

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



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A March Message from Ms. Angela

March! It's crazy how fast February flew by. We had several winter weather days and while it was fun, we are all ready for warmer weather!

Each month I sit and think about what I want to write about. This month, I keep thinking about the world and climate around us. I don't know about you but every time I listen to the news or read an article, I'm worry about our future and the future of our children. This is certainly not meant to be a stance on either political side. It is a statement on kindness and how we treat those around us.

This week, we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. He said, "Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." Sometimes the world around us can feel a little out of control. We can feel helpless and overwhelmed on how we can make a difference. Then I think, if we feel that way, I can only think how a child could feel sensing the world and atmosphere around us. While we as adults try our best to shield our children, they are little sponges who listen to the news or hear us speaking when we don't realize we are speaking.

All of this has me thinking of ways we can show compassion and kindness to those around us. How can we model that for our children here at WEE and how can we help them to learn and show those qualities both at school and at home.

First, you want to model kindness to your child in the way you interact with those around you. Holding the door for those in front of you, not over reacting when driving and someone makes a poor choice (this is really hard for us adults), what you say about a homeless person on a corner when your child asks about them- these are all ways we can model kindness for your child.





Finding stores that talk about kindness to add to your book collection is another great way to teach kindness and empathy. Here is a list of a few books you could try:

Kindness Starts with You by Jacquelyn Stagg

Kindness is my Super Power by Alicia Ortego

Kindness Makes Me Strong by Sophie Beer

The Kindness Book by Todd Parr

I Like to be Kind by Aleks Harrison

Another idea would be to make a family goal or reward chart for kindness. You could do like the Purple Room does and do a pom-pom jar and each time someone in your family exhibits kindness (for example, helping another family member without being asked) that person can put a pom-pom in the jar and when the jar is full, there is a family reward. It could be as simple as a family movie night or a trip for ice cream. Whatever reward your family would enjoy together would be a lot of fun!

Another idea would be to share scripture together. So many verses in the Bible talk about how we should treat others both in the new and old testaments.

Proverbs 11:17 - A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself.

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Luke 6:35 - But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

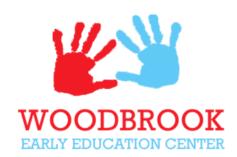
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 1 John 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Micah 6:8- He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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Luke 6:31-36- "Do to others as you would have them do to you." "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect re payment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful".

We all need love and kindness. As we are helping these little ones grow and learn, this is something else that is taught. We often focus on letter, numbers, and shapes and while those things are important, the most important lessons we teach are how we love others. Love each other big and loud. Show kindness and understanding whenever you are given the opportunity. These are the lessons that will be most important to our friends. These are the lessons that will hopefully make the biggest impact on our next generation.







We cannot believe how fast the month of February flew by! We started the month talking about shapes. The children really seemed to learn their shapes through songs and games. During our second week of February we talked about how people celebrate Valentine's Day. We worked on recognizing our names by creating Valentine's Day bags for our cards. The children had fun delivering them to their friends during our oarty1 It was a great day of celebrating!

Thank you for all of the delicious treats you sent in for our party. We are truly grateful for all the support you give us. During our third week we read Clifford books by Norman Bridwell and learned about authors and illustrators. For our last week, we worked on rhyming words and had fun reciting several nursery rhymes.

We will start off March by learning about Dr. Seuss and how he made reading fun! We will continue working on rhyming words and several math concepts too. The following unit is always a favorite: dinosaurs! We will learn several of their names and their characteristics. The next week we will be talking about zoo animals. We will again learn about the similarities and differences in the animals. The last two weeks in March will be devoted to Spring. We will talk about new life and planting. We will also be working on our scissor skills.

With each unit we continue to work on our letters, numbers, patterns, and shapes, as well as our fine motor and gross motor skills. These concepts are done through songs, games, and dancing.

Please remember that this week is Spirit Week. On Monday, March 17th we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special lunch of pizza, green juice, and ice cream. More details to follow.

Happy March Birthday to Olivia O. on 3/7 and Charlie on 3/23! 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 first two weeks of the month 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. We will be working on rhyming, opposites, and positional words as we read Dr. Seuss' books. The middles of the month we will have fun learning about St. Patrick's Day. Everything will turn green in the Yellow Room! We will also be looking for early signs if spring, as we look at all the wonderful things God is waking up after winter. We will take some nature walks to see what signs of Spring we can find! At the end of the month we will look at insects and how they help us. We will be talking about bees, butterflies, and other insects. We will continue to practice writing, our names, scissor skills and one to one correspondence.

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Kristen and Ms. Kate





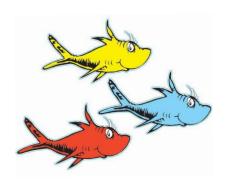
BLUE Room

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 Space, Dinosaurs, Spring, and Transportation.

We are having so much fun with our spirit days! The week of March 3rd we have our spirit week for Dr. Seuss. On March 17th 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 in April.

Happy March Birthday to Nora (3/2), Theo (3/9), and Jasper (3/20)!



