# Ireen River Co-Op Preschool 5 DAY PROGRAM – MARCH CLASSNEWS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ....

- Board Meeting Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.
- Fire Drill Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Seuss Day– We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will enjoy some Dr. Seuss themed centers, art projects, snacks, and books.
- Fundraising The preschool board and teachers would like to thank you for making the Cookie Dough Fundraiser a great success. Watch for a note from the organizers to come home letting us know how much we made and the date for the fundraising items to be delivered.
- Teacher Work Days There will be no school on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> for scheduled Teacher Work Days.
- Easter Parties Easter parties will be held on Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
   We will be on a shortened party schedule for both days. Morning classes will run 9:30-11:25 and afternoon classes will be 12:05-2:00.
- Spring Break The preschool will be closed March 25<sup>th</sup>- April 2<sup>nd</sup> for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Wednesday, April 3rd.

- Preschool Growth & Development Observations

   We have been working to assess each child in our 3 & 5 Day classes. We are so proud of each child and the progress they have made this year. A letter was sent home with options for you to review your child's results. If you selected to have your child's results sent home, expect to have them by Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you decided you would like to meet with teachers to review results, expect to receive a schedule with assigned meeting times by Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Kindergarten Readiness Please work at home to help prepare your child for Kindergarten. Help them write their name, recognize letters and numbers, and remember that you can never read too much to a child. The preschool works on all these skills through a variety of methods at school, but practice at home will further encourage them. Try not to overdo it, as children develop at different times. Some children will be more ready than others. If there is anything we can help with at school, please bring it to our attention.

#### Thanks for your support!

Miss Kami, Miss Krista, Miss Lisa, & Miss Julianne

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM?

#### <u>Themes</u>

- Feb. 26-March 1 Here We Go
- March 4-8 Follow the Leader
- March 11-13 I'm Growing Everyday
- March 18-22 Everything Changes

#### **Playhouse Themes**

- Little Houses & Playsets
- The Farm

#### Language and Literacy

- Listening and responding to stories read aloud
- Participating in finger plays
- Taking turns speaking in a group
- Retell/sequence stories
- All About Me Pages
- Writing letters: H, I, G, E
- Writing our names
- Writing numerals 1-8
- Letter Hunts
- Letter Character Books
- Listening Center
- Ocean themed books center

#### **Math Skills**

- Number stories and songs
- Calendar patterns, counting, number identification
- Recognizing and identifying shapes
- Focus on numeral 8
- Seuss Counting Stickers
- Kite Pipe Cleaner Counting
- Mental Blox
- Shape cutting
- Easter Egg Pattern Activity
- Easter Matching Game

#### **Physical Development-Fine Motor**

- Using markers and/or other writing utensils
- Puzzles
- Painting
- Play dough
- Building/pattern blocks
- Cutting Folders
- Train Tracks
- Lacing
- Sand and Water/Sensory Table
- Build Truffula Trees

#### **Physical Development-Gross Motor**

- Various circle action games
- Dr. Seuss Ring Toss
- Dr. Seuss Scooter Maze

#### Social and Emotional Development

- Classroom Rules
- Group games
- Practice taking turns
- Sharing and getting along with others
- Singing songs
- Playhouse
- Following multi-step directions
- Calendar Manner Coins

#### **Science and Social Studies**

- Magnifying glasses with seashells
- Dr. Seuss themes
- Ocean themes
- Spring themes

#### **Creative Arts**

- Circle action games
- Dramatic Play-Playhouse
- Art Projects
  - Mr. Brown Can Moo
  - Wocket in My Pocket
  - o "I" Island
  - "I" Insect
  - Shark Art
  - Fish Bowl
  - Hermit Crab
  - "G" Gumball
  - o "G" Goldfish
  - Peter Rabbit
  - o "E" Elk
  - Cotton Ball Sheep Easter Bag
  - o "E" Elephant
  - Chick Easter Bag
  - o Easter Glasses
  - o Easter Bunny Door Hanger
  - o Easter Egg Handprint Art
  - o Bunny House