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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool March 2017

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Happy Spring, we hope soon!

Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14 -1569614**. 2016 year-end statements are available upon request.

Thank you

Thank you to the parents who have attended the parent/teacher conferences. The information shared in the conferences aids in planning our classroom themes and activities over the next few months. We also find conferences are helpful in providing us information regarding your child's development. If you were unable to attend a conference or would like to talk further, please feel free to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher. Thank you!

Summer Plans

Please begin to think about your summer child care needs. We will ask you to complete a summer planning sheet late in March, but we would like you to be aware that families **who wish to withdraw their child for the summer will not be guaranteed a fall placement**. Please speak to a director if you have questions regarding this long-standing policy.

Scholastic Book Orders

This month's Scholastic Book Orders are due on **Friday, March 17**. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic Reading Club**,

or order on-line at www.scholastic.com using our code school code **GTCDJ**.

Classroom Notes

Infants: We are excited for the warm weather and more outside play time. It tends to be very muddy, so please be sure that our walkers have shoes that are ok to get muddy or wet. We still need hats and mittens as well.

We are having fun getting to know our new friend, J M. and his family. This month our friend F will be moving to the Toddler room. We are sad that she is moving up, but excited to watch her grow. C has now become our teacher's helper. C is standing all the time and wants to walk. M is now our little cruiser, walking around the room holding on. J is all over the room chasing the girls around the chair.

We enjoy talking to each of you in the mornings or evenings, so feel free to bring up any issues to us at that time.

Happy birthday to **M.**
~ **Michele, Kristen & Tracy**

Toddlers: Can you believe March is already here? Time is flying!

During the month, we will be talking about "**Babies**," and "**The Circus**." For the "**Babies**" theme we will turn our dramatic play area into a nursery, with lots of baby blankets, bottles, and baby clothes. We will learn how to take care of babies.

For our "**Circus**" theme we will have various animal costumes out for the children to try on. We will walk on a tight rope, and do other circus show acts.

All of the toddlers are getting so big; it is

fun to watch them grow and change!

Happy birthday to **P.**

~ **Alicia, Clorissa & Kristen**

Twos: We had a lot of fun this winter learning about colors, shapes, the seasons and our theme “**Over the Rainbow.**” The kids really enjoyed everything we did with colors, particularly mixing colors together. They really enjoyed playing in our “Over the Rainbow” dress up area.

Our new theme for March is “**Transportation.**” Our dramatic play area will be changed to a garage and kitchen area. We will be talking about all different kinds of transportation by air, land and water.

With the weather changing, please check your child’s box for appropriate clothing

Happy birthday to **E, A, On and K.**

~ **Bonita, Lauren & Lanita**

Threes: February has come and gone, but it was full of love and learning. We can’t believe how beautiful the weather has been. We have enjoyed our time outdoors in the fresh air.

This month we will start our “**Dr. Seuss**” theme. We will have our Wacky Wednesday celebration on March 1st and we will honor Dr. Seuss’ birthday on March 2nd by having our Hat Day celebration. For the remainder of the month we will learn about “**Fairy Tales,**” and “**Weather.**”

We want to thank everyone who has been involved in the classroom so far this year! We love having special baked treats brought in to share, and guests come in to read or do an activity with us. If you are interested in joining us for a morning or afternoon of fun, please sign up on our parent activity calendar for a day and time that works for your schedule.

With the unpredictable weather, we ask you to continue bringing in your child’s winter gear to school. We will continue to wear boots because of the muddy mess outdoors.

We look forward to another month of investigation, imagination and exploration.

~ **Jared, Maura & Ashley**

Pre-K 3/4s: We are still working on “**Sea Creatures**” for a few more weeks. During the week of March 20 – 24 we will learn about

animals (pets) that live in a home. Please send in a photo of your family’s pet, or an animal you might like to have as a pet! That same week, we have a field trip to the Palace Theater in Albany to see **Pete the Cat.** Thank you to all the drivers that made it possible to go to the aquarium. We had a great time.

Please continue to bring in snow gear – it could still snow! Also, please label everything. Thank you.

Happy birthday to **E, K, L, T, and Brittany.**

~ **Brittany, Tera and Stephanie**

Pre-K 4s: Welcome March! We begin the month with a celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday. If you would like to read a Dr. Seuss book to the class please let us know! To help celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday we have planned the following for 2/27-3/3:

Monday: Crazy hat day

Tuesday: Stripes or Polka Dots

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday - Come dressed in your wackiest outfit.

Thursday: Crazy sock day

Friday: Rhyming day: Bring in 2 things that rhyme

Other themes for the month include “**Fairy Tales**” “**Rainbow/St. Patrick’s Day,**” and “**Spring/Weather.**” We will continue to work on letters, numbers and rhyming. Thank you to all the parents that chaperoned our trip to the aquarium! Our next trip is March 23rd to see **Pete the Cat** at the Palace.

Happy birthday to **N, T and B.**
~**Tara, Sherry & Angie**

Important Dates

Mar. 17 - Scholastic Book Orders Due

Mar. 23– 9:00 - Pre-K 3/4s & Pre-K 4s
Field trip to the Palace Theater
