



WEE Center

***March 2024
Newsletter***

Woodbrook Early Education

A ministry of Woodbrook Baptist Church A March Message from Ms. Angela

Hooray it's March! Hopefully time for warmer weather. While I enjoyed the snow and it was nice to see after a couple of snowless winters, I am ready for sun and warmth. I know the children enjoyed playing in the snow and even my 16-year old had fun sledding with friends. Snow is a moment when it feels okay to be a kid again.

As we begin March, we start with national Read Across America Week which coincides with Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will have some fun with a spirit week and lots of fun books to celebrate as well. Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading.

There are so many important reasons why reading to young children, in particular, is so important. It helps develop so many things. Reading will help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills. Reading sparks your child's imagination and curiosity. It promotes brain development and increases your child's ability to focus and concentrate. Reading can help your child build social, communication and emotional skills by watching the characters develop in a story. As we talked about last month, reading is also an amazing way to help your child learn about their world, their own culture but also other cultures- remembering it's important for your child to both see themselves in books but also see different types of people. Have your child draw pictures about the story you shared together or retell you what happened. This is an important step comprehension of the things they read.



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Try and make a routine with your child maybe before bed time or even right after dinner when you are together. I would start a goal of 15 minutes a day reading to your child. Make sure there are not any distractions of the TV or phone and find a quiet place so your child can really focus on the book. It can help keep your child's interest if you use gestures, facial expressions, funny voices or noises when reading. Stop and take the time to look at the pictures, make predictions on what is going to happen and review what already happened in the story. To help your child broaden their interests, I would encourage you to have them pick one book but you pick the other. This way, you can introduce new topics or expose them to new ideas.

Reading to your child is probably the most important gift you can give your child. It's also important for your child to see you read so make sure you take even just a few minutes each day reading something. While e-readers are great, your child may not realize you aren't just doing something else on your phone or device so if you are using an electronic device, I would say something out loud so that your child knows you are reading. Children often imitate what the adults around them are doing. If you value reading, they will as well. I'll end with just a few quotes that remind us of the importance of reading:

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

- Frederick Douglas

"There are many ways to enlarge your world. Love of books is best of all."- Jackie Kennedy

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."- Margaret Fuller

"Books train your imagination to think big."- Taylor Swift

"The more that you, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more place you will go."- Dr. Seuss

With love,

Ms. Angela

RED Room

Hello Families! We can not believe how fast the month of February has flown by! We started February with a two week unit on shapes. The children really seemed to learn their shapes through the songs and games. They did a great job! We will continue working on shapes throughout the remainder of the year. After our shape unit we learned about some zoo animals and their special characteristics. For our last unit in February we worked on rhyming words through songs, books, and nursery rhymes.

We did change our Dr. Seuss unit to the first week of March to coincide with the school's Spirit Week. During the week we will introduce our Spring unit. We will be going to investigate the lives of animals, plants, and people as the Earth warms up. For our last week in March we will focus on Easter and Jesus' love.

We will continue to work on our math skills of counting, numbers, patterns, and shapes. We are currently working on the fine motor skills of gluing and the use of scissors.

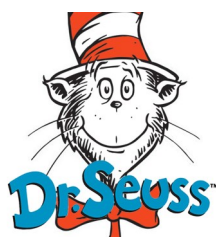
Thank you all for making our Valentine's Day party so special. The children enjoyed delivering their Valentine's Day cards to their friends and the party treats were delicious! It was a fun day of celebrating! We are truly grateful for all of the support you give us.

On Friday, March 15th, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a special lunch with pizza, green juice, and ice cream. More details will follow.

Thank you again for sharing your children with us! They are amazing!

Happy March Birthday to Theo on 3/9!

Love, Ms. Karen, Ms. Sharon, Ms. Michelle, and Ms. Aleia



YELLOW Room

February flew by with all the fun we had! We are starting the month of March off by talking about Dr. Seuss. We will be doing lots of fun activities such as balloon painting, making Dr. Seuss hats and of course experiencing Wacky Wednesday. The following week we will be looking for early signs of spring, as we look at all the wonderful things God is waking up after winter. The next week we will be getting ready for Easter. We will be making bunnies, flowers, ears, etc. We will be having an Easter party and going on an Easter egg hunt!

Throughout the month we will continue to work on rhyming words, letter sounds, and number identification.

