



March 2017

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 6th 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 17th.

<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 21st.

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/>

Summer session begins June 12th -August 17th.



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 22nd. 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.

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 17th 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!

Reminders

- If you love Storyland School, please share your experience at yelp.com or you can go directly to <http://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-preschool-livermore>
- If your child was sent home from school due to a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting and/or diarrhea, they must then remain at home for a minimum of 24 hours.
- 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:

Pennies for Patients March 1st-22nd
 St. Patrick's Day Parade & Party Friday, March 17th
 Easter Egg Hunt & Party Friday, April 14th
 Storyland closed on Monday, April 17th

Coming Soon:

Week of the Child—April 24th-28th
 Graduation Pictures—Tuesday, April 18th
 Spring Pictures Wednesday, April 19th
 Muffins for Mom—Friday, May 5th
 Open House—Wednesday, May 24th
 Storyland Closed Monday, May 29th

Happy Birthday!

Mallory McCauley	3/2
Kaiden Moppin	3/7
Rohin Kombiyil	3/12
Scotty Hillery	3/13
Jana Soliman	3/18
Jai Dhillon	3/19

Morgan Grant	3/20
Ms. Margaret	3/22
Audrey Krystofiak	3/27
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!

