



March 2020

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

Dear Davis Families –

What a great way to welcome March – in like a lamb! Let's hope it goes out that way, too, with lots of sunshine and milder temperatures.

We've started March off with a great deal of excitement in the building as our Scholastic Book Fair is in full swing. I enjoy seeing the windows filling up with "food" for the animals -the children are so excited about the books they read. Way to go parents! Reading with your child is one the most important things that you can do to promote your child's cognitive growth; in addition, reading to your child also strengthens their social, emotional and character development.

Please join us on Thursday, March 5th, 4:30pm to 6:00pm for Literacy Night; the staff has worked very hard to plan lots of fun activities for the children. In addition, we will be having a bake sale later in the week and, don't forget about the Penny Wars! The room that collects the highest dollar amount will win an ice cream party for their class.

As always, if you have questions or concerns about Davis Child Care Center – feel free to contact me.

Angie Soda

Center Director

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Notes & Reminders

Please stop by our Book Fair this week. The Book Fair will be open until the end of Literacy Night this Thursday 3/5.

The coin drive will run through the end of the Wednesday.

Announcements

March 2nd-5th - Book Fair in the Atrium

March 5th - Literacy Night 4:30 - 6pm

March 18th - Heckrodt comes to visit we will be learning about "Perfect Pelicans"

Davis Pride

Melissa A. | 1 year—Troopers

Diane H. | 24 years—Hoppers

Angie S. | 5 years

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into Davis each day!

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Ms. Deb, Ms. Kimberly, and Ms. Phoenix

Lion or Lamb? Which will it be? A quiet entry into March or a stormy one? We will be honoring Dr. Seuss on March 2 by wearing red and white. On Literacy night we will have a menagerie of zoo animals and activities. Watch for some lions and lambs in our room. Shamrocks and Leprechauns are a must for celebrating St. Patrick's Day and rainbows are in the forecast. Activity: Read a book to your infant every day.

Deb, Kimberly & Phoenix

THE CREEPERS

Ms. Rachel & Ms. Katie

Dear Creeper Families,

March is here... and with that comes the first day of SPRING on the 20th. Please keep in mind that, with warmer weather on the way, we are going to be spending more time outside. We all like to wear lighter clothing as the temperature increases, but make sure we still have our winter gear at school to keep us warm and safe outside. Thank you for all your help to those families that have already received and completed your intake form updates. We have a few more to go and these intake form updates will be sent out to you soon.

This month we will be focusing on the many colors of Dr. Seuss, and the colors of the Rainbow. Dr. Seuss's Birthday is March 2nd. To help us celebrate please wear your favorite RED and WHITE attire. We will be engaging in many sensory activities to start out this month. Our class is really looking forward to our exploration into the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss. Toward the end of the month we will create Shamrocks and Rainbows.

Remember to join in on our Literacy Night. There are lots of fun activities planned on March 5th. Make sure to visit our Book Fair in the Atrium for some new books. Keep reading and be sure to put your child's name on food for our animal on the atrium window for every book you read together. We will be celebrating Amiyah's 1st birthday on the 12th and Charlie's 1st birthday on the 29th this month as well as welcoming Charlie to our classroom!

Sincerely,
Ms. Rachel and Mrs. Katie

Dates to Remember

- **03/02:** Dr. Suess's Birthday, Wear RED and WHITE
- **03/05:** Literacy Night
- **03/12:** Amiyah Turns 1!
- **03/17:** St. Patrick's Day, Wear your favorite St. Patty's day attire
- **03/29:** Charlie Turns 1!

THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

Top o' the morning to all our Scooter friends and families! In the Scooter Room this month we will be diving into the themes of Our 5 Senses, Shamrocks, Colors, and Spring fun (hopefully spring will be around the corner at this point). We will also be continuing on with our baby doll circle time and adding in some feelings time...to help the children to know what the feelings are (ex. happy, sad, mad, surprised, etc.) and what to do when they are feeling that way. Also keep on the look out as our book fair and Jungle Literacy Night come stomping your way. The book fair will be in the atrium all throughout the week of March 2nd-6th. Our Literacy Night will be on March 5th from 4:30-6:00pm. Come and enjoy a fun night with our Jungle theme!

May the luck of the Irish be with you!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debby

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 Dr. Seuss, Rainbows, Spring, and St. Patrick's Day traditions. Literacy night is right around the corner March 5 from 4:30-6pm. Lots of fun activities are planned in the younger classrooms, come and enjoy some great fun! Book fair will be open March 2 to March 5 lots of great books for the kiddos, and let's not forget great gifts for the Easter bunny!!

Happy Spring!
Miss Kelly & Miss Debby

THE TROOPERS

Ms. Aly, Ms. Lise, & Melissa

Happy March, Trooper family!

Our February was full of friendship and love as we celebrated Valentine's Day, and we will continue to cater to the friendship skills and manners that we learned. During the month of February, we said goodbye to some familiar faces that moved to the next room, and said hello to some new friends that came up from the Wiggler room. To our new families, welcome to the Trooper family! We hope that you'll feel comfortable talking to us about anything you need to talk to us about. We truly strive to be like a big family!

