



## 😊 Small Talk 😊

### The Monthly Newsletter of Bethlehem Preschool March 2021

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Happy Spring, we hope soon!

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#### Taxpayer Identification Number

Our Taxpayer Identification Number is **14 -1569614**. 2020 year-end statements are available upon request.

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#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

March is the next opportunity for a Parent/Teacher conference. Our assessment system is the "Creative Curriculum Gold" 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.

You will be receiving a "Family Conference Form" in early March. The form will report on your child's strengths in a wide range of developmental touch points. Please use this report as an opportunity to discuss your child's development and progress with classroom teachers. We are offering zoom conferences or phone calls for all classes. Please look for sign-up sheets to schedule a zoom meeting or phone call.

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#### 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.

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#### Staff Training Day - March 18 - Close at 1PM

We would like to remind you that Bethlehem Preschool will **close at 1 PM on Thursday, March 18** for an afternoon of staff training. Please make plans to pick up your child by 1PM. Thanks.

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#### Scholastic Book Orders

This month's Scholastic Book Orders are due on **Monday, March 15**. Please make checks payable to **Scholastic Reading Club**, or order on-line at [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) using our code school code **GTCDJ**.

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#### Classroom Notes

**Infants:** Six more weeks of winter!! Please check your child's clothing box and supplies for appropriate items. Wish for warm weather to be here soon, as we want to get outside. 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!**

Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

~ **Michele & Brianna**

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

For the week of March 1– 5, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss with a different craziness each day.

This month we will have fun doing a lot of projects with different colors. Look for a note about our color week where the children can dress in a different color each day.

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 **D** and **M**.

~ **Alicia, Jenny & Latizza**

**Twos:** March is here! Warmer weather is upon us. Keep sending in snow gear as it gets pretty messy on the playground. Please make sure that your child's extra clothes box is stocked (especially with socks).

We are looking forward to spring projects! We will be growing flowers as well as dying eggs. We can't wait to see all of the beautiful colors.

It is conference time again. Be on the lookout for your child's family conference form. We will be handing them out soon.

Happy Birthday to **R**.

~ **Kristen, Tara & Ricleicia**

**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 3 and we will honor Dr. Seuss' birthday on Friday, March 5 by having our Seuss Celebration. For the remainder of the month we will learn about **The Vet's Office** and **The Post Office**.

We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead!

~ **Jared, Ashley, Nicky, & Kristine**

**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 will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday during the first week in March. We will do a

study on **fairy tales** as well as a **building study**. We will discuss how the Three Little Pigs built their houses.

Please remember to send in snow gear every day! We go outside every day!

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 Pre-k 3/4s since September.

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

~ **Tera, Stephanie and Saaleha**

**Pre-K 4s:** We spent a lot of time focused on writing during the month of February. We wrote many Valentines and journal entries. This is a great skill to continue practicing at home. We are encouraging the students to notice the beginning letter sounds of words, as they often want help writing their own notes.

March is here and we are excited to be on our way to spring! The class has created a paper chain to countdown the days left until spring and summer. We are looking forward to nice weather ahead. As a heads up, we are going out daily, as long as the weather permits. Please check your child's extra clothes box, especially for extra socks, as it is wet on the playground.

This month we are going to have a great week of celebrating everything Dr. Seuss (March 1 – 5). Be ready to get a little crazy!

Monday	Hat Day
Tuesday	Crazy Sock Day
Wednesday	Wacky Wednesday
Thursday	Wear red or blue
Friday	Wear green

Our studies in March are **Dr. Seuss/Rhyming, Rainbows/St. Patrick's Day, and Weather**.

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

~ **Maura, Sherry, & Cassidy**

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**Important Dates**

**Mar. 15** - Scholastic Book Orders Due

**Mar. 18** – BPS Closes at 1PM

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