

# Newsletter

March 2018



## Director's Desk...

Happy March to you! It's official, we are just a few weeks away from Spring!! It's been a mild winter, but I'm still looking forward to warmer days!!

March also brings us right through Lent, Holy Week and up to Easter Sunday of course! This month we adults spend a lot of time in prayer and contemplation of Christ's suffering and resurrection, and what it means for us. For the children, these concepts are a challenge to understand, so the Preschool Teachers give them an introduction to Easter, keeping it age appropriate and all about how very much Jesus loves them. It's difficult for little ones to know the difference between the real Easter and the commercial side. Don't be too concerned, have many years to get it straight.

Speaking of the whole commercial

## Amy Bartlett

side, where did the whole Easter bunny/eggs concept come from anyway?! The theory is that it stems from the celebration of Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon Goddess of Spring in Europe. There's no proof, but it's widely thought that the tradition of the Easter bunny bringing eggs came over to America with German immigrants. And then became part of American Christian culture. Any celebration with chocolate involved must be good, right?!

Happy Easter to you and yours!



## Young Infants

Greetings from the Young Infants. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. Hopefully we will be able to say goodbye to the cold temperatures and snow.

The month of March brings many changes in our classroom. We will be moving up five of our friends to the older infant room. Connor, Aus-

tin, Mackenzie, Calvin and Camden will turn one this month. They have spent some time visiting their new classroom and are ready to embark on new adventures. A big Happy Birthday to all our one year olds! We will miss you.

We also recently welcomed the Skripnik

## Miss Jenny

Family and their precious baby girl Eleanor. She loves to be cuddled and she's always full of smiles. Our classroom will have younger babies again and we are so excited to welcome the little ones that are soon to come in the upcoming months.

Until next month God bless...

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## Older Infants

Hello, everyone! We finally made it to March! Winter is on it's way out, and spring will officially be here on March 20th! This means that warmer weather will be coming, as well, and we will be taking full advantage! Please make sure to pack a jacket and a hat every day, since we will most likely take strolls outside, weather permitting. Please also pack at least one weather appropriate change of clothing in case of emergencies.

March is a very exciting month for us. We will welcome 5 new older infants to our room. It just so happens that each friend is also celebrating their "1st" Birthday this month. Welcome and Happy Birthday to Connor (3/6), Austin (3/15),



and grow.

To make room for our new friends we must send 5 of our bigger friends (who are definitely ready to be toddlers) up to the toddler department. It has been a blast being together and watching you grow and develop but it's time to face new challenges.

We want to leave you with the following thoughts:

Mackenzie (3/15), Calvin (3/27) and Camden (3/27). We are so excited to get to know you and watch you blossom

## Toddlers

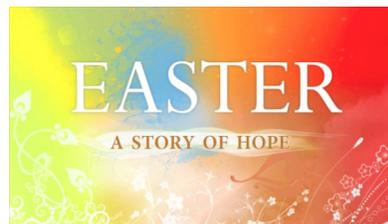
March decided to come in like a lion, so I hope this means it will go out like a gentle lamb. I know we live in Michigan and we need to be cautiously hopeful. With these constant changes in the weather, our friends have had a tough month, health wise. We are praying this month will bring steady temps and healthier friends.



We had a big move up this month, it's a bag of mixed emotions that we send them on their way to the next chapter in their little lives. We are so grateful and honored that you allowed us to play a part in

their lives. We will miss them but we know they are running into the loving capable arms of Miss Di and Miss Jacky. We welcome to our department and to the Young Toddler side, Jillian, Reese, Brittney, Jack, and Aleeah. Moving to the Older Toddler side will be Teddy, Abe, James, Lily, Brooklyn and Zaylee. This is a month of transitions, we will be transitioning from different rooms to different teachers and even our weather will be in transition. Some of us do better with change than others, we know some of our friends will have difficulties adjusting to their new rooms. It usually takes a week or two before they warm up to the idea but they do.

Our theme this month will be the Easter story and our



## Miss Ann

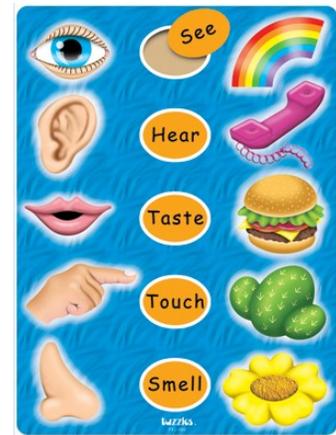
We're glad we were your teachers  
We've come to love you so  
We can't believe the end is here  
We hate to see you go!  
Remember all the fun we had  
In all the things we did  
But most of all remember  
You're a very special kid!

Love,

Miss Ann, Miss Loren, Miss Sam  
and Miss Cassidy



## Miss De



Five Senses. We will listen to different sounds and have a taste test and touch different textures.

We hope and pray you will stay healthy and safe, have a fun month!

## Threes

Hooray! We are getting closer to Spring as March begins!



We have had a couple of teaser days and have enjoyed the time outside back on the swings and the slide and of course—the Tonka trucks!!

At this time of year, so many changes are beginning again—buds are forming on the trees, birds are out making their beautiful sounds and the weather is getting warmer. I am sure the friends will be happy when they can put their snow clothes away!

As the season changes, some of our friends will be making a change to the 4's room with Miss Heidi. We will be giving hugs and saying Good Luck as Lucas, Emma, Kenley and Hannah move up. I know they will be growing even more in the year ahead! I love you all and enjoyed my time with you!

The Threes will welcome many of the Toddlers and their families who will be moving up. We are happy that you will be a part of our class and we look forward to getting to know you as the months pass by.

Our theme for March will be The Five Senses and Spring. It is such a great month to talk about and keep busy with our projects.

Hearing Week—we will listen to several sounds and make guesses along with a project of making paper plate shakers.

Tasting/Smelling—will find us having a taste test to decide what types of tastes that we like best. We will also work hard to make a beautiful rainbow made out of froot loops.

Seeing/Touching—This week will find us exploring with our hands various textures to play with and using our sense of seeing with the magnifying glasses.

## Miss Di

Happy Birthday to Hannah!

Happy Spring,  
Miss Di

Reminders:

- Please bring extra changes of clothes to leave in your child's cubby.
- Nap blankets need to be brought in each week and taken home on weekends to wash.
- As the nice weather approaches please leave extra tennis shoes for running on the hills.



## Fours

Spring is one the way! Before you know it, we'll be flying kites, smelling tulips, and running through green grass! Here in the Four's Room we'll explore how the earth changes, how weather/people/animals are effected by spring and the other changes it

brings. We'll be on the lookout for all those signs of spring! They are so exciting to notice! The boys and girls will be creating fun projects like robins, kites, rainbows and, of course, we can't forget green shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day.

## Miss Heidi

“Spring Weather” will also be a theme, This is always a favorite in March with many cool experiments.

In phonics we'll be coming to a close with Vv, Ww and Xx.

In math we'll be working with number families, estimation jar, graphs, more patterning and using our scale/balance scale again!

Welcome to Talal (who actually joined our room in February), Lucas, Hannah, Emma and Kenley! We are so glad to have you in our room! I just know we are going to do a lot of learning and having a lot of fun along the way!

Have a great month!

