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The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool March 2020

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Happy Spring, we hope soon!

Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14-1569614**. 2019 year-end statements are available upon request.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are again offering an opportunity for parents to discuss your child's development and progress with classroom teachers. If you haven't already, you will receive a "Family Conference Form" in early March. The form will report on your child's strengths in a wide range of developmental touchpoints.

We use the "Creative Curriculum Gold" assessment system which provides observations and assessments in up to 38 Objectives for Development and Learning. The system uses daily observations, developmental checklists and portfolios to follow children's progress and achievements.

The system also relies on input from parents to develop social, educational, physical and literacy goals for your child. We will continue to ask for your input throughout the school year.

Once you have received the "Family Conference Form," please speak to your child's teacher to arrange a meeting time that is convenient for you. We look forward to our discussions.

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.

Staff Training Day - March 20 - Close at 1PM

We would like to remind you that Bethlehem Preschool will **close at 1 PM on Friday, March 20** for an afternoon of staff training. Please make plans to pick up your child by 1PM. Thanks.

Scholastic Book Orders

This month's Scholastic Book Orders are due on **Monday, March 16**. 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: Wow, winter is almost over! But, please continue to bring in warm outdoor clothes, and check your child's clothing box and supplies for appropriate items. We will get outside more often with the warmer weather.

Our friends are growing and changing every day. We love to explore different art and craft activities. We also love investigating new sensory experiences: hard and soft, loud and quiet. We are learning so much!

Illnesses are still active in the school, so please wash hands upon arrival!

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 1st birthday to **M** and **D** .

~ **Michele & Brianna**

Toddlers: March is finally here. Hopefully spring is right around the corner.

For the week of March 2nd– 6th we will be celebrating Dr Seuss with a different craziness each day. Please see the note outside the classroom for each day's event.

During March, we will be talking about "**Babies**." We love playing with babies, so we will turn it into all sorts of fun: bathing babies, feeding babies, reading baby books to our babies! We can't wait!!

We love visitors, so please sign up for our mystery reader Tuesday or Thursday afternoons.

All the children are getting so big! It is fun to watch them grow.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all and a very happy birthday to **R** !

~ **Alicia, Tara & Jenny**

Twos: March is here! Warmer weather is upon us. Keep sending in snow gear as it gets pretty messy on the playground. We hope everyone is enjoying the "Cows in the Kitchen" take home bag. It is still going around.

In March we will study "**Pets**." We will be asking each family to bring in a photo of your pet, if you have one. If you do not have a pet, bring in a picture of your child's favorite stuffed animal. One day this month we will all bring in our favorite stuffed animals. Be on the lookout for more information. We will be reading lots of books about pets and talking about taking care of our pets.

Please make sure you hand back your child's monthly goal sheet. We have been working on the child conference forms. We will be handing them out soon.

We love having parents join us to do class projects or activities or to just to read a story. We have a sign up on the blue parent board right inside the classroom. Please sign up!

Happy Birthday to **B** , **R** , and **F** .

~ **Kristen, Cassidy & Tera**

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**" study. We will have our Wacky Wednesday celebration on March 4 and we will honor Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 6 by having our Seuss Celebration. For the remainder of the month we will learn about "**Weather**" and "**The Post Office**."

We would like 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.

Please continue to bring in your child's winter gear to school. We will continue to wear boots because of the muddy mess outdoors even if there is no snow.

Happy birthday to **S** , **O** , **T** , **T** , **M** , and **S** .

We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

~ **Jared, Saaleha & Ashley**

Pre-K 3/4s: February was a month filled with love, letter writing, and learning. The children especially enjoyed writing and drawing letters and valentines to deliver to their classmates and families.

We also enjoyed our fun filled field trip to The Palace Theater to see Charlotte's Web. A big thank you to everyone who drove us. We are already looking forward to our next trip on March 18th to Proctor's Theater for Step Afrika! This show sounds amazing!!

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday during the first week in March. Each day will be marked with a different special celebration and featured book. An information letter was sent home with all the details. Thanks in advance for all your support in this fun project.

We will also be learning about community helpers and neighborhoods with a special focus on the post office and our home addresses. More details to follow!

We can't wait for Spring!! The school year is flying by and we are so proud of the growth we have seen in our 3/4's since

September.

~ **Brenda, Stephanie and Mellisa**

Pre-K 4s: We are going to have a great Dr. Seuss week (March 2 – 6.) Be ready to get crazy!

Monday	Crazy Hat Day
Tuesday	Crazy Sock Day
Wednesday	Wacky Wednesday
Thursday	Mismatched shoe day
Friday	Stripe day

Our studies in March are “**Dr. Seuss/Rhyming, Rainbows/St Patrick’s Day, Spring/Change of weather.**”

We have a field trip on **Wednesday, March 18th**. Please join us for our trip to Proctors Theater to see Step Afrika. Check your calendar to see if you are able to come with us!

Please check your child’s extra clothes box as it is wet on the playground.

Thank you to all our Mystery Readers in February. The kids loved each reader! Please sign up for a March date.

Happy birthday to **P** and **H**.

~**Maura, Sherry, & Nichole**

Important Dates

Mar. 16 - Scholastic Book Orders Due

March 18 - Pre-k Classes Field Trip to Proctors Theater

Mar. 20 – BPS Closes at 1PM
