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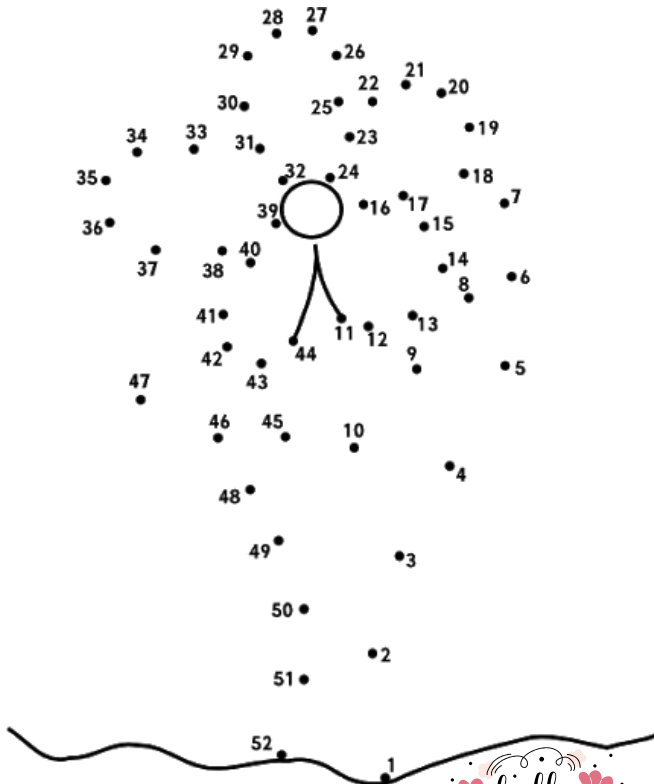


2020 March Newsletter



What could it be?

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Important Dates

MAR
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Dr. Seuss Week
March 2nd to 6th

MAR
12

Mini Health Fair
2:30pm to 5:00pm

MAR
18

Parent Committee Meeting
12pm – 1pm

MAR
19

Policy Council Meeting
12pm – 1pm

MAR
20

Closed
Monthly Staff Meeting & Culture Day Event

MAR
30

Conferences
Half Day

MAR
31

Conferences
Half Day

Otter Room



February was such a fast and wonderful month. Now we are in March and so excited for winter to end and spring to begin. The first part of March we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss both in the classroom and academy wide. We look forward to seeing all the kids dressed up for Dr. Seuss Spirit Week. We of course will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by talking about the colors of the rainbow through games, songs and activities. Then towards the end of the month we will switch gears and start talking about spring—weather, seeds, flowers, frogs, etc. I love this time of the year and can't wait to bring the outdoors to life in our classroom.

We wanted to say thank you to our parents for taking the time to meet with us. We know everyone's schedules are busy but being able to take a moment and really stop and look at how much each child has grown and developed is wonderful. We are so proud of our class!

– Jeryre & Sam

Raccoon Room



March is here and we are ready for the arrival of spring! As the weather and our surrounding environment changes, we will be exploring the outdoors more. Please help us in keeping your child healthy by providing the proper attire for outside exploring, as well as providing extra clothing to change into if needed. This month we would like to focus on the weather, the changes it makes to our surrounding environment, and how it affects life around us. Once again, please provide extra clothing for your child. Thank you!

– Stacie & Stacy

Orca Room



We have a lot of exciting things this month. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2 through March 5, St. Patrick's Day on March 17, and just a reminder that March 30 through April 2 are half days with dismissal at 12:30pm. On Friday March 20, we will be having an academy night at the Children's Museum and we hope to see all of you there. We have many activities planned such as reading Dr. Seuss books, focusing on the color green, making shamrocks and watching for changes in the weather as spring approaches. We would like to wish Marcus a very happy 2nd birthday!

– Sherry, Darla, & Melissa

Jellyfish Room



This month we are talking about Dr. Seuss. The first week of school is Dr. Seuss Week. On Monday it is Colorful PJs Day so your child can wear their pajamas to school. Tuesday is Crazy Sock Day, Wednesday is Crazy Hair or Hat Day, and Thursday is Wear Green Day. If your child has a favorite Dr. Seuss book, please let us know so we can find it and read it during class or if you have one please feel free to bring it in as well to share with the class.

This month we will also be starting to get the flower beds ready for spring to plant our school garden. So please make sure that your child has extra clothes in case we get a little wet or dirty while we are outside.

– Jamie, Teresa, & Cheryl

Frog Room



This month we will continue to expand on the longhouse theme by focusing on games. Dr. Seuss Week is the first week of March which will include Colorful Day, Crazy Sock Day, Crazy Hair Day, and Wear Green Day. We will also be celebrating some birthdays this month so we would like to focus on the happy birthday song and celebrating our friends. Reminder that the Academy will be closed Friday, March 20.

Happy birthday to Aiyana (March 24) and Harlee'Anne (March 30)!

– Lakrista, Caliee, & Kristy

Starfish Room



March is already here—time flies when you are having fun! This month we will be learning about the changes as we move into spring. We will be making our own kites to take out in the windy weather as well as exploring colors of the rainbow, plus sensory, fine motor and large motor activities associated with spring. Please remember to send your child in weather-appropriate clothes as it still is pretty chilly outside most mornings! A reminder of our half-days week from March 30 to April 3, the children will need to be picked up by 12:30pm. We would like to wish a happy birthday to Dakota and Lunani who will be 3 years old this month!

– Elisa, Kara, & Anthony

Octopus Room



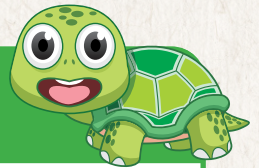
March brings us a new season to explore and to have fun in. We will be talking about the weather changes and what nature will be bringing to us such as windy days and what clothes to wear. Once again we will incorporate and explore these changes through art, math, and other activities.

