

Stepping Stone News

March 2018 Edition

A Message from the Directors

What a FANTASTIC February we had at Stepping Stone Children's Center! February was filled with loads of fun, crafts, learning opportunities, and Valentine's festivities! Thank you for all your donations and sweet treats that allowed us to have fun filled parties in every room. We are looking forward to a MAGNIFICENT March as we announce our Spring Fundraisers, celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday, and continue planning for some Summer fun at SSCC!

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Parties will be held on Wednesday, March 28th. We are asking families for donations of pre-filled eggs for your child's classroom. All the eggs brought in will be used for an Easter Egg Hunt for your child's classroom. Eggs can be filled with wrapped candy, stickers, or small treasures age appropriate for that classroom. In the past we have had hundreds of eggs and we hope that this year is no different! You can begin sending in eggs now; please have them labeled with your child's class and put them in the office. Your child's classroom will also be putting up a sign up for their Easter parties. Please be on the lookout for these.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of Stepping Stone Children's Center!

What's Happening in March

March 2nd: Read Across America Day
March 5th-9th: Dr. Seuss Inspired Spirit Week
March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
March 19th: Around the World Feast (3's and 4's)
March 28th: Easter Egg Hunt/Parties
March 30th: SSCC Closed (Good Friday)

Upcoming Events/Closings

April 2nd: QACPS Closed
April 15th-20th: Week of the Young Child
April 18th & 19th- Picture Day

April 27th: St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon Fundraiser

May 11th: Mother's Day Luncheon

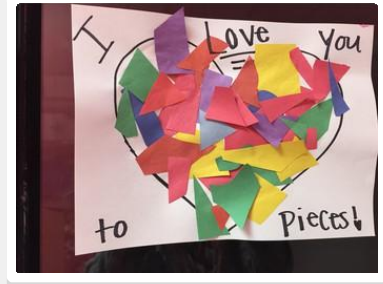
May 28th: SSCC & QACPS Closed



Fun Times



Sweet Treats



Cool Crafts

Education

During the month of March we will observe St. Patrick's Day and Easter. The theme for the month is Around the World, and we have some fun activities planned such as a feast and crafts related to the countries chosen by the classrooms. The letters for the month are O & P, and the children will have fun practicing the colors of the rainbow. The shape of the month is the cylinder and the numbers we will learn and/or practices are 13 & 14.

The Buddies and Guppies classes have been working hard learning about clothing and will finish up the study the first week in February. They will begin the Building Study and will start talking about what makes up a building, explore materials that they can build with, and read books to expand what they already know about buildings. Your child's teachers may ask you to bring in a picture of a building or something you build with. We will look at real blueprints from a home builder and learn about construction equipment.

What to do at home: Talk to your child about your home and how it is different than the school building. Maybe you drive past a construction site on your way to or from school and you could take a moment to point out the different construction vehicles.

The Adventurers and Turtles will finish up their building study and begin the clothing study the first week in February. We will be looking at all different types of clothing and why we wear different clothes in different seasons. We will also explore the types of materials that make up clothes and how to take care of them. You might be asked to bring in or wear a certain type of clothing.

What to do at home: Let your child help sort the laundry into different colors and types. You can even let them help load the washing machine and fold the clothes. If you go to the dry cleaners, take them along with you and show them around!

Classroom Spotlight- Island Adventures

Island Adventures have had a busy year so far. The children are awesome and are learning and growing more each day. The month of March we will continue our clothing study, celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Whew! They are doing a terrific job with rhyming

words and sight words. Also, story time is a favorite, so if you have a favorite book please bring it in.

Kindergarten we are ready for you!



Spring Outdoor Safety: Quickly Changing Weather

Across the country, temperatures rise, snow recedes in our favorite outdoor places and the landscape springs to life with wildlife activity, a burst of new flowers and often-severe weather. Heavy rains, high winds, lightning and extreme temperature variations are common weather conditions during spring. Your key to staying safe and enjoying these early-season adventures is to “know before you go.” Here are a few safety tips for some springtime weather events.

- **Drink plenty of water.** Your body needs water to keep cool. Drink plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty.
- **Know your area's flood risks.** Monitor the NOAA weather radio all hazards bulletins, or your local news stations for vital weather information.
- **Stay alert for signs of heavy rain (thunder and lightning), both where you are and upstream.** Watch for rising water levels.

- Stay away from tall, isolated trees and other tall objects. If you are in a forest, stay near a shorter stand of trees during a thunderstorm.
- If you are on open water, go to land and find shelter immediately until the storm is over.

School Age Information

Parents,

Just as a friendly reminder that summer intent forms should be turned in no later than March 1, 2018. The list for enrollment will be open to the public after this date. Schools will have a half day closing Friday March 16th and will also be closed April 2nd. Please let us know if your child will be attending any of these days.

Also please remember that SSCC is closed on March 30, 2018.

QACPS Information

March 16th- Half Day of School

March 30th- Schools Closed (Good Friday)

April 2nd: Schools Closed



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