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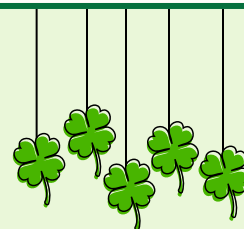
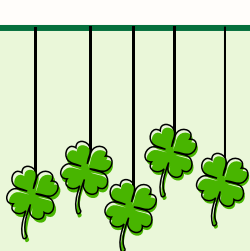
March 2025

Read Across America Week



Celebrate [Read Across America Week](#) with story, sound, and song! Check out the link for even ideas, classroom activities, resources, and more! Y'all, there are some AMAZING resources for any time of year! *Check out the [Sing A Book](#) section for "singable picture books." Of course, if you already have your events in place for Read Across America Week, no worries! The entire month of March is National Reading Month, so you have plenty of time to add to what you have and - most importantly - **keep on reading with your students!**

One more thing... I would **LOVE** to see all of the activities, dress-up days, etc. happening in our region! It does my heart good to see the fun and excitement surrounding Read Across America. ❤️ If you would like to share your pics, send me a quick email, and I will create a secure Google area **just for you.** 📷



Won't You Be My Neighbor Day

March 20th is **Won't You Be My Neighbor Day** in honor of the amazing Mr. Rogers. It is a day meant to teach us more about being kind and staying positive. And - let's be honest - we can all use a day to focus on these things and remind us of how important that is. So, what can you do to celebrate? **Create a beautiful day in your neighborhood by:**

- Using sidewalk chalk around the school to create beautiful works of art to bring joy to other students and teachers.
- Making cards for a local nursing home, letting the residents know they are loved, cared for, and make our neighborhood a beautiful place to be.
- Planting flowers or other plants around the school.
- Creating Thank You cards for community workers [police officers, fire fighters, cafeteria workers, crossing guards, etc.] to let them know how much they are appreciated for their work in our neighborhoods.

***Don't forget to wear your RED cardigans/sweaters and take a picture!**



Letter Knowledge

Lucky Letters

Practice multiple letter knowledge skills using the Lucky Letter cards. Print, cut, and use the letters for different games such as:

- Lucky Letter Hunt
- Lucky Letter Match
- Lucky Letter Memory Match

These make fun, hands-on games you can play over and over with your students!

***Click the pic(s) for a link to the activity and all the instructions you will need.**



Math

Ten Apples Up On Top

Take a picture of each student, print, and laminate. Gather plastic bottle caps (red, green, yellow, or paint) to create tiny apples.

**Add a little foam leaf and twine for some extra cuteness! *If creating apples out of caps is too much, simply have students create a set of 10 playdoh "apples." Create an apple die (printable found [HERE](#)).*

After reading Ten Apples Up on Top, play the game with small groups and then add to the math center. Play is easy! Simply roll the die, count the apples, and place that many "on top" of your head. The first one to 10 wins! Or... start with 10 apples, roll the die, and take away the correct number of apples until you get to zero!

Now, how 'bout them apples?!



Courtesy of mamapapabubba.com



Process Art & Fine Motor Skills

Torn Paper Rainbow

We often think that the way to strengthen fingers and master the pincer grip is more pencil time... which leads to tracing... which (generally) means worksheets. 🗋️ In reality, this leads to fine motor fatigue and frustration. Torn paper art is a **wonderful way** to work those tiny fingers (PK4.IX.B.1) and prepare them for their pincer grip and - ultimately - writing! This activity is all about the **process**, but the product is pretty cool! Over the course of several days, have students tear a sheet of each color of the rainbow and place them in separate ziplok bags to hang on to. Once they've torn and bagged up their **ROY G. BIV**, it's time to build a rainbow! Start with one color at a time, and have them construct a rainbow using their torn paper.

Remember, this is about the PROCESS and NOT the PRODUCT!



We are not looking for perfection or for everyone's rainbow to look the same. We want children to have an opportunity to enjoy working their motor skills! We are also teaching perseverance (PK4.I.A.4), which is a social emotional skill all young children need multiple attempts to practice.



