

Sonshine Community Newsletter

Four Year Old Classes
March 2024

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This Month's Topics

Our topics for the month focus on season changes. We will be talking about the wind and the weather. We will discuss lambs and lions. March is said to come in like a **lion** and go out like a **lamb**. With the start of spring, we will talk about seeds and flowers.

We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and will learn a little about St. Patrick's life. Our color this month will be **green**. We will be quizzing each child to see if they know their address and phone number.

Towards the end of the month we will also be sharing the Easter Story with the children in a way that is sensitive to the needs of young children. We will rejoice together in his sacrifice for us and in His resurrection!

Our letters this month are Pp, Qq, Rr, Ss, and Tt. We will be focusing on the numbers **16-30**. If you practice with your child please be sure to help them hold their pencil correctly and to write their name in lower case letters.

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt the day of our **Easter Parties, Wednesday, March 27th**. Watch out for the sign-up sheet for the items we will need for our parties.

Special Activities for March

Each day we will decide if it is a lion's day (windy, damp, cold) or a lamb's day (gentle, mild, cool). We will observe the wind by experimenting with bubbles, balloons, and pinwheels. We will make windsocks, and sing a kite song. We will look for robins as spring arrives in March.

On St. Patrick's Day (we are celebrating it in school on **March 14th** on Thursday; we will learn about how St. Patrick taught people about the trinity using a shamrock. We will wear **green** on that day and enjoy some delicious Irish Soda Bread.



Important Dates:

3/8 & 3/15:

Entire School Closed
Staff Training

3/17:

St. Patrick's Day

3/27: Easter Party

3/28 & 3/29:

Entire School Closed
4/1-4/5 – Entire
School Closed
Easter/Spring Recess

Birthdays of the Month

Julien Alexandre 3/2

Zara Zahid 3/5

Nicolas Melendez Sandoval 3/7

Nasir Cradle 3/20

Juliano Brunache 3/31

Books for the Month



The Value Tale of the Wright Brothers (Patience)

<https://youtu.be/fHtiVELzSSo?si=3JW9Jh0e4yJjOKVf>

Me and My Flying Machine

<https://youtu.be/YOU5F0GHEk?si=tuFPewwVMACEm4IG>

I See Spring

<https://youtu.be/2GIhN5130ys?si=F0td-ABEHiuMPUPC>

A Tiny Seed

<https://youtu.be/LIDOMQPptOM?si=eNG6NsG9NaZXmGdu>

Important Items to Note:

Applications are being accepted for Sonshine Community for 2024/2025 school years. Please assure your child of a spot by submitting the application as soon as possible. If you know someone who has children of nursery school age please share with them about Sonshine. You are our best source of publicity.

We are **Universal Pre-K** providers offered through East Ramapo and BOCES. Applications are on our website www.sonshinedc.org for this program.

*Applications are being accepted for Cornerstone Kindergarten. **All applications for bus transportation need to be submitted to your local school district by March 15th in order to guarantee that your child will be transported to and from school.** If you should have any questions regarding the distinctives of Cornerstone please feel free to call the office and speak with Mrs. Sanchez, the principal of Cornerstone.*

Please submit the Summer Camp Survey and return it to us as soon as possible!

A THOUGHT FOR PARENTS

You may want to ask your child, on your way to school, what kind of day they think it is. "Is today a lamb's day or a lion's day?" You may disagree so please ask your child **why** they think it is that kind of day.

As your child is beginning to write their name please help them to use lower case letters. Make a nametag for your child to refer to when he/she is writing. Do not be critical of your child's attempts. It takes time (both practice time and maturity) for the letters to be formed correctly. It helps to sit next to your child and as they write you write. As you write talk to yourself: "The letter has to start at the top and slide down." "I need to practice making my circles by circling to the left." "Oops, I need to go this way." Children often have learned patterns of writing that are difficult to unlearn. When writing the letter "a" it should only take one movement of the pen if you circle to the left. If you become frustrated during any practice time with your child, please stop. Learning should be fun and stress free at this stage of your child's development. You can practice writing with a brush and water; with chalk and a chalkboard; in a container of sand; in pudding; in fingerprint or even shaving cream. Be creative!