

# Harleysville Learning Center

## March News

### *A Word from the Director...*

Are you feeling lucky? We sure are lucky to see your kiddos each day! We hope we are lucky enough to catch those pesky leprechauns this year. Every year they pay us a visit and cause a big mess around our school. We've tried and tried to set traps, but they just keep out-smarting us. Be on the lookout for those tricky leprechauns this month because they are known to come looking for gold at HLC.

Saturday, March 2nd is Read Across America Day! In celebration, we will be hosting another week of spirit fun! Please follow along with our calendar as we snuggle up with reading, get wild about reading, color our world with reading, share words with friends, and become characters from our favorite books! We will be sure to spend extra time reading with your kiddos on these days as we hope you will at home too! Listening to books is so important for children to build stronger vocabulary, model fluency, make connections between written and spoken words, strengthen cognition, increase attention span, explore emotions, promote bonding, provide enjoyment, and much more! This is a great month to start a bedtime reading routine (if you haven't already) or select another great time of day to read together! If you have an older kiddo let them do some of the reading such as taking turns on each page!

How many foods can you name that are the color green? On Friday, March 15th we will be hosting our annual St. Patrick's Day parties. We will be feasting on a variety of green foods in each classroom. If you would like to bring in a snack to contribute to the fun, we will post a sign up sheet in the main lobby. Our sign up sheet is for the whole school, so please only sign up for one space unless you are providing enough of the item for everyone. Please make sure, as always, that the items are pre-packaged and peanut-free. We will cut or slice any fresh food items for the kids. Classrooms may have other fun events such as treasure hunts as well. We look forward to the fun!

Please make sure to keep up to date with your child's health assessments and immunizations! Our state inspector informed us that not only will the Department of Human Services check these forms, but the Health Department is also doing random checks of health forms in child files at daycares. If your child's forms are not up to date, they **will be suspended** from care. Health Assessments are required by the State of Pennsylvania at 1 week, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years, and every year following. Please make sure you take our Child Health Form with you to each well check to ensure your child's file is up to date. We have extra forms in the main lobby in a labeled manila folder.

Lasty, please welcome Miss Alexa to our HLC family! Miss Alexa has joined Miss Allie as our new assistant in the toddler room. Miss Brittany resigned from her position to pursue a new venture. Miss Alexa began training with myself in February. She comes to us with childcare experience, as well as the joy of caring for her own toddler son! She also happens to be our very own Miss Amber's sister. We are so happy to have her join our team! Please be sure to say, "Hello!"

As always, we look forward to another great month of learning and growing together!

~Miss Kristen

### *Friendly Parent Reminders:*

- Any weather closures or delays will be televised on NBC10 and 6ABC as well as posted on our Facebook page and website. Decisions for closures or delays are made by 5:15am.

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### Dates to Remember:

- March 4th-8th Read Across America Spirit Days
- Fri. March 15th-St Patrick's Day Parties and Wear Green
- Fri. March 29th-Egg Hunts

### Teacher Birthday's

- Miss Amber March 23rd
- Miss Cheyenne March 31st



## Monthly Themes, Letters, and Shape

### Themes:

Feb. 26-Mar. 1–Insects and Bugs

Mar. 4-8–Flowers and Plants

Mar. 11-15–St. Patrick's Day/Rainbows/Colors

Mar. 18-22–Welcome Spring

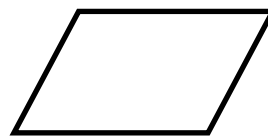
Mar. 25-29–Easter



### Letters:

S  
T  
U

### Shape:



### Curriculum

Study:  
Trees



## Learning is Everywhere

Here are some fun things you can do at home with your child that relate to our weekly themes:

- Have your child catch some creepy crawly bugs in a bug box and take a look at them through a magnifying glass! Be sure to let them free when you're done!
- Take a walk to look for flowers. Talk about the way they look or smell. See if they can name some parts of the flower.
- Sit outside and close your eyes and listen to the different nature sounds. Talk about the sounds of Spring and what they hear that was different from other seasons.
- Practice cutting and gluing with art supplies and other building materials to create a Leprechaun trap for fun!
- Go on a color hunt around the house to create a rainbow of objects!
- Lay outside and find shapes and objects in the clouds! Look for different types of birds!



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