

March 2018

The Davis Harbor News



Davis Child Care Center



— Welcome to Mudville —

Each spring our playground turns to Mudville... we apologize for this and will utilize our driveway and bikes when things are particularly messy.

Message from the Administrator

Hello friends,

How on earth is it already March? I guess if you look outside, we can take a guess... muddy playgrounds, brown old snow banks and probably a lost mitten or two. Spring brings us all a sense of hope and excitement! The outlook of more outside time, things beginning to grow and our children here at Davis taking their joy and knowledge of gardening and science lessons to a new level.

We can't wait!

— Miss Kelly

Notes & Reminders

Monday, March 5th, 8:00am - 6:00pm

4K registration for community sites—that's us! If your child is joining the Ranger room or Kimberly or Erika's room, for Fall '18 4K, come to OASD Offices (next to Tipler middle school) that day to register for Fall.

Announcements

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic book fair is upon us. Beginning Monday March 12, through our Literacy Night that Thursday, you will be able to review a wide variety of books for your little one, nieces and nephews, grandchildren and friends!! All revenue we keep and turn around for books in all rooms!

LITERACY NIGHT

Thursday, March 15, 5:00 –6:30 pm. Join us for fun in several classrooms, take in the Book Fair for its last night, and celebrate the joy of reading with your child.



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!!
What is your favorite story?
Share it with your child tonight!



Davis Pride

Kathy | Creeper Teacher 24 years

Diane | Hopper Teacher 22 years

Thank you for your hard work and dedication that you put in each day!

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis & Ms. Jennifer

Lamb or Lion? Which will it be? A quiet entry into March or a stormy one? Watch for some lambs and lions in our room. Shamrocks and Leprechauns are a must for celebrating St. Patrick's Day and rainbows are in the forecast. Bunnies will be hopping and chicks will be hatching at the end of the month.

Temps are rising! Please bring in some warm outer wear for your infant so they can go for a walk: hat, mittens, jacket, snow pants or a pair of oversize sweats and shoes or an extra pair of socks.

Deb, Alexis and Jennifer



THE CREEPERS

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

This month the creepers will be watching and waiting for spring! We will be listening to stories by Dr. Seuss this month. The simple text and rhyming words may help to build developing speech for young toddlers.

In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, we will also be listening to and playing with our simple music toys to the sounds of Irish music. Our creepers will make some green art things and listen to the Leprechaun chant!

We will continue to build on our self-feeding skills, block play, and social play skills with friends in the creper room!!

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Cassy & Ms. Emily

As winter transitions to spring, prepare for additional laundry sent home as well as differing energy levels and moods (sleep schedule disturbances perhaps, increase in exertion, sunlight appearing). Teachers will aide you in all ways possible to continue to maintain happy and healthy little ones.

Something unique that I wanted to share with you from the Conscious Discipline Facebook Page is as follows:

We use "no" and "don't" over and over in an effort to communicate with our children. But what does "no" and "don't" look like, how does "no" and "don't behave"? To communicate effectively and encourage your child's success, tell and show your child what to do (rather than what not to do).

To be clear in our communication, we must paint a picture of what we want the child to do. As adults, we have words that chatter away in our brains; children under 8 years old only have images. For this reason, it is imperative that we give commands in the positive:

"Pick up the blocks," becomes "_____, put your blocks in the bucket just like this (demonstrate)".

Use your body as a picture by modeling what you want, use your words to help paint pictures of what you want, put up actual pictures that show what to do, and use the word stop rather than no (cessation of act).

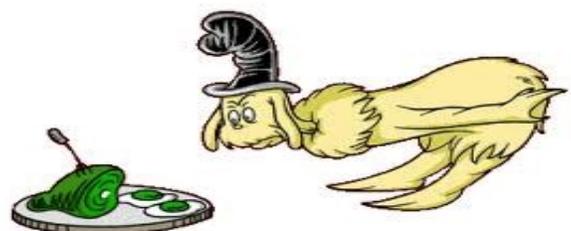
Name, Verb, Paint Process

Establish eye contact and then state the child's name

Verbalize what you want to see happen. Begin the sentence with a VERB.

Paint a picture of the expected behavior using gesture and visual cues.

Try it with us? I hope this found you well. Ms. Cassy and Ms. Emily



THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Evan

Happy March!

Our little Wigglers are quite busy these days, I believe we are ready for spring!! With our busy crew we are focusing on plenty of large motor and sensory opportunities - which the children seem to crave. If it were up to the kiddos we would run and make messes all day! We look forward to the warmer temperatures; the first sign that spring is really on its way. March themes will include rainbows, spring and St. Patrick's Day traditions. Literacy night is right around the corner, watch for signs throughout the center. Happy reading!