For the month of the March, we are dedicating our time to learning about colors. We will start with red and go through the colors of the rainbow in order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. We will explore colors, items that are certain colors, and even color mixing. Color month is one of our favorites! On Friday of each week, we will dress in the color that we focused on that week. The center is celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 2nd by wearing red and white apparel. On March 5th, we have our jungle themed literacy night, and we hope you can make it. The Trooper room will even feature live snakes for your child to see! There are so many exciting things to look forward to in March.

With the weather and the melting snow, our outdoor gear is getting wet and sometimes starting to smell bad. Please take your child's snow pants, mittens, and boots home on Fridays with their blankets to wash them. Also consider bringing in a second pair of waterproof mittens for when the snow is really wet or melting so that we can safely play outside with adequate protective clothing. Thank you all so much for your participation in the classroom. We look forward to spending the month of March with you and your children.

Ms. Aly, Ms. Lise, and Ms. Melissa

THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

Leaping Leprechauns! March will be filled with exciting experiences. The Hopper classroom had two additions in February. Logan and Harper. They are transitioning well.

Davis will be holding its annual Literacy night on Mar. 5. This year the theme is jungle animals. I hope to see everyone there. The book fair will be open Mar. 2 – 5 in the Atrium. It will be lots of fun. The read-a-thon started on February 24th and ends March 5th. Hoppers will fill the window with the Lemur Monkey. Let's keep reading. Go Hoppers!

I want to thank everyone for bringing items for our friendship trail mix and valentines. Our celebration 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 make is, The Amazing things that the Hoppers can do!!!

Our other themes will be The Color Green. We will explore: What is the color green? 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 or puddles, or maybe even little signs of green 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 Gardening! We will be working on hopping and balancing on one foot for five seconds this month.

I know there's currently mountains of snow everywhere, but that can change quickly!

Late Winter/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 jungle-themed Literacy Night is March 5th, 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!

Home Connection: when days are cold and dreary, it's the perfect time of year to do some cooking together! Measuring ingredients and reading a recipe promotes math and literacy! Muffins, cookies, and Jello-Jigglers are just a few kid-friendly ideas that they would love to help you make!

Give a cheer, spring is near!

Ms. Leah

THE SPARKLERS

Ms. Christy

It is Dr. Seuss' birthday is on March 2nd. He has left some amazing stories for us to read. Talking about stories, we are having our book fair on March 2nd-5th. We have a lot of fun things happening that week. The theme is "Elephants, Tigers, and Books Oh My." All about the Jungle. On March 5th is our Literacy Night from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. It is going to be great night! We are having a STEM project with Ms. Jenn, a Liberian, and live animals. We will also be making paper plate snakes activity. Don't forget to read to your kids and feed our Jungle animal. In March we are going to be learning about space, St. Patrick's Day, spring, and the five senses. On March 18th Heckrodt Naturalist is coming to talk about Pelicans. On March 9th we are going to Evergreen to make an art project with them. On March 23rd we are going to Evergreen to make another project. On March 16th Roving Reader is coming in to read to us. We will also be wrapping up the Cinnamon project. Thank you for all your hard work - the pictures and the stories you have shared have been great. This month have your kids help you put items away. You can put a sock on your head and ask, "where does this go?" - see if they know then let them put it away. It is going to be a great month and I cannot wait to get started. I wanted to let you know that I will be on vacation March 11th-23rd. I will be in Hawaii.

THE RANGERS

Ms. Sara R. & Ms. Brandi

Happy March, we hope this month is filled with lots of luck for everyone. This past month the Rangers had a fun visit from Glacier

Dental and learned the importance of taking care of our teeth. The Rangers enjoyed Mr. Rick's magic show about Dental Health, he is always a crowd pleaser. The Ranger room will be having some dress up days to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday the week of March 2nd-March 6th. Don't forget Literacy Night 3/5; we encourage all families to come experience Literacy Night. We would love for all Rangers families to help with the coin drive going on during our Spring book fair February 24th-March 5th the coin jar is located on the shelf below our parent board, the classroom with the most coins wins a prize. We would like to remind our Ranger families about the Read-a-Thon that all classrooms are participating in February 24th-March 5th, as you read books with your child fill out a "jungle animal food" with your child's name and put it on the Ranger atrium window. There will be no 4K March 11 and March 23rd-March 27th due to OSASD Spring Break. 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.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Brandi

This month will be lighter on the STEM and cooking activities since there are so many other wonderful things happening around Davis! We will begin the month with the Book

Fair, and instead of doing our regularly scheduled STEM, I encourage you to come to our Literacy Night for some jungle engineering challenges. Following that, we will be exploring weather and astronomy themes for the rest of the month. We will again take a break from our normal STEM schedule during spring break, but there will be teacher led astronomy activities available throughout the week. Lastly, we will have one cooking project this month, and we'll be making One Fish Two Fish blue smoothies to help celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday! I'm looking forward to warmer weather so we can return to doing some STEM outside! Thinking spring and warm thoughts. See you on Literacy Night!

