



LCNS Newsletter

March 2015

Lincolnshire Community Nursery School

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Letter From the Director

Dates to Remember

March 2:

School is open

March 12-13:

No school

**Parent/Teacher
conferences**

March 30-April 3:

No school

Spring break

April 8:

**3's and Pre-k Author
visit at Sprague school**

April 10:

Vision and hearing tests

April 13:

P.J. night: 6:30-7:30

April 15:

No school

Teacher in-service

April 23:

**Pre-k Art/Jolly Phonics
night**

Dear Parents,

I'd like to thank all the dads who were able to attend this years Dad's Day celebration. We had a wonderful turnout of dads, uncles, and grandpas and the children loved making a project and sharing a special snack.

As the year is quickly moving along our current board members are starting to think about their role in next year's board. Some of our members have served on the board for two years or longer and are graduating off of the board at the end of the school year. Anyone who is interested in volunteering please let me know and I would be happy to have you talk to someone about the specific jobs that are open. The board is a great way to meet new people and use some of your hidden talents in an effort to keep our wonderful school running effectively.

The board currently is working hard on securing items for our annual fundraiser. Please save the date for a fun evening event on Saturday, May 2, 2015. If you have any connections with local businesses or would like to donate an item for our silent auction, please contact the office or send an email to me and we will happily add it to our wonderful list of goodies. Every donation that comes in will hopefully mean more dollars for our school to use on capital items such as playground equipment or classroom supplies that directly benefit our students and help to keep tuition costs at LCNS as low as possible. Don't forget to invite your friends and get ready to enjoy a night filled with good food, drink, awesome auction items, and lots of fun!

March comes in like a lion and hopefully goes out like a lamb so please continue to dress your children appropriately for outdoor play. The On My Own children and the 3's will continue this month to go outdoors during the first part of their day. The pre-k goes out at the end of their day. After spring break we will make the switch and the pre-k will begin their day with outdoor play. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,
Amy Morrissey
Director, LCNS



On My Own March

Parent News

March is a busy month! Conferences and the Star of the Day (described on next page) sign up sheets will be out. Conferences are Thursday, March 12 from 9-12am and 6-8pm. Please continue to send your child with boots, snow pants, gloves, hat, and a bag for wet items (labeled with her/his name). March is a wet and muddy month! To foster independence and self help skills, we are teaching the children the “pre-school flip” to put their jackets on by themselves. Ask them to show you how to do the jacket flip. Spring Break is March 30 to April 3. Beginning April 7, OMO will be going outside at the end of the day.

Learning

Nursery Rhymes

-Working on early literacy skills through classics such as Humpty Dumpty and Little Miss Muffet.

St. Patrick's Day

-Shamrock related activities.

Color Recognition

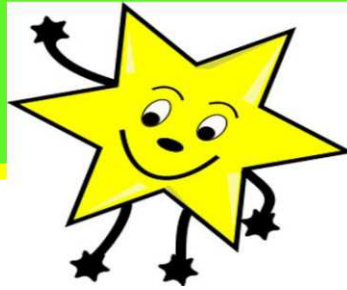
-Using different mediums, such as watercolor paint.

Important Dates

3/12 – Conferences;
9-12am & 6-8pm
3/30 to 4/3 – Spring
break



On My Own
March



Star of the day

Your child will choose his/her favorite story and someone special to come in and read it. This can be mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt, uncle, etc. We will begin on April 7. Sign up sheets will be out mid-March.



Literacy

*The Real Mother Goose,
Humpty Dumpty, Little Miss
Muffet, and It's Saint Patrick's
Day.*

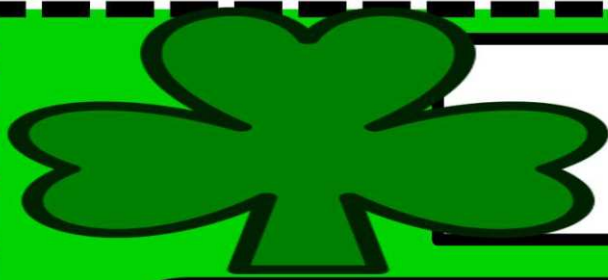


**My
Own
March**

Looking Back

- Developing early math skills by making a graph of whose dad wears glasses.
- Learning about friendship by passing out Valentines.
- Learning about patterns and counting with candy hearts.
- Developing our science and math skills by discussing different types of dinosaurs. The children made hypotheses about which footprint belongs to which dinosaur. We compared our own footprint's size to a brontosaurus'.





3's March Happenings

Parent News

March will begin with some classic nursery rhymes like Little Miss Muffet and Humpty Dumpty. Our class will celebrate St. Patrick's Day mid-month with some fun cooking and patterning projects! We will wrap up the month with a school favorite- Dr. Seuss!

Parent Teacher conferences will take place, Thursday, March 12 for our 3's classes. Look for sign up sheets soon!

