

First Congregational Learning Center



Director's Notes:

Thank you to all who attended the Art Show. We raised \$310 this year. I am already thinking up next years projects so be ready! We have two new teacher assistants in the toddler room this month, Ms. Aubrey and Mrs. Julia. They are very excited to be working with our little ones. We have also had to say two tearful good-byes to Ms. Bre and Mrs. Thea. We wish them well on their next adventure in life. Summer is quickly approaching and I am starting the work on the summer curriculum. There will be more information out soon. As always, I am available if you have questions, thoughts or concerns. You can contact me by email or make an appointment to talk in person. kchoate@uccdg.org/630-206-4910)

Infant News (Room 204)

Ms. Kimberly

Happy March to everyone! Hopefully, the worst of the winter is behind us. With that being said, please be sure your children have enough clothes, coats, and hats in their cubbies in case we venture outside.

This month, we will be focusing on social activities. Social skills begin to develop as soon as a child can interact with the world around them. This helps to enhance brain development. To encourage this development, we will have group tummy time as well as singing and reading activities.

We will be working on some fun St. Patrick's Day art projects and later in the month, Easter projects.

Recently, we've noticed an abundance of random socks. Some of the older babies enjoy pulling them off., while the younger ones just kick their little legs until they fall off. We realize that it's hard to label everything but if possible, please try to label socks too. Many of the random socks could be anyone's because so many children wear the same kind of socks.

Toddler News (Room 202)

This month the toddlers are getting ready for Spring. As our weather changes, we will continue to develop our scientific thinking and learning by formulating "why, what and where" questions. Outdoor walks and sensory table activities will provide many opportunities to ask these questions. We will be exploring solutions with simple problem-solving in our day to day challenges. We are learning to identify problems verbally with continuing to use our words in the classroom with our teachers and peers. In math, we will be working on the concept of time as we talk about the past and explore words that indicate the future. This is evident when we hear sentences like "today will be warmer than yesterday". We are learning spatial relations when introduced to concepts such as over/under, next to/behind, and inside/outside. We will explore the spatial concept by engaging in activities to follow clues to find hidden objects, such as "It's near the window" or "It's under the climber."

Preschool News (Room 203)

March is here! It comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb! We will learn what that phrase means, as we investigate all different types of weather throughout the month. We will be answering the important questions like 'how does a rainbow form? Where does rain come from? and what do clouds actually do?'. We will be charting and graphing weather patterns, doing some experiments with wind, and water, and discussing what types of weather we like best and what we like least. Along with weather, we have some important holidays we want to celebrate. On March 2nd, we will be having a "Birthday Whobilation Celebration" as we honor the Ultimate Cheermeister, Dr. Seuss! We will also be celebrating and learning about St. Patrick's Day! Do you know why we wear green that day? We will find out! (I wonder if that sneaky leprechaun will pay us a visit again this year..... hmmm...?) It's going to be a busy month! Spring is on it's way soon! Happy March everyone!

Preschool News (Room 205)

During the month of March, we'll celebrate the life and stories of Dr. Seuss. The children will get a chance to work on rhyming skills through games and stories. Next we'll be on the lookout for the Leprechaun! We will answer the age old question, "What would you do with the gold if you caught a leprechaun?" By the end of the month we're hoping to see some signs of spring. A sure sign of spring of course is Easter, and we will be doing some Easter activities as well. Bring on the longer days and warmer weather!