



# LCNS Newsletter

## April 2015

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## Letter From the Director

### Dates to Remember

**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**

**April 24:**  
**Arbor Day Celebration**

**May 2:**  
**LCNS A Night Out**

**May 16:**  
**Pre-k Graduation**  
**All school carnival**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back from spring break! I hope everyone enjoyed a little time away from our normal hectic schedules. Spring is in the air at LCNS and we are all looking forward to nice weather and a chance to explore all the beautiful elements that spring can bring.

We have many exciting events planned for April. Our first activity is a field trip to Sprague School in Lincolnshire for the 3's and pre-k students. This year we teamed up with other schools in the area to help sponsor an author visit. Sherri Rinker has two children's books that we share with our students at LCNS and now we have the opportunity to meet her! On **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**, both the morning and afternoon students will ride to Sprague School and listen to a presentation by this wonderful author. Parents have already signed up to drive and we are looking forward to this fun experience! **Please plan to wear your LCNS spirit wear and show our LCNS pride!**

During the week of April 13th we will be celebrating the Week of the Young Child. Our affiliation with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) helps us promote and highlight some of our developmentally appropriate activities that we do with the children. One fun activity is our annual **Pajama Night at LCNS**. On **Monday, April 13th, from 6:30-7:30**, parents and children are invited to come to school in their pajamas (parents need not be in pj's) and enjoy music, stories, milk and cookies with Mrs. K and Mrs. Morrissey. Along with our pajama night we have joined in with an organization called Bernie's Book Bank that helps redistribute new and used books to children who need them. Please be on the look out for the book bins to place any gently used or new books you would like to donate to this wonderful organization. Our goal is to collect 500 books!

On **Thursday, April 23rd, at 7p.m., we are hosting an Art Night and Jolly Phonics program just for our pre-k kids and their families**. The pre-k students have studied 4 world masters during the school year with the Art Lady (Mrs. Morrissey) and have reproduced some wonderful art pieces similar to the famous artist. They used different art mediums for their recreations and they also created an original piece of their own that will be on display during the evening. Along with the art, the students will perform some of their favorite letter sounds for their parents that they have learned as part of our Jolly Phonics program. Pre-k parents, you will not want to miss this special night with your child.

Our last big event for April is a special opportunity we have to celebrate Arbor Day with the Village of Lincolnshire. Arbor Day is Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> and the Village chose us to help them celebrate trees and encourage everyone to appreciate all of the wonderful qualities trees give us each and every day. Students at LCNS will spend time reading and learning about trees and discussing those great tree qualities. The students will vote on the type of tree to plant and the village will come to school and help us plant it! We will have more specifics on the timing of this exciting event but plan to **come and celebrate Arbor Day with us and the Village of Lincolnshire on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>! More information will come soon.**

Plans are well underway for our annual fundraiser titled "**LCNS a night out.**" Everyone by now should have received an invitation and a description of the occasion. The event is on **Saturday night, May 2nd, from 8:00-10:30 at the upstairs ballroom in Pinstripes of Northbrook**. This promises to be a fun evening for everyone who attends! The fundraising committee has been very busy procuring fantastic prizes for all of us to bid on, along with good food, drinks, music, and entertainment. Don't forget to respond and pay ahead and feel free to invite all your friends. We plan this fundraising event because as a not-for-profit preschool we need to raise money to help offset the many costs the preschool incurs and be able to use fundraising money for any capital improvements including playground equipment, technology, or classroom supplies. We want everyone to participate and enjoy the evening so please plan to attend! Let's try and make this years fundraiser our biggest one yet!

Also, during April we will be sending out a parent survey. Please take a few moments to fill it out. This really helps the staff and parent board at LCNS, get a better idea of what you enjoy about our school and any suggestions you may have for future improvements. We really appreciate everyone's input.

Warmest regards,  
Amy Morrissey  
Director, LCNS

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April



### Parent News

Hope you had a wonderful Spring Break! Reminder: our class will now be going outside at the end of the day. Please remember to have your child go to the bathroom and wash hands upon arrival at school.

Our themes for the month are bedtime, Dr. Seuss, and the farm. We will start out the month discussing bedtime, We will read stories, **wear our PJ's to school on Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>** and learn the first letter of their names by making a project for their room. The children will be discovering the wonders of Dr. Seuss and his stories and working on early math skills by having fun with patterns while making a hat like the one from Cat in the Hat. We will also work on fine motor skills with Dr. Seuss lacing cards. We will then move on to talking about farms: different animals you might find on a farm and what farmers do. Look for some cute farm artwork to come home from this unit!

### Star Of The Day

Star of the Day will start in April. Each child will have a day when a special family member (e.g., parents, siblings, grandparents) can come to class and read the child's favorite story. If a family member cannot come to class to read, just send the book with your child and we will be happy to read it to the class. If you haven't signed up already please let us know and we can tell you which dates are still available.