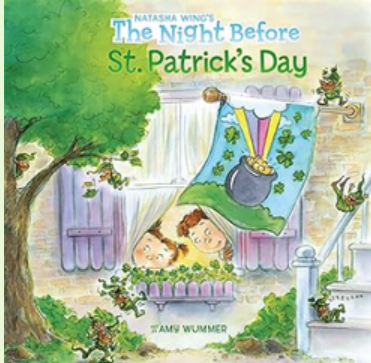
🌈*Shout out to Mrs. Richardson @ Brady ISD for reminding me of this awesome activity!🌈



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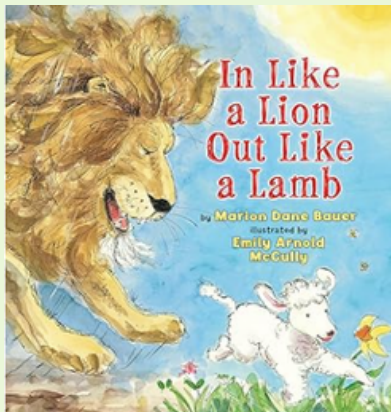


The Night Before St. Patrick's Day



It's the night before St. Patrick's Day, and Tim and Maureen are wide awake setting traps to catch a leprechaun! When they wake the next morning to the sound of their dad playing the bagpipes and the smell of their mom cooking green eggs, they're shocked to find that they've actually caught a leprechaun. But will they be able to find his pot of gold? Natasha Wing's sweet story is once again told in verse to the same meter of Clement Moore's classic.

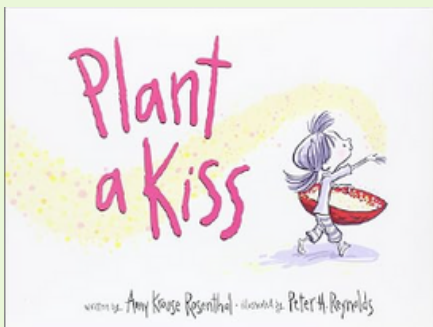
In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb



Rattling windows with the roar of a late-winter storm, March shows up like a lion - wild and messy, muddy and wet. This rhythmic, exuberant text, conveys the changeable nature of spring weather, as the lion makes way for the lamb - with a huge sneeze! - as the trees and flowers spring into bloom.

Full of humor and motion, the soft watercolors bring the blustering lion and gentle lamb to life. From hail and wet snow to vibrant green fields full of blossoms, the illustrations grow brighter, springing into new life, hinting at the summer to come.

Plant a Kiss



Little Miss planted a kiss...

One small act of love blooms into something bigger and more dazzling than Little Miss could have ever imagined in this epic journey about life, kindness, and giving.

Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Peter H. Reynolds team together to share a message of hope and to remind us all of the joys to be gained from being open and unselfish.

***March 12th is Plant a Flower Day!**

Let's
Read



NEVER
STOP
READING



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Academy for Teachers of Young Children

It is just about that time! Registration for ATYC will be opening this month! Be sure to check our **ATYC website** and our **Facebook page** for the announcement! In the meantime, get your account set up with **Region 18** so you will be ready to roll when registration opens... You don't want to miss it!

Save the Date!

When: July 9th - 11th

Where: Crestview Church,
Midland, TX



DON'T MISS OUT!

Lessons from LaRoux

We all know that our students' behaviors rarely tell their whole story. Their verbal and physical actions often serve as clues pointing to deeper needs, emotions, and desires. In his book, **Lessons from LaRoux: How Needs Shape Behavior in Developing Brains**, Dan St. Romain addresses 15 key areas the developing brain needs in order to acquire the behavior skills necessary for healthy learning and growth.

**** This is an online, self-paced book study course within Canvas.**

You will have until **MAY 16th** to complete all assignments needed to receive your **10 CPE hours**.

***** There are 12 books left.**

***If you received a book from ATYC and would like to join for CPE credit, email me at: carey.peacock@esc15.net.**

