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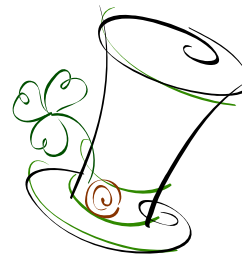
## Greetings Parents!

Spring is around the corner! Really...

Even though Punxsutawney Phil made a beeline for his winter home after seeing his shadow, we are still experiencing one of the "winteriest" winters in a long time! We are as frustrated as the children are with the lack of outside time, due to ice, mud and below

freezing temps...we are crossing our fingers for a real spring this year!

Its also been a rough patch for the students and the teachers with regard to colds, flu, ear infections, you name it we have seen it! Please help us in emphasizing the importance of good hand washing, for all ages.



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## March Birthdays

Owen is 3 on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Justin turns 5 on March 24<sup>th</sup>

As always, parents may bring cupcakes which we will serve at lunch; our allergy free recipe is here on file! Please choose a recipe

from our allergy free cookbook, if you would like to bring a treat for your child to celebrate his/her birthday with us!



## School Reminders

Ellis School March 31, no school/teacher workshop

Brentwood Swasey March 11 no school/teacher workshop



## March Calendar

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*March also welcomes the first day of spring on the 20<sup>th</sup>, we "spring ahead" with daylight savings on March 9, St Patty's is on the 17<sup>th</sup>... and Easter Sunday is the 23<sup>d</sup>.*

## March Themes

Letters: S, T, U

Number: 15 - 16 Shape: Square

Color: Green

**Lions And Lambs** - The first month of spring begins with learning activities related to rain, clouds, flowers, and the ever-changing springtime weather.

### **Shamrocks And Rainbows** -

This theme offers plenty of opportunity for Irish fun! Rainbows, leprechauns, shamrocks, and the color green are just some of the topics covered during the week.

**Bunny Parade** - Bounce through this busy theme that includes information and activities about bunnies, the first day of Spring, and the Easter holiday



## Miss Karen's Korner

In February we said goodbye to Alissa and Zach. They will be missed. They have moved to Maine and are excited and eager for new friends and adventures. We expect a lot of visits!

Welcome to brothers, Kaleb and Damien...Kaleb is in Miss Beccy's preschool class and Damien joins Miss Nicole's group.

Congratulations to Miss Beccy for being awarded her New Hampshire Credential, Level Two. This award is given to individual in the field of Early Childhood Education and signifies the special knowledge and experience and the commitment to ongoing training. There is a lot of hard work to obtain a credential; it involves attending workshops after hours, college credits, again after hours, and a dedication to maintaining professionalism and constant growth. The credential is not just for the individual its awarded to but for the children of New Hampshire. Miss Karen was recently awarded her Level 2 as well, and Miss Nicole is in the midst of the application process. We have a copy of The Early Childhood Professional Development System and Career Guide, for any parent to take with to gain a better understanding of what credentialing is all about.

As a parent myself, I am extremely sensitive to the fact that the parents of our students are working and realize the difficulty in having to stay home with a child that is ill. However, if your child has

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a fever, has been vomiting, or experiencing diarrhea...they must be kept out of school, until none of these symptoms occur for 24 hours. Some children have come here this past winter, having been given a fever reducer in the morning by their parents, only to have the symptoms show a few hours later. I understand how hard it is to have to take a lot of time off from work, but we cant put all the other students as well as the teachers at risk! This has been a particularly challenging season for illness; hopefully, we can get thru a few more weeks of this weather, start airing out our homes, get some real fresh air in our lungs and be past this. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Miss Beccy had her first parent teacher conferences and was delighted to have been able to meet and spend time with all the parents. We encourage all parents to visit and observe our classes. The students are proud to show off their skills!

## Miss Beccy's Korner

Thank you to all the parents for attending the parent-teacher conferences. Hopefully all your questions and concerns were answered and you have seen the progress I have observed with your child.

I thoroughly enjoy teaching this group; its fun to see the changes and emotions they face day to day!

A lot of the parents have asked about field trips, and I am in the process of setting up a visit to the dentist's office for a tour. The trip will probably take about an hour and I will give everyone as much notice as possible. My goal is to book a field trip each month to correspond to the curriculum theme.

As always I encourage parents, or grandparent to join us.

In March we would like to visit some Easter bunnies, perhaps the SPCA or a pet store in the area.

April, a field trip with shovels in hand to dig up worms. May, we are looking at a visit to a garden nursery, an ocean exhibit, and a pet store or animal shelter. Junes themes are construction and dairy...maybe a visit with Curtis to see how Gelato is made! Any parents involved in the construction field, come to us with ideas!

Again, when these are set up, I will need at least one chaperone on the trips.

Some of the children are still struggling with scissor skills and need some strengthening and proper hand coordination practice. Please work at home with your kids with simple cutting exercises to strengthen their small muscles. Fine motors skills are necessary for writing, cutting, drawing, eating, dressing and many more daily activities.

THINK SPRING!

Miss Beccy

## Miss Nicole's Korner

Like everyone else I am eager to get my crew outside in some warmer weather! Parents please remember to look at the parent board for your child's schedule of activities for the month, as well as any other info that might be posted, menu, field trip info, articles of interest. All the projects on the shelf when you first come in belong to your children...please take them home at the end of the week; they have worked hard and are very proud of their work!

With regard to diapers and any other supplies asked for...we have bins in the diaper changing area, designated for each child. We keep all other inventory in our supply closet. We only send a request home for diapers or pull ups when there are no more in our "overstock". There may in fact still be some in the individual bins, we are allowing for time for you to be able to get to a store. Please check your child's drawer once a week, for clothes, especially socks and underwear! We do have a lot of potty trainers, but that comes with a lot more "accidents" and changes.

Thank you and lets all welcome Spring!

Miss Nicole