# SAVE THE DATE: Mom's Day Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

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## Literacy

A few of the books we will be reading this month are:

*Kiss Good Night, Who Will Tuck Me In Tonight?, Rosie's Walk, and Big Red Barn.*



## Looking Back

Some of our favorite activities last month:

\*Developing early literacy skills by reading classic nursery rhymes like *Hey Diddle Diddle*, *Three Little Kittens*, and *Humpty Dumpty*. The children had so much fun acting out *Hey Diddle Diddle* with the spoon and dish they made.

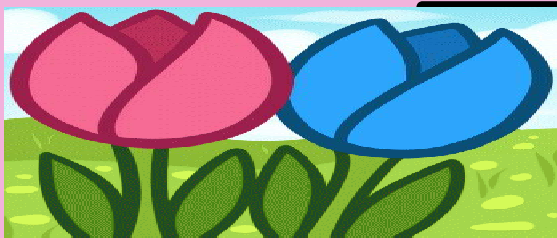
\*Making a *Little Miss Muffet* spider web using golf balls and black paint.

\*On St. Patrick's Day we followed the leprechaun's footprints to find the pot of gold.

\*Playing outside (FINALLY) on our wonderful playground.







## ***3's April News***

### **Parent News**

We have an exciting month planned for April! We start the month off with an author study of Sherri Rinker and a visit to Sprague school to meet the author! In our farm unit we will discuss farm life, what kinds of animals we might find on a farm and a trip to Wagner Farm! We wrap up the month with a unit on spring and discussing one of our favorite people- mom!

Save the date for *Mom's Day Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>!*

All children are invited to bring mom to school for a special day together!

***\*\* Note- after spring break the 3's will go out at the end of the day for recess.***

### **NO SCHOOL**

April 15- teacher in-service

### **Student News**

Get ready for a great April! We start our month with a unit on author Sherri Rinker and a visit to Sprague school to meet and hear her read a story! Next we get ready for our visit to Wagner farms with lots of fun projects and stories about farm life! We will wrap up our month with spring and some special surprises for mom!

### **Monthly Themes**

April 6 – 10 Author Study

April 13 – 24 Farm

April 27 – May 1

Spring/Mom's Day

# ***3's April***

## **Special Event**

On April 24 LCNS will be recognizing Arbor Day in conjunction with the Village of Lincolnshire. Kids will have an opportunity to learn about trees and why they are important to our environment and celebrate with a tree planting celebration!

## **Math Skills**

April will begin with a focus on shapes when we create a shape truck. On PJ day we will count sheep and graph bedtimes. We will work on recognizing numbers with a fun game of farm bingo.

## **Literature**

Goodnight, Goodnight  
Construction Site  
Steam Train, Dream Train  
Big Red Barn  
Rosie's Walk  
Duck On A Bike  
My Mom Is Great  
Is Your Mama A Lama?  
Me and Mom

## **Table Top**

The table top will feature blocks and clicks to strengthen fine motor skills, We will bring out spring matching games to test our memory skills. Magnet letters help to reinforce letter recognition and are a favorite with the kids!

## **Science**

The 3's will learn how plants absorb water as we dye daisies. We also will have many aspects of the farm in our room including how to plant and take care of seeds.



# ***3's April***

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

### **Author Visit**

***Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>***

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

### **PJ Day**

***Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> wear your PJs to school!***

### **Field Trip!**

***Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>***

***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

## April Themes

- \*\* Bugs & Insects**
- \*\* Earth Day/Arbor Day**
- \*\* Mom's Day activities**



## Student News

**Welcome back! Get ready to go outside when we first get to school. Make sure you dress in the appropriate clothing for outdoor play! We are going to Sprague School to meet a real live author! We are going to read her books and do some activities so we are ready to meet her. We will explore bugs and insects this month and make worm & grass terrariums! We will visit The Grove nature center and learn about how to take care of our earth during Earth week. Our month will end with making surprise presents and cards for our Mom's. They will come visit our class and have a special party to celebrate them in May!**

## Parent News

**Welcome back! We hope everyone had a restful Spring break! We start our month with a visit to Sprague school to meet children's author Sheri Rinker. We will read her books in class before our visit. There will be no student attendance on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> for a staff meeting. We are in need of volunteers for our field trip to The Grove on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Morning classes will leave promptly at 9 and the p.m. Pre-K will leave at 12:45. Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets. We will have our annual art show/Jolly Phonics on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. Here we will display special art work your children made with our "Art Lady". We will also highlight some of our favorite Jolly Phonics songs we learned this year! Finally, we will celebrate Arbor Day as a school with the Village of Lincolnshire. The Mayor is coming for a visit and we will help plant trees together as well as sing a song and recite a poem about trees.**