The first day of spring is the 21st of the month. We will be planting seeds and watch the plants grow. During our walks we will be seeing the changes in our Mother Earth and feel how the sun is warming the earth to help our plants grow and waking up the animals, too! For our cultural activities, our Lushootseed Department will be teaching us the tribal ways for this season.

This month's shapes are triangle and oval, colors are purple, yellow, green and orange. It's an exciting time of year for renewal and new beginnings and we are excited to share it with your students.

– Melissa, Roxane, & Selina

Turtle Room



Last month we had to say goodbye to our teacher Ms. Sam. We will all miss her, yet we wish her well with pursuing other new adventures. This month, teacher Ms. Cindi will be gone. She will be recovering from surgery, but, she will be returning as soon as she can. We are looking forward to having teaching assistant Chrissy in the room and will be looking forward to spending time with Ms. Laura and Ms. Val.

We have a full schedule of fun coming for March. We will be focusing on the color green—with art, music, and finger plays. We will continue expanding our vocabulary while we read new books, explore the outside, and having conversations with teachers and with each other.

– Cindi & Sam

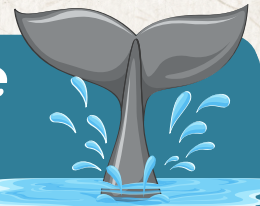
Salmon Room



As winter comes to a close and we begin to transition into spring, we will be introducing some weather related activities. Exploring ice cubes and water in the sensory bins will show the children cold vs. warm along with cause and effect (what happens to an ice cube when we hold it in our hands). We will also be exploring different ways to make clouds to decorate our classroom with—for example, gluing cotton balls, shredded paper art, or shaving cream art. We will also be continuing to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this month by reading his stories and expanding on them with related activities. Please remember as we are entering spring, the weather is still cool so send your child in weather-appropriate clothing.

– Molly & Jasmin

Grey Whale Room



Welcome to March Gray Whale families! This is the month of green, we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17 (don't forget to wear green). The first week of March will be a "Spirit Week" in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Each day will be wacky kind of day, we'll send home the fliers ahead of time. This month the academy will also have a "Mini Health Fair" it would be wonderful to see you all there.

As our classroom makes progress with physical and large motor skills, we'll spend more time outdoors and take advantage of our natural surroundings by going for walks and using the playgrounds. We're going to be getting a "walking rope" —it's a tool to help us keep children safe, as we walk to our outdoor destination they hold onto a rope and walk in a line. Being that we'll be spending more time outdoors and going for walks, it's very important that we are all wearing shoes on our feet and bringing jackets/coats to wear. Thank you for sharing your beautiful, wonderful child with us, we greatly enjoy being their teachers and having a role in their early learning life.

– Alondra, Fran, & Jasmine

Crab Room



This month is a big month! We will be having two first birthdays—Nizhoni Phair (March 8) and Naima Ortega (March 10) will each be one year old! We're so excited to celebrate! We can't believe how fast time is going.

March 2 through March 6 will be Dr Seuss' Spirit Week! Be sure to look at the calendar so your child can participate. There will be a mini health fair in the TELA lobby on March 12 from 2:30–5:00pm. March 17 is St. Patrick's Day so dress your child in green!

On March 20 we will be closed due to an all-staff meeting and culture day event, there will be no childcare! Half days will be March 30 through April 2 for conferences. Pick up will be 12:00–12:30pm, unless your child is enrolled in childcare. Childcare will be provided on half days for those who are.

– **Alix, Jen & Mary**

Rabbit Room



March will be filled with lots of funny made words and rhymes. Can you guess why? That's right—it's Dr. Seuss' birthday this month! We will start off the month with Dr. Seuss birthday. Dr. Seuss is always a favorite, so we have planned many fun activities, games, and art projects. As we get closer to St. Patrick's Day (March 17) we will be learning lots about those mischievous little guys, the leprechauns! We will be learning about leprechauns, rainbows, shamrocks, and the colors of the rainbow. This month will be a fun-filled month for everyone.

– **Sarah, Leah, & Sam**

Chipmunk Room



For the month of March 2020, we will be starting Dr. Seuss Week. We will read as many books by this author and find out about crazy fun-filled adventures! March is also a very green month, St. Patrick's Day will be the best green party ever. Our classroom is in full swing of using just the toilet. We are almost ready to move forward to the age 3–5 side. If all families can start working with your child on spelling their name, along with tracing it, counting to 10 on fingers but out loud to 20. Please feel free to hang out with us in our room. We would love to hear traditional stories, songs, and the language.

– **Shala, Kathy, & Lutreece**

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Community Early Learning Opportunity:

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a federally funded community based program, serving the Tulalip Reservation and Marysville School District

Tulalip Early Head Start

Services provided for:

- Pregnant Mothers
- Children Ages Birth to Three

We offer:

- Year Around School Program
- Center Based Learning
- Disabilities / Special Needs
- Certified Educated Teachers with Early Learning Experience
- Small Class Sizes: 8 children with 2 Teacher's & 1 Assistant
- Childs Health, Dental, Vision & Hearing Screenings Throughout the Year
- Native American Cultural and Language Teachings
- Parent and Family Involvement Opportunities & Fun Family Events
- Parent Resources / Parent Educational Trainings
- Parent Involvement – Parent Committee & Policy Council
- 6 Hours a Day, 4 Days a Week of Free Early Childhood Developmental Services
- On-Going Open Enrollment

Additional Services Offered at BJT Early Learning Academy:

- Before and Aftercare Available to Currently Enrolled Students at an Additional Cost
- ECEAP & Montessori Preschool Programs for Children Ages 3-5 Years
- Music Therapy & Reflective Network Therapy for Enrolled Students

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