Happy March Birthday to Addy on 3/2!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Bess and Ms. Judi



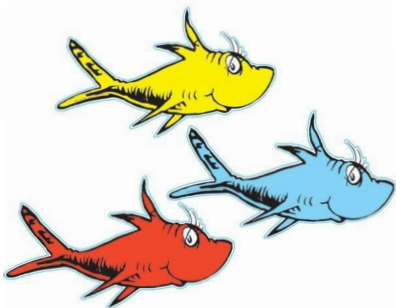
BLUE ROOM

We are looking forward to March after a very fast February. We have so many fun activities planned. The first two weeks we will finish up reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books and spending a lot of time working on rhyming words and using our imaginations. St. Patrick's Day will be our next unit as we make shamrocks, have a pizza party, and so much more! We will also talk about how God makes all types of weather for us to enjoy. We will be going on nature walks to look for signs of spring. At the end of the month we will be learning about Community Helpers, Dinosaurs, Spring, and Easter.

We are having so much fun with our spirit days! The week of March 4th we will have our next spirit week for Dr. Seuss. On March 15th we will have a pizza party to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Be sure to wear your green!

Throughout the month we will continue to work on number and letter recognition. We will also be working on writing our first and last names! Spring Break is coming up too (March 25th-April 1st).

Happy March Birthday to Avery on 3/9 and Lucy on 3/17!



Love, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Ellie, Ms. Angela, and
Ms. Celina

Green Room

Hello Parents,

The beginning of March is always a fun time at WEE since we focus on Dr. Seuss books! Dr. Seuss was such a unique author as he was (and still is) able to help children read by rhyming sight words in a silly, whimsical way. His fun words combined with original characters, and often an important lesson about how to treat others, have made his books loved by many.

Also during the month of March, we will learn about the season of Spring. We will focus on the changes during Spring, the life cycle of a plant, and baby animals. We will also celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 15th. The Green Room always has a leprechaun visit our classroom!

The week of March 18th we will be learning about Easter and the story of Jesus. We will tell the Easter story of Jesus in an age appropriate way. We will also celebrate other Easter themes, such as Easter Eggs, Chicks, and Bunnies.

We will continue our literacy lessons with a letter of the week, sight words, sentence structure, making predictions about stories, sequencing stories, and handwriting.

For math, we will continue with the Number Buddy until we complete number 10. Then we will start with The Secret Number. The Secret Numbers will help the children learn double digit numbers. We will also work on simple addition and subtraction, and learn more complicated patterns using the calendar.

Two New Activities Pre-K will Start in March: The Green Room and Purple Rooms will begin Homework soon. We will be sending home information in the near future. We will also be starting Readers that are simple stories written with sight words. We will introduce the Readers at school and then send them home to be read with families.



Thank you so much for sending your children to WEE!

With God's Blessings,

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol and Ms. Dawn

PURPLE Room

Happy March Purple Room Families,

We hope this finds you healthy and ready to welcome spring. We know we are very ready for warmer days! As we begin this new month, please pray for continued good health throughout WEE.

This month, we will be learning about the letters Dd, Pp, & Bb (we will recognize them, learn the sound each makes, words that begin with each sound, and practice writing them correctly. We will be working with a new pattern: ABBC. We will continue counting by 10's, and work on counting by 5's and counting down from 10-0. We will also continue to practice writing our numbers.

Continuation of the more than/less than concept will be reviewed as well. We will begin our booklets (simple readers), as well as practice rhyming and review opposites. Homework will begin on Wednesday, 3/13 (details came home & were posted on 2/29).

Our units in March will be Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. We will continue with our same prayers and morning song. The children will be finding their name tags by identifying his/her address (house # and street name). So far, we have used first name, last name, and birthday (month/day). We will be talking more about how letters form words, words make sentences, and sentences make stories. Later in the month, we hope to begin listening to chapter books at some point during the day.

We are also hoping that warmer weather will allow us to be able to use the outdoor classroom. As always, we are most grateful for the gift of your children. Thank you for sharing them with us. Watching them grow is something that brings us both great pleasure. This group is really something very special.

With Grateful Hearts & Love,

Ms. Stacie & Mr. Nate



Happy March Birthdays to Kaulder on 3/7
and Journey on 3/19!



ART



We have so many exciting art projects planned for March! Here are just a few: The Pre K classes will be working on their collaborative projects with Ms. Dawn's science classes while learning about artists Jean Michel Basquiat and Dale Chihuly. We will be looking at quite a bit of Chihuly's artwork and doing multiple projects inspired by him.