Happy spring! Miss Kelly and Mr. Evan

THE TROOPERS

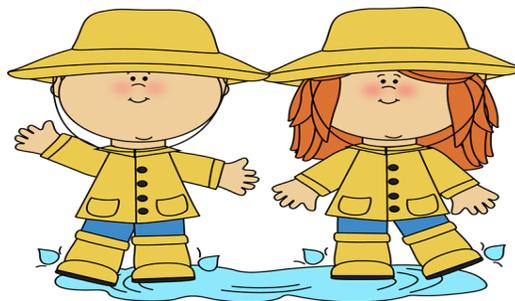
Ms. Sara & Ms. Alyson

Spring is on the way!! The Troopers say, "yay"! With the little bit warmer weather and the melting of ice and snow, come puddles and mud (which we know is a natural magnet for children). Please know that we do try to keep your child clean and dry, but during this time of year, it can be quite a challenge. We promise to do our best, but just in case, please have an extra pair of mittens, and spare clothes to change into if need be. Also, if your child's snow pants are muddy, feel free to just leave them the week and wash them over the weekend, if need be. We will be going outside 2x daily, so mud is expected and it is not necessary to wash them daily. Thank you all for understanding, and as always, we will do our best to keep children dry and clean.

This month is a fun one in the Trooper Room, as we will spend each week exploring a different color(s). We will use our senses to fully experience the colors. There will be a sign-up sheet to bring in a food of each color, so please keep an eye out for this by the classroom folders/ parent board. We will also try to wear the color of the week each Friday. It is a fun, hands-on learning month. You will notice your child pointing out different colors all over the place. Thank you for participating in your child's learning and fun experiences.

Happy March! We are "LUCKY" to have your little pride and joy with us each day.

Ms. Sara and Ms. Aly



THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Leaping Leprechauns! March will be filled with exciting experiences. Davis will be holding our annual Literacy Night on March 15th. This year the theme is all about pets. I hope to see everyone there. The book fair will be open on March 12th to March 15th in the Atrium.

I want to thank everyone for bringing items for our friendship trail mix and valentines. Our little party was a success. Thanks for all you do, it is appreciated.

The first week of March we will continue our Dr. Seuss theme unit of reading and making several of his stories with a Hopper twist. One of the books we will be making is, The Amazing things that the Hoppers can do!

Our other themes will be the color... green. What do I mean what is the color, green or yellow? How can I make the color, green? What do I see that is green? The final focus for the month will include exploring concepts that have to do with spring. The Hoppers are also anxiously watching for the early signs of spring. What do we see besides mud? Maybe it will be the birds, puddles, and maybe even the sign of growth. Here's to a marvelous March.

Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

The Snappers are very excited about our themes this month: Dr. Seuss, Dinosaurs, St. Patrick's Day, Spring, and Easter! We will be working on hopping and balancing on one foot for five seconds this month.

Spring weather is always unpredictable, so please make sure your child has a variety of items for outside. It can vary day to day whether we're dealing with snow or mud! For that reason I ask that you continue to leave all of your snow gear here (including thick waterproof mittens) and *also* bring in a lighter jacket and lighter mittens. They will need a hat and mittens here just in case, every day this month. Rain boots are also acceptable once we're past the snow. Thank you!

Our annual book fair, read-a-thon, and Literacy Night are coming up this month! Look for more information posted around the building, on the parent bulletin board, and in your child's folder. It will be so much fun! Our Pet-themed Literacy Night is March 15th, hope to see you there! Once the book fair is set up in the atrium, we will be visiting it as a class during the day to look at the books and pick some out to read to find some new favorites!

Give a cheer, spring is near!

Ms. Leah

THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

In March, we are going to be learning about Outer Space, The Season: Spring, Five Senses, and St. Patrick's Day. We will also be warping up the Cinnamon the Bear project. Thank you for all your hard work. The pictures and the stories that have been shared are wonderful.

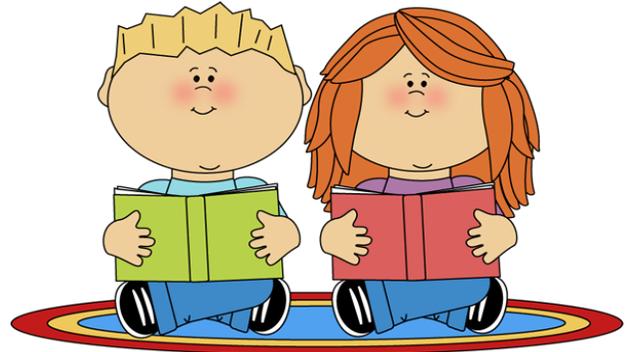
March also means Dr. Seuss' Birthday Month. Did you know he would have been 114 years old this year? The Sparkler friends will be making Green Eggs and Ham on March 2nd, while reading the classics by Dr. Seuss.

