

Happy April Preschool Families!



March Recap

In **March** we began to welcome **spring**! We reviewed just how unpredictable **March weather** can be. We observed **sunny, cloudy, windy,** and **rainy** days outside, with some fun in the **mud**! The preschoolers thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with our **wind simulator** during planning time. Our **student teachers** shared and reviewed lots of **spring literature** with the preschoolers and we enjoyed acting out one of our favorite songs, “**Singing in the Rain.**” We look forward to continuing to observe the **seasonal changes** taking place outside around us.

The Preschoolers enjoyed beginning the study of a **life cycle** with the lifecycle of **birds**. We learned about many **species of birds** and we had opportunities to work with **eggs** all around the classroom. We enjoyed creating nests each day in the **science sensory table**. Our science sensory table provided many materials to experiment with **nest building**, and **model birds** to sort by **size** and **color**. Mrs. Kennedy’s classes prepared great activities such as paper bag nests, letter search eggs, and sensory art paper plate nests...such fun!



Additionally in **March** our **block area** transformed into a **pond habitat** with **stones** and **logs**, “**lilly pads**” , and a “**blue pond.**” We learned about the **frog's life cycle**, and we built many great pond habitats with our model **frogs, ducks, and birds**. We had great fun with frog yoga too!



Upcoming in April

In **April** the preschoolers will continue the study of **life cycles** with **insects** and **plants**. We have already created construction paper **ladybugs** with our student teachers and we counted the many spots as we glued them on. Additionally, Mrs. Kennedy’s class has led us in a **puffy painted flower project** in which student teachers made their own puffy paint for the preschoolers to experiment with, it was great fun and a great welcome to spring!



Our dramatic play area will transform into a **Flower Shop** where “**busy bees**” will be hard at work “**selling seeds**”, “**planting flowers**”, and creating “**floral arrangements**” to “**sell**” and “**deliver**”. Preschoolers will review the importance of **sun, soil** and **water** for **growing plants** of all kinds. We will continue our **yoga movements** and focus on **growth**, from a **tiny seed** into a **plant**.



Additional Announcements

We look forward to a Walking Field Trip through our High School, down to our Cafeteria for a tour of our kitchen and meal preparation area with Jill Henesey, the Director of Food and Nutrition Services for the Old Rochester Regional School District!! Jill and her thoughtful staff have been preparing delicious and nutritious breakfasts and lunches for us throughout the school year, now we can see where the magic happens!



Jill has planned a tour for our preschoolers as well as an amazing opportunity for them to make individual cheese pizzas, a “friendship fruit salad”, and a healthy green salad full of many great vegetables. We are excited to test out our knowledge about fruits, vegetables, and the other food groups, while enjoying our pizza, fruit, and salad for lunch that day!



“Pizza Day Field Trip” will be Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th. We’ve been practicing in our own Classroom Kitchen making felt and wooden pizzas, we thank Jill in advance for this great opportunity to be real Bulldog Chefs for the day!!



Thanks so much for remembering to let us know if your child will be late to school or absent from school as soon as possible each day. Please email courtneyhiggins@oldrochester.org with these updates.

Additionally, if you are picking up your child early, please email as well, as we may be outside as the weather permits, and we will not be able to dismiss early unless we have been previously notified.

Reminder: There is no school Monday, April 21st - Friday, April 25th for a district wide vacation.

For planning purposes, the final day of school for Tuesday/Thursday preschoolers will be Tuesday, June 3rd; and the final day for M/W/F preschoolers and everyday preschoolers will be Wednesday, June 4th. (For preschoolers moving on to Kindergarten next year there will be a short gathering in the classroom on Thursday, June 5th in the morning, more specific information will be forthcoming in May)

Please mark your calendars for May 17, 2025 from 11-2 for amazing fun at the Early Education High School Student TOUCH A TRUCK. Mrs. Kennedy and our student teachers are planning a great family, fun filled day with support of Cape Cod Five Bank. This will be a hands-on event for children and families. 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett Ma (rain date 5/18) Families will have the opportunity to interact with a variety of vehicles, farm equipment and more! Come see our student teachers for a variety of planned outdoor activities and even a Scholastic Book Fair!

We are impressed with our preschoolers' growing independence in the classroom, they are continuing to blossom each day into very curious learners!

Happy Spring!

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Trombly

