

❖ ALL ABOUT US ❖

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Calendar Notes

March 1 & 2

Dr. Seuss Celebration
Wear Your Favorite Hat

March 11

Make-up Picture Day

March 15

Staff Training

AM Classes: 10:45 – 12:45

PM Classes: 1:30 – 3:3

Dress Down Days-2/15 \$ 2/16

March 16

Enrollment for Spring
Enrichment Classes

March 16 & 17

St. Patrick's Day Parties

Menu

Mar.7-11 Saltines
Animal Crackers

Mar.14-18 Ritz Crackers
Pretzel Twists

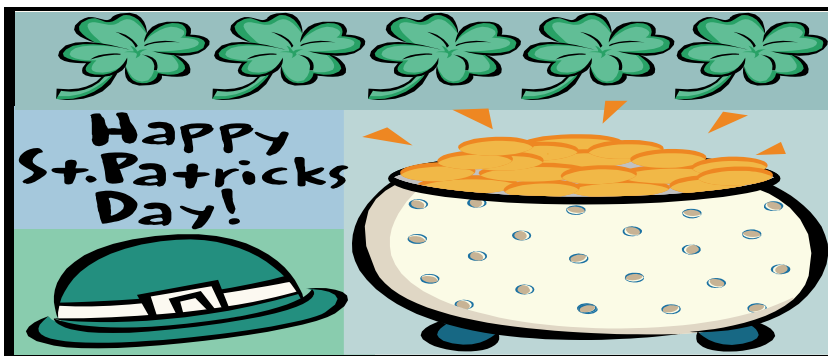
Mar.21-25 Goldfish Crackers
Vanilla Wafers

Mar. 28-Apr. 1 Graham
Crackers
Wheat Thins

- Apple Juice Served Daily

Units of Study

Leprechauns
St. Patrick's Day
Wind and Weather
Kite Flying



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S

The month of March finds us anticipating the arrival of spring and celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the "wearing of the green". It also is a special time to pay homage to a very special person who has entertained our children, and many of us adults, with his famous and funny stories. Chances are, you have read a book by Dr. Seuss to either your children or had one read to you when you were growing up. His stories are timeless and fun to read over and over again because children everywhere are drawn to the rhymes, rhythms, and fun characters that are found in these beloved books. Dr. Seuss was born Theodor Seuss Geisel. In 1954, he took on the challenge of writing a book for young readers using no more than 250 words. The result was *The Cat in the Hat*, one of his most popular books. Before his death in 1991, he had written 54 books and won two Academy Awards, two Emmys, and the Pulitzer Prize. He is one of the most recognized authors of children's books and will long be remembered for his charming and funny stories.

On March 1st and 2nd, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss by reading many of his books to each of our classes. Children and staff members will be wearing silly hats to commemorate this special occasion. Reading to children is one of the best ways to entertain children and have them gain an appreciation and love for books. Reading aloud to children expands their world and vocabulary. Research has shown that early and good readers come from homes where reading is valued and experienced regularly. Below you will find a few helpful tips for boosting your child's language and reading skills.

- Read every day. This will help children increase their comprehension skills and broaden their vocabulary. Discuss events in the story and ask questions which will cause children to make predictions and outcomes.
- Visit local libraries and obtain library cards for all family members. Let children select their own books, with your guidance, and designate a special place in your home to place these books. Place a sticker on the calendar as a reminder of the date books are due back.

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Announcements

Dr. Seuss Celebration

On March 1st and 2nd, we will have lots of fun paying tribute to the beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. The children will be listening to the timeless stories written by this famous author. They always delight in the magic of his silly tales and stories. To add to this festive and fun occasion, the children and staff will be bringing their favorite, funny hat from home. We always enjoy having guest readers join us for this special celebration and we thank those parents who are volunteering their time to read to the children.



