



March 2019

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 1st 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 15th.

<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 18th.

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 April 12th.

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

Summer session begins June 10th -August 16th.



St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 15th 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!

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.

This year we will be donating all of the funds raised to one of our Storyland students in the Little Owls class, Ethan, who was diagnosed with Leukemia in January and is currently undergoing chemo treatments.

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 classrooms.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

March:

- Pennies for Patients March 4th-22nd
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade & Party Friday, March 15th
- Easter Egg Hunt & Party Friday, April 19
- Storyland closed on Monday, April 22nd

Coming Soon:

- Week of the Child—April 8th-12th
- Graduation Pictures—Wednesday, April 10th
- Spring Pictures– Thursday, April 11th
- Muffins for Mom—Friday, May 10th
- Open House—Wednesday, May 22nd
- Storyland Closed Monday, May 27th
- Graduation Day- Wednesday, June 5th

Happy Birthday!

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| Kaiden Moppin | 3/7 |
| Jake Owens | 3/10 |
| Lucas Hodges | 3/17 |
| Audrey Krystofiak | 3/27 |





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!

