

# First Congregational Learning Center

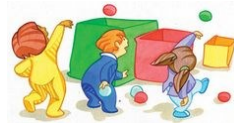
## Director's Notes:

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Art Show. It was a huge success like always. The families had a great time raising those paddles at the auction. There were some upsets when the grandparents began to bid! The most important part though was that the children were able to share their experiences with their families. This is what it is all about. Thank you again.



## Infant News (Room 204)

Thank you to all who were able to attend the FCLC art show. The children in room 204 did an amazing job with their projects. It was such a joy watching them squishing the paints and grasping for the paint brushes they really went to town. This month we will be enjoying St. Patrick's Day with a treasure hunt. The teachers have been and will continue to help the infants on mobility. The children have come so far in these developmental milestones we couldn't be happier. The children will be using large and fine motor skills while practicing stretching, rolling, reaching, touching, grasping, crawling, and walking. We are asking for parents to send in a picture of your family doing a fun activity at home.



## Toddler News (Room 202):

As March begins, our toddlers will notice the weather changing. The children will be able to use their large motor skills to climb up the climber. Once they are at the top they can have conversations with friends and teachers about the wind and weather they observe.

In honor of St. Patrick's Day, the toddlers will engage in various activities to understand the country and culture of Ireland. Our focus with the children will be comparing how Ireland and the US are similar.

With new friends joining our classroom, we will have discussions about appropriate uses of our hands, reminding them that hands are for helping and not for harming.

Parents can reinforce positive behavior at home by allowing toddlers opportunities to help at home and really build them up when they do so.

## Young Preschool News (Room 203):

We have been working hard on the art show the past few weeks. During this age of development children need assistance to understanding taking turns and playing simple games. The children have been working on this and we will continue to encourage them through many activities this month. On the weekends it would be great to take some time and play a simple game with your children to help foster this skill. There are many games you can play such as a simple game of Connect 4 or even Chutes & Ladders, or Candy Land. We are focusing a lot on numbers 1 to 10 and using our fingers to count. The children have also been counting to 10 in French, and will continue to introduce simple French vocabulary. Everyone is having such a good time learning the new words! Help your child to recognize numbers on houses or signs while walking or driving. You can simply count the number of blueberries on their plate etc. As it's March we are hoping the weather will warm up and we can get outside a little more! Remind and encourage your child to put their coat on independently. They should be able to dress/undress themselves almost completely independently now!



## Preschool News (Room 205):

The month of March madness begins with the rhyming words of Dr. Seuss. The preschoolers will work on their language development skills, as well as, memory match and counting skills. We want to help bring the stories to life with a "Wacky Wednesday" event and a "Go Dog Go" party. Next, we'll be on the lookout for the leprechaun and some signs of spring weather. The children will get a chance to use their observational skills as we keep track of the weather with a graph for the month. Keep your fingers crossed that sunny days will prevail! Many of our friends are extremely interested in dinosaurs, so we'll take on the role of paleontologists and discoveries. Letter recognition practice will continue each week. Many of our friends are getting very good at naming items for each letter. This can be a fun car ride game or dinner time activity.