Make-up Photographs

On Friday, March 11th, a photographer from Splendid Portraits will be here at the school to take **individual pictures** of students who were absent when photographs were taken on October 4th and 5th. **Also, any student who enrolled after this time who did not have photographs taken will be able to do so during this make-up session.** Please remember to make sure your child is in uniform on this day. In order to have your child's picture taken, you must schedule an appointment with the office. You may do this in person or by calling 703-451-5797 and we will gladly include your child's name on the list. The photographer will only be here on Friday, March 11th, from 9:00-11:00. If you would like to have your child photographed during this make-up session and your child attends classes on a day other than Friday, or is an afternoon student, you will need to bring him/her to the office during these scheduled times. Pictures will be taken upstairs in Room 263.



SPRING ENRICHMENT CLASSES

On Wednesday, March 16th, we will be holding registration for the Spring Enrichment session. More information regarding the offerings and registration will be sent home this month with the children. Be sure to check your child's book bags for this important information. We ask that parents limit their selection to 2 classes per session. Enrollment for this session will begin at 8:45 AM upstairs in Room 209.

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- Take books along with you in the car which can be read to children when traveling or waiting for the doctor, etc. Also point out signs along the way which helps children make the connection between reading and the written word.
- Make books together with your child. They can dictate the story, make up the characters and illustrate the pictures while you assist with the cover and binding. This can be a book about your family or perhaps a favorite stuffed animal. It can become a family treasure that will be enjoyed for years.
- Create a special place in your home to cuddle and read to your child. This will help provide your child with feelings of warmth and security.

Help your children become a storyteller. They never get tired of hearing stories about themselves when they were very small or how they helped out with their baby brother when he came home from the hospital.

Set aside a small amount of time each day to read to your child. This will let your child know you are saying, "I love you and I want to spend time sharing stories with you." It also demonstrates your love for books and sets the stage for developing in your child an interest and desire to become an avid reader.

Wishing you all a wonderful Spring and Happy Reading!

Lexie and Susan



Accotink Recital Update

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30th, for our spring performance at Lee High School. The children are practicing their songs and dances and getting ready for the big day. Costumes have been ordered and will begin to arrive this month. This year the theme will be Moving to the Rhythm. We promise you won't be disappointed when you see this wonderful show! More information will be coming home next month with further details. Below you will see show times and when the classes will be performing.

1:00 PM SHOW

Mrs. Buell's 3PM class
Mrs. O'Pray's 3AM class
Mrs. Yocom's 3AM class
Mrs. Altman's JKAM class
Mrs. Scavongelli's 3PM class
Mrs. McBride's 5PM class
Mrs. Winston's 5AM class



3:30 PM SHOW

Mrs. Buell's 2AM class
Mrs. McBride's AM class
Mrs. Greenhaugh's 2AM class
Mrs. McBride's 5AM class
Mrs. Scavongelli's 3AM class
Mrs. Magalong's 2AM class
Mrs. Searle's JKAM class
Mrs. Druggan's/Yocom's Kindergarten class

Plan now for your child to attend our

Summer Sunshine Program



When: June 6—July 22, 2011

Where: Accotink Academy Preschool

Ages: 3—6 year olds (child must be three by April 1, 2011 and be toilet trained.....child's seventh birthday must be after December 1, 2011)

Proof of age is required for children who have not attended Accotink Academy previously.

Time: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Programs Offered:

2 Day Program (T/Th)\$64.00 per week
3 Day Program (M/W/F)\$96.00 per week
3 Day Program (T/W/Th)\$96.00 per week
5 Day Program (M-F)\$160.00 per week

Registration: Ongoing through May 25, 2011. **If you register by April 1, 2011, you are guaranteed space on all of the days you request.** Registration forms are available in the office or on the bookshelf next to the Hall Monitors' desk. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$45.00 due at the time of registration. Completed registration forms may be turned in to the office. If you have any questions, they should be addressed to Fran McBride, the camp director. She can be reached at 703-451-5797.



Parking Lot Safety

We are asking that parents please use extreme caution upon entering and exiting the parking lot. The safety of the children is of the utmost importance to all of us. Please observe the one way traffic pattern when you enter and leave the parking lot. Please slow down and be vigilant, alert and cautious at all times. Make sure your children are with you and hold their hand when getting in and out of your car or crossing the parking lot. Please do not allow children to dart out in between parked cars because they may not be seen by approaching and departing vehicles. We appreciate your cooperation with this important safety notice.