

St. Mary's Community Preschool



Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The school days seem to be flying by....we've enjoyed and accomplished so much this year. The staff at SMCP are very excited about the enrollment for next year. There are still few spots open in all our programs so if you know somebody who is interested please send them our way. We look forward to meeting new parents and their children and happy to be educating our returning students.

Mommy And Me Jubilee Class **Kathy Wright, Facilitator**

We ended our winter session with lots of laughs, social interaction, and play time. Our spring session started April 8th and will run through May 27th. Look forward to seeing everyone!!

Kathy Wright, Facilitator

Preschool Two Day

Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher

What a fun time our 2 year old students had the month of March!

We started out our month celebrating Dr. Seuss' 111th birthday by making our Dr. Seuss Hats and reading timeless early reader favorites like Hop on Pop, The Foot Book, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Great Day for Up, and The Nose & Ear book. The children also enjoyed dressing up in their night time clothes for pajama day.

Stepping on the toes of Dr. Seuss' birthday, we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with shamrocks and everything green!! We had a visit from our very own leprechaun, Reverend Betty! She surprised us all with funny glasses, yummy treats and her smiles and hugs for the kids.



During the last week of March, we celebrated spring and of course, Easter. Your children created thoughtful Easter card masterpieces to bring to the seniors in the community who live at The Promenade in Tuxedo. We're sure the seniors had a lot to smile about upon receiving these hand-made cards. The month ended with a fun Easter egg hunt along with a party with chocolate bunnies, candy and other goodies were exchanged.

Chapel time with Reverend Betty included learning a song about the Bible and that coming to church is a very special time. If you haven't been on the St. Mary's Facebook page yet to view your children singing in Chapel, please do so. Make sure to pass along these wonderful moments with friends and relatives.

Of course, we also had time to learn our letters, numbers, colors and shapes! The letters of the month were P, Q & R. Purple was the color of the month, and the students were introduced to the diamond shape.

Sharlene Pizza, Head Teacher
Michele Kayser, Teacher Assistant

Preschool Three Day

Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher

"Get Set For School" Curriculum

The three year old class had a "Seussational" March! We honored Dr. Seuss' birthday with a two-week unit on his wonderful books. Each day we read a story and created a craft to dress-up our hallways and classroom walls. We even showed some school spirit by dressing up to correspond with the story. We celebrated "Wacky Wednesday" by dressing wacky one day and coming to school with wacky hair another day. We wore red and blue for "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," and ate blue jello with red Swedish fish. One of our favorite Dr. Seuss' books was "The Oobleck," Then, mixed up a batch of our own goop and got messy! We ended our unit with pajama day and read "I Am Not Going to Get Up Today".



During the month of March, the students discovered they were mathematicians. They were introduced to the concept of addition by acting out "some, some more" stories. We completed many fun math projects that correlated to our Dr. Seuss unit including counting and



placing goldfish on our numbered fish bowls.

We created Dr. Seuss patterns using our Dr. Seuss pattern character cards. We explored heavy and light, the students made guesses as to which object would be heavier based on size and amount. Then, the students had a chance to feel the objects and compare. The students put the objects on a scale to see if they were correct. The students were also introduced to the idea of narrow and wide. Using blocks, they built roadways that were wide enough for the cars to fit through.

In the beginning of March, our focus in Language and Literacy was on listening to Dr. Seuss' books. Toward the end of the month, we began to focus on the sounds of the initial letter of each student's name. The students began tracing and writing the first letter of their name. We shifted gears the following week and began discussing the parts of a book. We read many stories, pointing out the words, reading words left to right, and top to bottom. We compared a book to a person: each has a front, back, and spine. The students brought their favorite books in to share with the class.

During Readiness and Writing, the students practiced tracing letters K, A, M, and N and the triangle and diamond shapes.

The students created the letter of the week crafts - R is for rainbow and S is for snake. They completed their letter R worksheet.

Squawker, our stuffed animal parrot helped us to finish up our Transportation unit in Word Time. Then, began our Construction unit. We had fun discussing our new vocabulary words and using our words throughout the day.

Before Easter break, the students hunted for Easter eggs, made Easter cards for our loved ones at home, as well as cards for the senior residents at The Promenade in Tuxedo.

Amanda Rabolli, Head Teacher
Michelle, Kayser, Assistant Teacher

Preschool Five Day

Ida Payne, Head Teacher "Get Set For School" Curriculum



You know what they say - "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb!" I'm not sure that was the case this year; the cold weather is still looming. Our spirits did remain high in anticipation of spring and all the beauty the season brings.

Dr. Seuss' birthday was a two week celebration of wacky hair, silly socks, blue jello, and making "something" called Oobleck!! Let's not forget St. Patrick's Day when we enjoyed green cupcakes and shamrock cookies!



March was also a month of learning, exploring, and creating:

Word Time: The students were introduced to the spelling, definition and pronunciation of words in the Play category.

Penmanship: We continued practicing writing our lowercase letters - t, a, d, g, u, i, e, l, k, y, j and p. The children also wrote words and sentences in their Letter and Numbers for Me

books.

Crafts: The children did crafts for the letters N for Night Time, O for Ocean, P for Puppy and Q for Quilt.

Math: The students completed their I Know My Numbers #7 and #8 booklets. We continued our section on Geometry learning to identify and describe different shapes. The children used their Mix & Make Shapes and 4 Squares Mores Squares to recognize circles, squares, rectangles and triangles.

Language and Literacy: Comprehension - children use their memories and pictures to make sense of what happens in a story. They learn to identify the setting of a story, to describe the problem and solution of a story, to detect the feelings of characters in a story, to differentiate between real and make-believe, and to make personal connections with stories.

Wednesdays are always special because the children look forward to visiting with Reverend Betty in Chapel for a story, song and special prayers.

Ida Payne, Head Teacher
Cynthia Dinan, Assistant Teacher



Calendar Of Events

April 3rd: Good Friday

April 5th: Happy Easter

April 8th: Mommy And Me Class

**April 13th: Visit From Town Of
Tuxedo Police Department**

St.Mary's Community Preschool offers a variety of early childhood academic programs:

Mommy & Me Jubilee

Preschool 2-day

Preschool 3-

day

Preschool 5-day

Community Social Enrichment

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