



March 2018

Storyland School

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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. We will also continue with our weekly letter themes (letters S through V).

Summer Session and Fall Registration

Monday, March 5th begins our in-house registration for fall. Parents of Little Stars, Little Monkeys and Little Owls please follow the link below to pre-register and/or inform us of any changes in your child's schedule by Friday, March 16th.

<http://storylandschool.com/parent-center/re-registration-form/>

Any changes made after this date will not be guaranteed. Also, if you are planning to withdraw your child for the summer months

now is the time to let us know.

Open registration to the public begins March 19th.

If your child is in The Bay Room or The Sunshine Room and is graduating in June please follow the link below to provide us with your plans for your child this summer by May 1st.

<http://storylandschool.com/parent-center/kindergarten-form/>

St. Patrick's Day



Friday, March 16th is our St. Patrick's Day Party and Parade!

Each class will begin their day with snack at 9:00 am followed by many fun St. Patrick's Day activities. At 10:30 am Sunshine Room, Bay Room and Little Owls will participate in our St. Patrick's Day Parade around

the block. Please be sure and sign the posted permission slips so your child can participate.

All children are welcome to attend but due to teacher/child ratios we ask you stay with your child if it is not their regularly scheduled day. Don't forget to wear green!

Easter Party

Friday, March 30th 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 then many fun Easter-themed activities. They will also be participating in an Easter Egg Hunt. As always, all children are welcome but due to teacher/child ratios we are asking you stay with your child during the party if it is not their regularly scheduled day.

If you would like to donate hard-boiled eggs or non-candy items, please check the front communication board for classroom sign-up sheets. Please bring hard-boiled eggs in on Monday or Tuesday, March 26th or 27th **only** so children are able to dye them with their class in time for the party.

Pennies for Patients

Every year we participate along with other preschools across the country in the “Pennies For Patients” drive which begins March 1st and will continue through March 23rd. Since 1994 millions of dollars have been raised to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Please help support our efforts by allowing your child to bring in pennies or spare change each day to drop in their Pennies for Patients change boxes which are located in your child’s class rooms. At the end of the drive we will have an all school pizza party to celebrate the efforts and participation of raising money for our local sponsor.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

March:

- Pennies for Patients March 1st-23rd
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Party Friday, March 16th
- Easter Egg Hunt & Party Friday, March 30th
- Storyland closed on Monday, April 2nd

Coming Soon:

- Week of the Child—April 16th-20th
- Graduation Pictures—Tuesday, April 11th
- Spring Pictures- Wednesday, April 12th
- Muffins for Mom—Friday, May 11th
- Open House—Wednesday, May 23rd
- Storyland Closed Monday, May 28th

Happy Birthday!

Kaiden Moppin	3/7	Anna Sikkelee	3/18
Hunter Fourniers	3/7	Ms. Margaret	3/22
Jake Owens	3/10	Audrey Krystofiak	3/27
Rohin Kombiyil	3/12	Lilly Jamaca	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!