NO SCHOOL

Fri. March 13- conferences
Mar. 30 – Apr. 3- spring break

Student News

March starts out with some fun nursery rhymes and projects including putting Humpty Dumpty back together again and making a spider we can eat! We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with some cooking and a fun painting with potatoes art projects! A study of Dr. Seuss will round out March! Our classroom will have a fun wacky Seuss week!

Monthly Themes

Mar. 2 to 13- Nursery Rhymes
Mar. 16 to 20- St. Pat's Day
Mar. 23 to 27 – Dr. Seuss

3's March

Fine Motor

Our class will be working on cutting, painting and gluing with our various projects throughout the month. We will practice correct pencil grip utilizing various Handwriting Without Tears worksheets.

Math Skills

March will be a month to challenge our measuring skills as we cook various recipes. We will be counting and patterning Shamrocks. Graphing will test our math skills as we compare who liked what we cooked!

Literature

Little Miss Muffett
Humpty Dumpty
Baa Baa Black Sheep
Luckiest St. Pat's Day
It's St. Pat's Day!
Cat In The Hat
Green Eggs and Ham
Horton Hatches An Egg

Table Top

Our table top will feature patterning, sorting, counting, magnets and letter formation. We have brought roll a dough to the play dough table to help with letter formation as well as letter pieces to see what makes up each letter.

Science

The class will work with magnets to see what the magnet attracts and what it doesn't. We will discover what happens when we create our own "tornado in a bottle" and try to root and grow our own class potato!



3's March

Mark Your Calendars!

Author Visit

Wednesday, April 8th

***Our class will travel to
Sprague School to
visit with author Sherri
Rinker!***

Field Trip!

Monday, April 20th

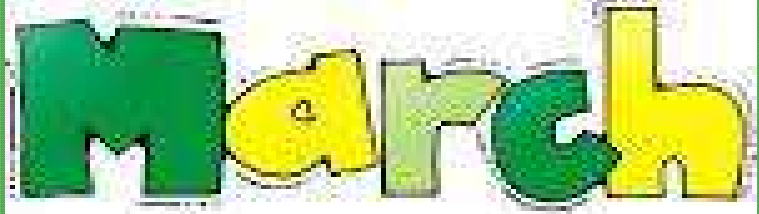
***Our class will travel to
Wagner Farm in
Glenview as a part of
our farm unit!***



Questions/Concerns??

**Feel free to call, email
or simply pull us
aside. We are always
here to help!**

Pre-K



March Themes

- **Space**
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **The 3 Little Pigs**
- **Health & Nutrition**

Parent News

Hopefully March will be in like a lion and out like a lamb! Parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, March 12th. Hopefully you have already signed up for a spot. If not, please ask us to help set up a convenient time for you. After Spring break, we will be going outdoors at the beginning of our day. Please remember to dress your child in weather appropriate clothing. Spring break week is from Monday, March 30th. Friday, April 3rd. We'll see you back at school on Monday, April 6th!

Student News

Our unit on outer space continues with painting our own planets with shaving cream! We will take a walk on the moon and even try astronaut food. Start practicing your huffing and puffing, because we are going to read and act out The Three Little Pigs. All of you will get a chance to be an actor on stage and practice so we can present to the 3's class! We will conclude our month with a visit from a doctor and a veterinarian! Alok and Evan's moms will come visit and talk to us about how we take care of our bodies and our pets. We will have a special doctor's office set up where you can pretend to take care of each other and your favorite stuffed pet!

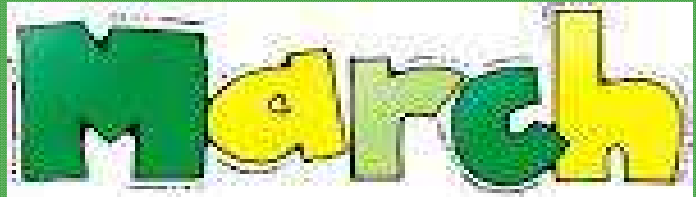
Dates to Remember

***March 12th:
Parent/teacher conferences**

***March 30th. April 3rd:
Spring Break**

April 6th: School resumes

Pre-K



Literature

Baby Brains

I Want to be an Astronaut

Papa, Please Get Me the Moon

Harold and the Purple Crayon

The Day the Crayons Quit

The 3 Little Pigs

Lucky Tucker

The 4th Pig

The 3 Wolves and the Big Bad Pig

The 3 Horrid Little Pigs

Stripes

Arthur's Tooth

Olivia Becomes a Vet

Math/Science

We will take one giant leap into our space exploration this month. We will use non-fiction books to learn about our planets and their characteristics. Our moon walk will conclude our unit where we will look for moon rocks in our texture table, sit on the moon for a little bit and taste freeze dried ice cream and fruit. Our health/nutrition unit we will explore the human body and discuss how we can take good care of ourselves.