## Dates to Remember

- \*Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>: Author visit @ Sprague**
- Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>: Vision & Hearing Screening**
- Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>: No School- Staff Meeting**
- Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Field trip to The Grove**
- Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Art show/ Jolly Phonics @ 7p.m.**
- \*Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day Celebration with the Village of Lincolnshire**



# Pre-K



## Literature

**Steam Train**

**Dream Train**

**Good Night Good Night**

**Construction Site**

**The Very Hungry**

**Caterpillar**

**Be Nice to Spiders**

**The Grouchy**

**Ladybug**

**The Very Quiet**

**Cricket**

**This is our Earth**

**Belly Button Boy**

**Earth Book**

**The Tiny Seed**

**I Love You the**

**Purplest**

**Are You My Mother**

**A Pocketful of**

**Kisses**

**Koala Lou**

## Math/Science

As a connection with our unit on bugs and insects/Earth Week, we are going to plant grass & make worm terrariums. Mrs. Doench may even let us have worm races! Our fieldtrip will explore different ways we can take care of our earth as we go on a nature hike and observe animals and plants. When we arrive at school on the 21<sup>st</sup>, our classes will make a multi-media mural displaying what we learned from our field trip. Our creations from recycled materials will show all of us that we can reduce and reuse many things that we throw away.

## Fine Motor

Many fine motor activities will take place this month. We are going to use toothpicks and popsicle sticks to design a classroom structure. As a part of our unit on bugs, the children will paint ladybug rocks. After our field trip, the class will paint a mural about what they saw. We continue our handwriting with the letters V, M, N & W.

## Reading/Writing

The children will have the opportunity to write stories and illustrations about their favorite activities from Spring Break. After our field trip to The Grove Nature Center, each child will write a short blurb about what they learned. Finally, we will hear all about our favorite 'moms' when they each write a story about you to celebrate Mom's Day in May!



# Pre-K



## Looking Back

**The classes LOVED our week of *The Three Little Pigs* and all of the different versions we read. We compared their similarities and differences and finished the week with performances for the On My Own and 3's classes.**



# April Book Club News

We had so much fun this month with Dr. Seuss! We started the unit off with a celebration of his birthday! We made cupcakes and birthday cards.

After watching the classic *Cat In The Hat*, we made Thing 1 and Thing 2 puppets.

To celebrate *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* we made blue Jello and added gummy fish.

We also graphed and tallied goldfish crackers. Our final book was *Fox in Sox*,

and we made sock puppets and put on a puppet show!

Other Dr. Seuss books we read this month:

*The Foot Book*

*Hop On Pop*

*There's a Wocket in My Pocket*

*Happy Birthday To You*

## Centers

Green Eggs and Ham  
puzzle

Retelling with puppets  
Fishing for rhyming  
words

Rhyming picture match  
Fine motor work with  
tracing



Next month we are reading *Froggy* books by Jonathan London.

We will be learning about the life cycle of frogs and about the beautiful state of Hawaii using these books. Don't be surprised if your children come home doing the hula dance!!

## April EAGLES News

We did a great unit on musical instruments. We had many instruments for the students to play such as maracas, rain sticks, and bongo drums.



The students made their own rubber band guitars and shakers! We used those instruments to play along with the "I Know A Chicken" song.

We also did an author study on Robert Munsch. We read *Andrew's Loose Tooth*, and wrote letters to the tooth fairy. We also read

*Mmm, Cookies!* and created our own cookies.

*Other Robert Munsch books we read:*

*Get Out Of Bed!*

*Mud Puddle*

*I Have To Go!*

### Centers

One to one  
correspondance

fine motor skills with  
lacing

story dictation

graphing



Our next unit in EAGLES will be Africa. We will be learning about the people, climate, geography and taking an African Safari to learn about the animals!

# Music with Mrs. K

We've finally put away the snowman and snowflake songs to make room for songs about spring! The On My Own class has been singing about monkeys and alligators, the Threes are learning a song about ladybugs, and Pre-K has learned the "hello song" in Spanish! Be sure to ask your kids about these songs.

LCNS Pajama Night  
April 13

Put on your pj's and head over to LCNS for a sing-a-long and storytime with Mrs. Morrissey and Mrs. K! We'll be singing many of your favorites! Looking forward to seeing all of you!

Hola, Hola  
(Hello, Hello)

Hola, hola, hola y  
como estas?  
Estoy bien, estoy  
bien,  
Eespero que tu  
tambien!



# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 3's and Pre-k Author visit at Sprague School	9	10 Vision and hearing tests	11
12	13 P.J. Night 6:30-7:30 PM	14	15 No School- Teacher in- service	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Pre-k Art/Jolly phonics night	24 Arbor Day Celebration	25
26	27	28	29	30		