The Blue and Yellow rooms will be doing some Winslow Homer inspired watercolors and also some 3D projects with model magic. The Red Room will also be using model magic to make their own Fabrege eggs in time for Easter. They will also be working on some collages and learning about artists Henri Matisse and Ted Harrison.

Love, Ms. Carol

Music



March music will include songs about the upcoming Spring season. We will sing about the signs of Spring, animals and Easter. The children really enjoy dancing with ribbons, marching with instruments, and including songs with skills like rhyming, opposites as well as some sign. We just love having fun!

Love, Ms. Claire

Science



Winter is almost over and in February we ended our unit on Simple machines with a day of noise (from a simple machine), a homemade pulley, and lots of examples of other levers, screws and other simple machines. We will start March off by learning about rocks. Sedimentary, volcano and river rocks are always a favorite. We will make our own example of sedimentary rocks and we will have a visit from a special rock hound who will share his collection of rocks and tell some amazing stories about a dragon.

We have really learned a lot of vocabulary words and your children are thinking and problem solving. The pre-K has been documenting our experiments by drawing in their journals. I can see their attention to detail is growing. They are including things I didn't even see!

Love, Ms. Dawn

WEE School Spirit Week!

Dear Families,

The week of March 3rd we will celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a spirit week! While this is a school wide activity, it is completely optional.

Please see below for details.



Monday, March 4th: Cat in the Hat Day- Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Tuesday, March 5th: Oh, The Places You Will Go Day- Wear a shirt from a place you love or where you have been on vacation

Wednesday, March 6th: Wacky Wednesday- Wear mismatched, backwards or silly items

Thursday, March 7th: No School- Professional Day

Friday, March 8th: I'm Not Going to Get Up Today- Wear your pajamas to school!



Family Fun Night!

Save the date! **Friday April 19th** will be our Family Fun Night! This year we will have a Family Fun Night with an art show and a sweet treat.

Families will have the opportunity to view the art work the children have been working on all year. After you have seen the art show, we will be serving a sweet treat to be enjoyed outside or on the way home.

We will also be having a raffle for a “class chair”! Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each.

An addition to our Family Fun Night is a book fair! Paper Pie Books (formerly known as Usborne Books) will be here too! The books will be on display all week as well.



Sweets
& Treats

**The WEE Center will celebrate St. Patrick's Day
with our annual
St. Patrick's Day Pizza Party!**

The party will be on Friday, March 15th.

We will be ordering pizza, have a special green snack and a green drink. We will also have a special dessert. If your child will be eating pizza, you do not need to pack a lunch that day. Please sign up on the sheet outside your child's classroom so we know how much to order.

If you would like to help with the cost, please give the teachers \$3.00 per child.

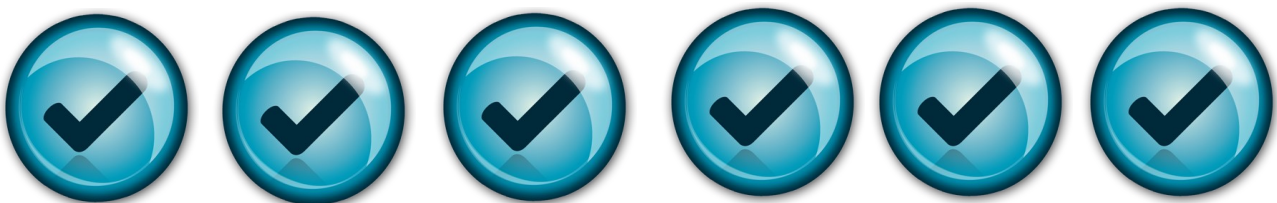


BOX TOPS

Please continue to save your box tops receipts. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. After shopping, you just scan your receipt. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.



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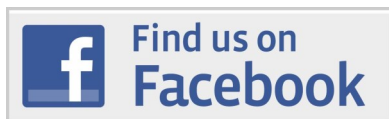


Dates to Remember

Monday, March 25th—Monday, April 1st:	WEE Closed: Spring Break
Tuesday, April 2nd:	School Reopens
Friday, April 19th:	Family Fun Night/Art Show/ Book Fair

Upcoming Dates in May

Friday, May 10th:	Parent-Teachers Conferences
Monday, May 27th:	Labor Day/School Closed



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