



The H-F PARK DISTRICT LEARNING TREE NEWSLETTER

March Themes

- Week 1—Windy March, Weather
- Week 2—Money and shopping
- Week 3—Happy St. Patrick's Day
2s & 3s—Rainbows
Pre-K—Stone Soup
- Week 4—Our Ocean Friends

Important Dates to

Remember

- 3/2—NO SCHOOL
- 3/9—Fundraiser Forms Due
- 3/12—Mother Goose Visits
- 3/30-4/3—NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

March News

Spring is just around the corner. The children are anxiously awaiting to take walks and go to the playground. Please remember to dress your children appropriately.

Parking concerns have been brought to my attention. It is very important that you park in a proper parking space. Please observe all handicapped and senior parking signs. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thank you for participating in the Spring fundraiser. Your orders will be in the first week of April. We truly appreciate your support. The children have been enjoying all of the new toys from our Fall fundraiser.

For those of you who may not know, Jenn Shoemaker, the teacher's aide for the Willows is no longer teaching at The Learning Tree Preschool. She has accepted a full time job elsewhere. Thank you Jenn for all your hard work and dedication to the children.

Mother Goose and her Friends will be visiting on March 12. More information will be available soon.

Sincerely,

Sara Hupe

Recreation Supervisor

The H-F PARK DISTRICT
**LEARNING TREE
PRESCHOOL**

Bake Sale News

In April, we will be having our very first Preschool bake sale! We are looking for volunteers to bake cookies, muffins, cupcake or any type of dessert. We will also be looking for volunteers to help sell the baked goods.

There will be a sign up sheet in the hallway during the week of March

20th. If you are interesting in helping, we would greatly appreciate your help!

More bake sale information will be sent home later this month.



Weeping Willows News

Spring will be coming: we will be thinking green. Right now our classroom has changed from red hearts to green shamrocks. Watch out for little leprechauns!

Our class will also be awaiting our "treasure" of new puzzles, learning games and activities that we purchased with our share of the fundraising proceeds. Thank you to everyone for enabling us to purchase these with your

fundraising orders.

Our bathroom participation is at 100%. Everyone "tries" to go to the bathroom and we have 6 children now in underwear. Great job! We are currently doing numbers while still reviewing the alphabet, colors and shapes. Your children love to learn!
Sincerely,

Mrs. Aurora &
Ms. Julie



Ginkgos News

March is upon us, which can mean only one thing...SPRING! Although we've enjoyed watching the snowflakes fall we can't wait to get outside! Please remember to dress your children appropriately since we will be starting to take more walks and trips to the park. If the temperature is above 40 degrees we will go outside.

Thank you for all the donations of paper towel tubes, egg cartons, oatmeal containers, etc. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to save them for us. We now have a

full supply thanks to your help.

In March, the Ginkgos will be continuing to learn the alphabet (letter recognition and sounds), practicing recognizing and writing our names, working on our scissor and other fine motor skills. We are also finishing up our numbers 1 to 10 (counting, recognizing and 1 to 1 correspondence). The children are making great progress. We are so proud of them!

Fun activities for the month will include our St. Patrick's Day

Party, cooking days and an in-school field trip!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Danielle,
Ms. Julie & Mrs. Debbie



Oaks News

It's hard to believe that kindergarten registration is already approaching this month and next month in some school districts. Your "little" pre-schoolers are really beginning to look and act like kindergartners! Signs will be posted at the classroom doorway notifying parents of important kindergarten dates. If you are unsure of your child's registration date, call your school district or talk to your child's pre-school teacher. Moving on to preschool news, we are still concentrating on skills need for kindergarten. Attention spans are reaching longer lengths and we're so excited to see how well your children are comprehending information!

March we'll turn your child into a weather person. We will be charting "lion" and "lamb" days and practicing math skills with this. We'll continue on to learn about money denominations and actually set up a grocery store in class. Please feel free to send any empty food boxes, rinsed plastic food containers or grocery bags for use in our store.

Green will be the color for week three as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. We'll also be reading "Stone Soup" and making our own soup. Watch your child's bookbag for the "Stone Soup" note!

Ocean friends will conclude the month with related art and group activities. Don't forget to peak in our classroom and check out the hanging paper mache planets your children created.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sherry, Mrs. Debbie & Mrs. Petra



Enrichment Program News

Here is what we will be busy doing in March!

- * Art: Open ended art activities (easel painting, collages, watercolors and more)
- * Math: Sorting and graphs
- * Spanish: Colors and Animals
- * Fitness: Indoor soccer
- * Science: Signs of Spring, nature journals and seeds
- * Language Arts: Beginning letter sounds and rhyming words
- * Computers: Jump Start Advanced Preschool and Jump Start Spanish CD-Roms
- * Music: Make our own instruments/parade
- * Fun Days: Walk to Dairy Queen and trip to the library



Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Programs

It is never too early to start thinking about summer. Check out the Spring “Choices” brochure for the latest information on summer camps. Sign up now and save.

Don't know what to do for your child's birthday party? The park district offers several birthday party services including the Birthday Bonanza, Pirate Party, Princess party, ice skating party, swimming parties and pretty soon splash pad parties and golf parties will be available. Let the park district do the work and you enjoy the fun of your child's birthday party. For more information call 957-PARK.

The park district is currently looking to expand the early childhood programs. If you have any ideas for a class or would be interested in teaching a class, please contact Sara Hupe at 708-957-7275.



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Park District Events

We hope everyone has had a chance to review the spring “Choice” brochure. There are a lot of great things to look forward to this spring and even this summer.

In early April there are several egg events including the flashlight egg hunt on April 3, the lucky egg hunt on April 4, and the great dog egg hunt on April 4.

Don't forget about the fishing derby on April 17.

Another great play will be in production the first weekend in April. If you missed the last one, you definitely don't want to miss Cheaper by the Dozen.

Get ready for summer camp!! Our camp previews are in the spring brochure so

don't hesitate to sign up early to reserve a space for your child(ren).

