapers, warm coats and extra clothes when your child needs them; you help our day run smoothly and ensure that their needs are met. Watch your child's cubby or van for the March calendar for special events.

The Sunshine Room

Being a part of this room has been a blast already this month! Not only do Dusty and Stephanie do a fantastic job in the classroom, I have loved getting to work with kids that I've worked with before. Dennis and C.J. were in the infant room when I started working at KIDS FIRST. I can't believe they'll be going to Kindergarten in the fall. It is amazing to see how all the kiddos I had in Room 5 and Room 3--Karyn, Hunter, Brooklyn, Bobby, Justin, Billy, Tyler, Aaron, and Joseph--have really blossomed and grown into big boys and girls. The only child new to me is Antonio, and he already has won my heart. This month was a little sad as we said goodbye to two of our friends, Dallas and Landon. It won't be the same without them, and we'll miss their faces. Maybe they'll come by to visit often. Dusty, Stephanie, and I would like to thank you for the opportunity to work with your wonderful children. The month of March is going to be full of activities. We'll be talking about everybody's favorite subject--FOOD! March is nutrition month. If you have any old magazines with pictures of food in them, we would appreciate it if you could send them for our food activities. Also, on March 1st, we are asking children to bring food labels to school. We will also be talking about "All things GREEN" and "All about Weather" during this month. Watch for special notes and calendars of events. Again, thanks for having your child here everyday.

ATTENTION PARENTS

From: ZeAndrea Anderson, LSW

St. Patrick's Day

March 17th

Be sure and wear green!

It's time for our first parent meeting of the year and we are hoping for a great turnout. March is National Nutrition month and our parent meeting will be: How to Prepare Healthy, Fun, and nutritious snacks for your children. Linda Martin, our Special Educator and Training Coordinator will be our speaker. Child care will be provided. The parent meeting is March 30 from 4:30 to 6. I also want to remind you, parents, that it's mandatory that you attend at least one parent meeting a year, so we hope that you will sign up to attend. A sign up sheet will be in your child's classroom for you to let us know who will attend and if you need childcare. If you have any questions, please contact me. Hope to see you on March 30th.

Parents watch for more information regarding

"Arkansas Children's Week"

Family Picnic

Morrilton City Park

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

4:30 - 6:30

Please observe our "vans only" traffic lane times

Happy Birthday Kids!

Noemi	3/9
Daniel	3/19
Rebekah	3/23
Tristan	3/23

Project Nurture

Nurturing Idea for March

Give each person, even Mom and Dad, a piece of paper and a pencil or crayons or markers. Ask them to draw a picture of a situation where they felt sad. After all are finished, let each person tell about their picture. Work together to think of words of



comfort that would fit each situation and write it across the bottom of the picture.

WHAT IS PROJECT NURTURE?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST's Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers, and families through secure and nurturing relationships.