The annual Davis Child Care book fair will be going March 12-16. Our camping theme Literacy Night will be on March 15th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. The theme is "Paws for Books." We are having a vet, Pet Smart, a Liberian, and Oshkosh Humane Society. We will also be making dog-houses, being our own vets, making Clifford ears, and Pete the cat handprints.

On March 9th, The Heckrodt Roving Naturalist is coming to talk about turtles. March 12th, we are going to Evergreens to make any art project with them. March 19th, Roving Reader is coming in to read to us. March 26th, we are going to Evergreens to make cookies with them. March 28th, we are going to Gabriella Village to decorate eggs.

It is going to be another eventful month, and I cannot wait to get started.

Ms. Christy



THE RANGERS

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

Happy March, we hope this month is filled with lots of luck for everyone. This past month the Rangers went on their first trip of the year to The Grand Opera. We saw the play "Guess How Much I Love," it was put on by a theater group out of Canada. The Rangers had so much fun and loved the realistic puppets the actors used. The Rangers were so excited when they got back to the center they decided to make their own puppets. A big thank-you to Tara Parkhurst and Becky Schellgell who chaperoned this field trip and helped to make it a successful one. Some upcoming events this month for the Rangers will be a visit from Heckrodt Roving Naturalist 3/9 and Literacy Night 3/15; we encourage all families to come experience Literacy Night. There will be no 4K March 14, and March 26th-March 30th due to OSASD Spring Break. As many of you may have noticed with the slight warmth in temperature, the snow is starting to melt and leave the playground a little muddy in spots. Since we do go out twice a day weather permitting, we are asking that you keep your child's cubby stocked with weather appropriate clothing and extra mittens.

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Cheryl

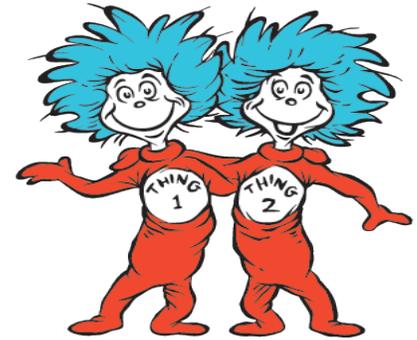
Welcome to March and all the exciting experiences and adventures we will have. We begin the month celebrating and exploring Dr. Seuss and his great literacy works. Our store area in the classroom will promote his books with some great STEM activities. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Also this month we will enjoy our Book Fair week which includes Literacy Night. More information will follow about this wonderful event. Other themes to learn about this month will be Nursery Rhymes and Spring. Let's hope we will start to see some green grass and lots of sun. As always, check our Weekly Newsletter for additional information.

Also note that we will have No School for Spring Break March 26th – March 30th.

Have a great month. Happy Spring!

Ms. Cheryl



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Erika

This month in our room we continue to work on skills needed as we begin to think about going to Kindergarten. We have really been working on problem solving with each other and using appropriate voice and words to express what we feel and what we need. We have also been working on maintaining conversations and adding detail to the stories we are sharing. Bookmaking has become a favorite activity for some and the children are proud to be authors and illustrators. Please be sure to ask your child about the work they are bringing home. This is the first step to building a strong literacy foundation. This month our learning themes will focus on Dr. Seuss' stories, fairy tales, shapes/colors and Spring.

Mark your calendars for some special events. Please be sure to check out the Book Fair and join us for Literacy Night on March 15th from 5:00-6:30. There is also no school on March 14. Spring Break is March 26-30. More details of events and classroom happenings will be in the Weekly News.

Miss Erika



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie

It is March. It is March. Windy days. Kites at play. Leprechauns and shamrocks. Leprechauns and shamrocks. Spring is here. Spring is here. We hope that by singing this song this month, spring will be headed our way very soon! Spring Break is March 26-30. We hope for nice weather so you can enjoy some relaxing time with your family. We are so proud of the gains the children are making as we venture toward kindergarten! We continue to work on bookmaking and modeling different aspects of making a book. You can make books at home too. Thanks to our bookmaking volunteers. We are working on different math concepts and name writing in our small groups. As always, please see our weekly newsletter for more information about upcoming events. Here's to another great month!

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie



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