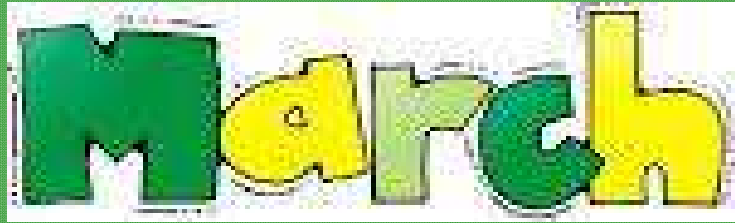
Fine Motor

Our hand grips will be put to work while we look for moon rocks using tongs. We are going to trace a human body and draw in many of our organs and bones as well as label them together. We will work on writing the letters K & A this month. During our 3 little pigs unit, we are going to recreate the 3 houses by drawing, painting and gluing objects into the houses.

Reading/Writing

During our 3 little pigs unit, we will be reading a variety of books that tell the story. Each one is very different, but also the same. The children have gotten very good at making contrasts and comparisons between stories from other units like this. As stated above, we will also give the children the opportunity to look at a book of the human body and draw and label different parts. Keep an eye out for our finished product near the end of the month!

Pre-K



Looking Back

February went by so quickly! The students LOVED our post office and making Valentines for each other and their families. Even though we had to play indoors for much of the month, the children had the opportunity to work together to create many masterpieces using blocks and other building materials.



March Book Club News

In Book Club this month we read books that related to our monster theme. We made a monster out of different shapes and made a monster face to eat. We used bagels, "green" cream cheese and different fruit for the eyes, nose, mouth and hair. The students had a lot of opportunities to use their drama skills to act like a 'wild thing' and create puppet shows with the monster puppets. We also made a class book about what could be hiding under their bed!

Books We Read:

What's Under My Bed
Monsters Are Knocking
There's An Alligator Under My Bed
Go Away Big, Green Monster
Where The Wild Things Are
Molly's Monsters

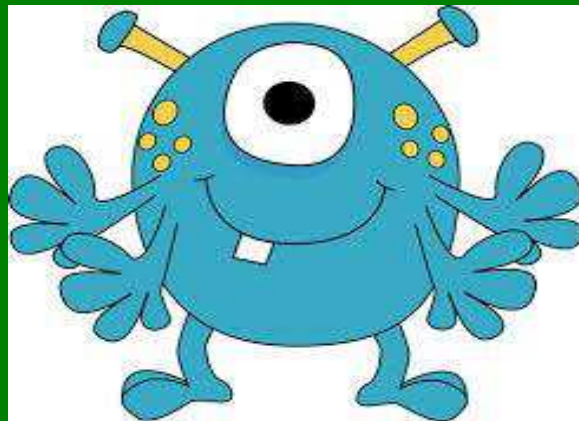
Centers

Matching and patterning

Puppet play

Journals

Shape exploration



Next month we are reading
Dr. Seuss books in
celebration of his birthday
March 2nd!

His books give us a great
opportunity to work on
rhyming skills as well as
have fun with some of his
classics.

March EAGLES News

This month in EAGLES we learned about the human body. Our big project was making a wearable human body with working lungs and stomach! We learned about the skeletal system, heart, lungs, and stomach.

We viewed x-rays and made our own with pretend bones (Q-tips)! The students also listened to their own hearts using a stethoscope and learned where their food goes when they eat!

Books We Read

Bones

My Spine

From Head to Toe

Our Hearts

Breathe in Breathe Out

The Lungs

Our Stomachs

Centers

Labeling and assembling body parts

Fine motor work with hammer and tees

Skeleton puzzle
Doctor pretend play



Next month in EAGLES we will be learning about instruments.

The children will be making their own rubber band guitars!

We also will be doing an author study on Robert Munsch!

Author's Visit LCNS Staff Book Order Form



Sherri Rinker, author of

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site
and

Steam Train, Dream Train

is coming to Sprague School on Wednesday, April 8th! Ms. Rinker will be presenting to Early Childhood, Kindergarten and 1st Grade Classrooms.

Books are for sale now at a discounted price of \$14.61 each.
Books will be delivered and signed at Ms. Rinker's visit in April.

Checks payable to: Lincolnshire-Prairie View SD 103

Staff Name _____

Please order me...

Goodnight Construction Site: copies X _____ (\$14.61 ea)

Steam Train, Dream Train: copies X _____ (\$14.61 ea)

(Total Copy #'s x \$14.61) = Total Amount Due _____

(If you order one of each book the total is \$29.22)

Please return this form with payment to Amy Morrissey by March 2nd.

March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 School is open	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 No School- Parent/ Teacher Conference	13 No School- Parent/ Teacher Conference	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 No School- Spring Break	31 No School- Spring Break				