

Kountry Kids Learning Center

March 2008

A letter from our director...

I can't believe it is already March! St. Patrick's Day & Easter are fast approaching. We will have a combined party on March 20. The egg hunt will start at 10 a.m., and the party will take place at 2 p.m. We will be closed March 21 in observance of Good Friday.

We will begin the Midland Fundraiser the week of March 17 through 31, and orders and money need to be returned by April 2. The fall fundraiser was a real success, and we are hoping to be just as successful this spring!

Spring Break will begin on March 17. If your child plans on attending KKLC during that time, please make arrangements with your child's teacher so we may plan staffing and meals appropriately.

The "Book It" program will also begin this month. Each child will be receiving a certificate from Pizza Hut for a personal pan pizza, and materials will be sent home with your child.

Infant room happenings...

The infant room would like to thank every person that brought goodies for our Valentine party. The infants really enjoyed eating different foods. We had a wide variety, and the different textures were surprising, but also good.

We have a birthday girl at the beginning of March, and we would like to wish Alannah a very happy first birthday! Many happy wishes to you on this special day!

Our next celebration will be our St. Patrick's & Easter party, which will be held March 20. There will be a sign-up sheet posted for volunteers and treats.

Our themes for March are Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and spring. We will be closed March 21 to observe Good Friday and will reopen on the following Monday.

Once again, I want to thank all the parents for allowing me to teach their child while in the infant room.



Kristina enjoys one of the Intergenerational Art Projects with elders from Bent County Healthcare Center. Children from KKLC participate weekly in intergenerational activities with the elders.

Toddler news...

We had a good month in February, and we had lots of fun activities for Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays. We would like to give extra thanks to the parents who brought goodies for our Valentine party! They were all greatly appreciated.

This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and spring, and we will be doing lots of fun activities. The children will be coloring eggs for Easter! We will be closed March 21 in observance of Good Friday, and we wish all of you a blessed Easter! There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the Preschool Room door. We don't have any March birthdays in our classroom, but we want to wish the other children with March birthdays special birthday wishes!

March Birthdays

Jayden - March 2
Alannah - March 3
Alisse - March 23



Springtime is here!



Michael reads a book in the toddler room. Children in KKLC find books and storytime a regular part of the curriculum at the center.

Preschool happenings...

We had a fun month in February, and our Valentine Party was a success! Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and effort to make this day special for us.

We have a lot in store for the month of March. Our curriculum will focus around several events for the month. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, St. Patrick's Day, Easter, and spring. We will incorporate these themes into our curriculum so the children will have fun while learning concepts. Our annual parties for St. Patrick's Day and Easter will be combined this year and will be held March 20. The egg hunt will begin at 10 a.m., and the parties will begin at 2 p.m. We appreciate all family volunteers in providing snacks for this day. The sign-up sheet will be available, and the daycare will provide the eggs for hiding.

Jayden had a birthday March 2, and Alisse will celebrate her birthday March 23. Happy birthday to all our children with March birthdays, and we are looking forward to having another great month!



Do you have?

KKLC is always looking for items we can use in our classrooms and with activities. Do you have any of these items lying around your house that the daycare could use?

- Toys your children have outgrown
- Science stuff (pets, rocks, magnifying glasses, plants)
- Child-sized furniture or unused rocking chairs
- Puppet stage or puppets
- Drama items (dresses, ties, shoes, costumes, hats)
- Puzzles of all kinds
- Play food
- Magnets
- Tricycles or outside toys
- Old sheets for tents, old blankets
- Sand toys, trucks, squirt guns
- Balls of all shapes and sizes
- Crayons, marker, paper
- Old magazines, newspapers, scrap paper
- Craft supplies, paint supplies
- Old t-shirts for paint shirts
- Blocks or wood scraps
- Books of all kinds

March Celebrations

National Craft Month
National Nutrition Month
National Umbrella Month

March 3-7 Celebrate your Name Week

1 - National Pig Day

2 - Dr. Seuss' Birthday

9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

14 - International Ask a Question Day

17 - St. Patrick's Day

20 - First Day of Spring

23 - Easter Sunday

26 - Make up Your Own Holiday Day

Springtime Songs

See the Giant Sunflowers

Sung to: "Down by the Station"

Out in the garden, early in the springtime,
See the little sunflowers standing in a row.
See the happy farmer giving them some water,
Slurp, slurp, slurp, slurp, weed, and hoe!

Out in the garden, later in the summer,
See the giant sunflowers standing in a row.
See the happy farmer giving them some water,
Slurp, slurp, slurp, slurp, watch them grow!

Pretty Flowers

Tune: "Jingle Bells"

Pretty flowers, pretty flowers,
Growing everywhere.
Here are some pretty flowers
For your coat or hair.

Pretty flowers, pretty flowers,
Gold and pink and blue.
Red and yellow, orange and purple,
I picked them just for you!



Flowers Everywhere

Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"

Flowers, flowers everywhere,
In the garden, in my hair:
In the vase, at the store,
On the table, on the door.
What a lovely time of year,
Flowers blooming, bringing cheer.

Flowers Growing Song

Tune: "The Mulberry Bush"

(Have your children lay on the floor and curl up into balls. Have them pretend they are tiny seeds buried in the ground.)

This is the way we sprout our roots,
Sprout our roots, sprout our roots.
This is the way we sprout our roots,
When spring time is here.

This is the way we pop through the dirt,
Pop through the dirt, pop through the dirt.
This is the way we pop through the dirt
When spring time is here.

Additional verses: This is the way we stretch and grow,
This is the way we shoot up so tall,
This is the way we open our buds,
This is the way we bend in the breeze,
This is the way we smile at the sun.

Rainbow Puzzle

You can make a color rainbow puzzle for your child by using a 9x12 white piece of poster board.

- * Lay the cardboard sideways and draw a large arc using the bottom edge of the paper as the bottom of the arc.
- * With a pencil, mark off 12 inches on the bottom and draw pencil arcs connecting the first and last inch mark & so on making 6 1-inch arcs.
- * Cut out the six arcs and color the largest one red, the next largest orange, then yellow, green, blue, and purple for the last arc.
- * Throw away the inner arc and the other left-over papers.
- * Mix up the arcs and give them to your child.
- * Have him find the smallest arc (the purple one) and then place the other arcs on top, creating a rainbow of color arcs.