



March Newsletter 2023

Hello Families,

Welcome March! The days are getting longer, and we are excited for nice weather ahead! Please check out WCCC most recent news and reminders below.



March Birthdays!

Yuli (Room 3) 3/1
Desmond (Room 4) 3/1
Chase (Room 4) 3/5
Jaxson (Room 5) 3/5
Luna (Room 5) 3/6
Mila (Room 5) 3/7
Ellie (Room 5) 3/13
Ari (Room 1) 3/14
Daniel (Room 6) 3/15
Marcus (Room 1) 3/19
Kevin (Room 5) 3/20
James (Room 5) 3/22
Royi (Room 2) 3/28

Announcements/Reminders

* **Kindergarten Registration-** If your child will be 5 years old by August 31, 2023 they are eligible for kindergarten beginning in September 2023. Please follow the link below if you have not yet registered your child. If you live outside of Quincy and need assistance in finding contact information for your local school district, please let us know.

http://www.quincypublicschools.com/family_resources/family/student_registration/kindergarten_registration__2023-2024_school_year

* We understand that some children may move on to other child care programs/summer camps in the upcoming months. If your child's schedule will be changing or they will be leaving us, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can plan accordingly.

* **Birthday treats-** Here at WCCC we love to celebrate birthdays with children! If you choose to send a sweet treat, please be sure that it is NUT FREE and not made in a facility that processes any nuts. Below is a photo of popular cupcakes/ice-cream that are "school safe." If you have any questions about what to send in, please let Patti or Jen know.



Children's Literacy Initiative

As mentioned before, WCCC was lucky enough to get chosen to participate in the Children's Literacy Initiative. The theme for this month is, "Let's Eat!"

Children re-examine something that is already a big part of their lives: food! In this unit, they explore the steps in making a meal and investigate how the cooking process changes foods. They talk about how food is often part of special occasions and celebrations. They read two versions of a food folktale and learn about gardens and how some foods grow from seeds.

Below are some things that you can do at home to support what your child is learning in school. Please let Jen know if you would

like a printed version of this!

Let's Eat! **BLUEPRINT**

Keep It Going... At Home

Dear Families,

Here are some things that you can do at home to support what your child is learning in school.

Keep Them Healthy & Active

In this unit, we focus on the steps involved in making a meal, one important part of which is washing (for example, washing your hands, washing the fruits and vegetables before eating them, washing the dishes). Involve your child in all these processes and talk about why they are all important.

Develop Their Emotional Well-Being

In this unit, we revisit the theme of kindness. Expand children's understanding of kindness by pointing out and naming acts of kindness. When you observe your child or another person being kind, caring, or helpful, name what they did and how it affected another person or the environment.

Help Them Communicate

In this unit, we highlight the illustrations of Jan Brett, author of *The Turnip* and many other books. When you read with your child, focus on the illustrations. Talk about what shapes you see, what colors, the sizes of objects in the illustrations, and the expressions on the characters' faces. Learning to "read" illustrations and use descriptive words are important skills for children to practice.

Explore Their World

Start a seed collection. Each time you eat a food with seeds in it, make a big deal out of it. Wash the seeds off and start a seed collection. Invite your child to describe and compare the seeds, count the seeds, put them in size order, and plant some of them.

WARNING: CHOKING HAZARD - objects and parts can become a choking hazard.

PHOTOS OF FUN AT WCCC!



Jane, Pippa, Imron and Ho Yin are busy constructing in Room 1.



In Room 2, Evana puts numbers in order on the caterpillar.



Jayden has fun using the natural materials in the sensory table!



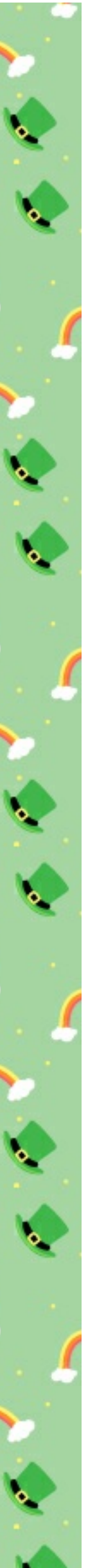
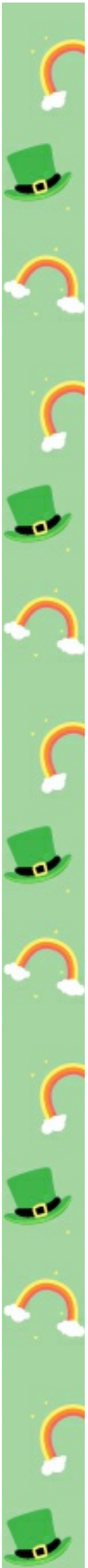
In Room 3, Benjamin and Augie build with Magnet tiles, Callie and Yuli play with water, and Everly has a great time crawling through the tunnel.



In Room 4, Caden plays a letter game.



Ava and Clara have fun in the snow!





Ellie and Vivienne love to play in the Room 5 Dramatic Play area. Liam and Vivian decorate bags for their Valentines. The whole Room 5 crew plays a game of musical chairs!



Room 6 friends, Mateo, Nico and Lucas build on the block rug. Adan is stacking pattern blocks. Ariella, Elizabeth and Aiden have fun in the snow!

Thanks for reading.
Have a wonderful rest of your week!

WCCC Staff