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

Green Room



Dear 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 able to help children read by rhyming sight words in a silly, whimsical way. His fun rhymes combined with original characters, and often an important lesson, have made his books loved by many.

During the second week of March, we will engage in a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) week. The children will participate in a variety of activities that will encourage problem solving, teamwork, and exploring different ways to reach a goal.

Also during this week, the WEE staff will have a Professional Development Day on Thursday, March 13th . School will be closed for children.

On March 17th, the Green Room friends will celebrate St. Patrick's Day! A leprechaun has visited our classroom in the past...he probably will visit again this year!

The remainder of the month we will be learning about the season of Spring! We will focus on the changes during Spring, the life cycle of a plant, and baby animals. 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 be focusing on The Secret Number during circle time. The Secret Number will be a fun way for the children to recognize double digit numbers. The will also use a timeline and a ten frame to recognize numbers in different ways. Simple addition and subtraction and learning more complicated patterns will round out our math activities.

Two New Activities Pre-K will start in March:

- 1. The Green and Purple Rooms will begin Homework soon.
 Information will be sent home in the near future.
- 2. Pre-K will also be starting Readers in March. Readers are simple stories written with sight words. We will introduce the Readers at school, and then send them home to be read with families.

Happy March Birthday to Addy (3/2) and Avery (3/9)!

Thank you so much for sharing your children with us! 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 permanently warmer days! As we begin this new month, please pray for continued good health throughout WEE, as February was a tough month for illnesses.

This month, we will be learning about the letters Bb, Dd, and Pp. Recognizing the lowercase q, b, d, and p can be challenging, and confusion is completely normal at this age. We will be working with a new pattern: AABC, continue counting by 10's, and begin counting by 5's more often. We will also count down from 10-0! We will be tracing and/or writing our last names and creating a classroom book for the month as well. The more/less than concept will be continued as well, along with using other comparison words.

In March, we'll begin our simple reader booklets which will include basic sight words (these are for exposure; not perfection), as well as practice rhyming and review opposites. We will be talking more about how letters form words, words make sentences, and sentences make stories. Once per week homework (done in both Pre-k classes) will begin either Wednesday, 3/19 or 3/26. More information coming very soon.

Our learning units in March will be Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and perhaps Space. We will continue with our same prayers and patriotic song. The children will be select their door tags by identifying their address (house # and street name). So far, we have used first name, last name, and birthday (month/day), which the children have done wonderfully with! We are also hoping that warmer weather will allow us to finally fulfill our pom-pom "Kindness Jar" celebration!

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 extremely special.

Happy March Birthday to: Desmond 3/15, Lucy 3/17, and Claire 3/20! With Love,

Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate



We will begin March with Dr. Seuss week and some Dr. Seuss inspired drawing and sculpture projects. Pre-K will also be diving into portraiture this month while doing portraits and self-portraits in both 2D and 3D art forms. They will also be learning about the art of still lifes and artists Paul Gauguin and Paul Cezanne. They will be painting their own still lifes using real still life set ups and table top easels.

The Red Room will be tearing paper and making collages while learning about Canadian artist, Ted Harrison. They will also be doing some painting and will be introduced to tinting and shading techniques.

The 3s will be doing more collage work along with some sculptures and watercolor paintings. They will be studying artists Winslow Homer, Alexander Calder, and architect, Frank Lloyd Wright.

Love, Ms. Carol



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 . In the Pre-K classes we are practicing songs for graduation including one entitled "ABC You Later" by Obie Leff. You can watch it on You Tube (https://youtu.be/gd50rWC Fko?si=ynwPccdjxPXaDhEg). We are only doing part of the song but the children are learning the alphabet in sign. We just love having fun!

Love, Ms. Claire



Winter is almost over and in February we ended our unit on Simple machines. Now we will move onto learning about bridges!

Do you know what shape is considered the strongest for bridge building? We will know by the end of this unit! We will look at a lot of different kinds of bridges. The Pre-K friends will work in partners as bridge engineers and design and draw their own bridge.

We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with an experiment and a treat! 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 3rd: I Am Not Going To Get Up Today – Pajama day!

Tuesday, March 4th: Fox in Sox – Wear silly socks!

Wednesday, March 5th: Wacky Wednesday- Wear mismatched, backwards or silly items!

Thursday, March 6th: The Cat in the Hat – Wear your favorite hat!

Friday, March 7th: Green Eggs and Ham- Wear green to school!



Family Fun Night!

Save the date! Friday, May 2nd 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 from *Miss Twist* 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.

In 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.







The WEE Center will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our annual

St. Patrick's Day Pizza Party!

The party will be on Monday, March 17th.

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 your child's 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.









Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 13th: WEE Closed-Staff Professional Day

Monday, April 14th: Spring Break begins

Tuesday, April 22nd: WEE Re-opens

Friday, May 2nd: Art Show/Family Night

Monday, May 5th & Tuesday, May 6th: Picture Days

Friday, May 16th: WEE Closed-Conferences

Monday, May 26th: Memorial Day/School Closed



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