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March Curriculum

Our theme of the month for March is "Our Feelings & the 5 Senses". We will be learning all about our feelings and emotions and more importantly, how to express them in a positive manner. We will also be exploring our 5 senses of sight, smell, touch, taste and sound with a variety of fun, hands-on, sensory experiences. The color of the month is purple and we will be working with the number 8.

As we continue with our weekly letter themes this month (letters S through U), we will also review letters A through R.

Bring the learning experience home and use this link to access the Zoo-Phonics signal practice video https://youtu.be/2_i767-Jlak



St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 15th is our St. Patrick's Day Party!

Every year, that sneaky leprechaun visits our school, leaving a huge mess behind! He loves to play tricks on us! Luckily he always leaves some treats behind for us to share in celebration of St. Patrick's Day!

If you would like to bring a special treat for your child's class, please coordinate with your child's teacher.

Don't forget to wear green!



Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, March 28th will be our Easter Egg Hunt and Party beginning at 9:00 am.

Each class will celebrate by having a special snack in their classroom and will also be participating in an Easter Egg Hunt.

If you would like to donate items to our Easter Egg Hunt please check your email for the digital sign-up sheet through Sign-Up Genius!

Please note that all donated items must be peanut/treenut free. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!



Reminders



- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at [yelp.com](http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore) or you can go directly to <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>
- Please continue to label all of your child’s personal belongings, including: sweaters, jackets, bedding, and lunchboxes. Please check the lost and found bin located under the front sign-in desk.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

March:

- St. Patrick’s Day Party Friday, March 15th
- Easter Egg Hunt– Thursday, March 28th

April:

- Closed for Easter– Monday, April 1st
- Graduation Pictures - Tuesday, April 23rd
- Spring Pictures– Wednesday, April 24th

May:

- Teacher Appreciation Week– May 6th–10th
- Muffins for Mom– Friday, May 10th (during drop-off hours 7-9AM)
- Storyland Closed- Monday, May 27th

June:

- Graduation Ceremony– Wednesday, June 5th
- Last day of the school year– Friday, June 7th
- First Day of Summer Session– Monday, June 10th

Happy Birthday!

- Elissa Alvarez 3/1
- Caroline Vy 3/2
- Maeve Russel 3/10
- Evelyn McPherson 3/17
- Ms. Kailee 3/26



- Chandler Smith 3/27
- Olivia Yost 3/27
- Ms. Brooke 3/30
- Jace Tedrick 3/31





Parent Tips

Talking Safety to Your Preschooler

Let's face it. Your child's safety is not a safe subject. Just the thought of it may trigger your worst fears. But by the time your child is around age three, you need to begin paving the way for personal safety skills. It begins now, but it's an empowering journey that will continue until your child leaves home.

Your goal should be to teach a little at a time, over time, and to make personal safety a natural part of your family life. You can say goodbye to warnings and scare tactics; the days of "scaring some sense" into our kids are over. Today there are proven personal safety strategies for every age and stage, and effective teaching techniques that can help you build good communication and boost your child's self esteem. Here are some tips for getting started:

Consider your child's ability to grasp information. Ask yourself questions like "What words and ideas will make sense to him?" "What is she likely to learn and remember?" You should teach personal safety skills according to your child's ability and need, rather than age alone.

Preschoolers have a difficult time making exceptions and are often confused by rules like "Don't talk to strangers", especially when you sometimes chat it up with the cashier at the supermarket checkout aisle. Positive instructions that describe what a child should always do rather than what they must not do some of the time will best protect them. An example is "Always tell the grown-up in charge before you go anywhere with anybody."

Teach your child clear information like "This is safe. That is not." Step in and say "yes" or "no." Kids look to adults for direction. Don't be afraid to set limits. A child who learns to recognize limits now is more likely to follow safety rules later.

Keep in mind that when your child is in preschool you will be setting the foundation for a life-long lesson in personal safety skills. The maturity and ability to consistently use those skills won't come for a few more years. However, you can teach most preschoolers to:

- Identify and name all body parts.
- Learn the difference between "OK" and "Not OK" touches.
- Understand the difference between friends, family and strangers.
- Learn and recite identifying information - name, address, phone number.
- Ask permission before leaving the area with anyone.
- Ask permission before accepting gifts or candies from non-family members.

Remember to make personal safety fun - or it will flop! Invent safety songs and rhymes when you're in the car. Draw pictures, create puppet shows, and read stories about different safety themes. You know best what creative approaches appeal to your child. Use them to make teaching personal safety a natural and enjoyable part of your family life!

