



The Learning Tree

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March Calendar

- ✂ **Monday, March 6:** Walk to the library
- ✂ **Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7:** Bring your favorite book day!
- ✂ **Thursday, March 2:** Dr. Seuss birthday party
- ✂ **Wednesday, March 8 and Thursday March 9:** Stone Soup
- ✂ **Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10:** Wear your favorite hat day
- ✂ **Wednesday, March 15:** Green Day
- ✂ **Thursday, March 16:** Green Day
- ✂ **Monday, March 20:** Miss Carolyn
- ✂ **Wednesday, March 22:** Music with Ms. Julie
- ✂ **Monday, March 27:** Wake Up Our Sleeping Bears and our Teddy Bear Picnic
- ✂ **Tuesday, March 28:** Wake Up Our Sleeping Bears and our Teddy Bear Picnic.



MARCH WIND

*Winds of March we welcome
you!
We have a job for you to do
Work and play and blow all day
Please blow the winter cold
away!*

Please blow winter away! (You may know I really don't mean that.)

It seems that we had all those March winds in February – not much along the lines of ice and snow!. We sometimes did 2 special things on one day; science followed by the library!

We hope that the winds of March will blow away winter and that the warm **breezes** of spring will be here soon.

Hugs and kisses to everyone who bought or baked cookies, cupcakes and assorted snacks for our Valentine Parties.

Thank you to **Miss Michelle** from Chrisstudio for all her energy and creativeness to get beautiful pictures! We used our lovely smiles for our school pictures – what a great way to remember all our Learning Tree friends! They are beautiful pictures of beautiful

children! We hope that you will be pleased with the results.

We also were able to make such beautiful music with our **Miss Julie**. She is always able to use up so much of our extra energy with our singing and dancing.

We will begin month celebrating Dr. Seuss. We will read lots of books with all the silly words we talked a lot about rhyming and opposites. The most fun will be eating green eggs and ham. We will count, cook, smell, taste and enjoy. The kids love seeing naturally colored eggs and noting that even though the eggs may be different on the outside they are all the same on the inside-----yummmmm.

In March we will be continuing our themes of senses and healthy bodies. We will be cuddling up to our favorite teddy as we celebrate waking our bears.

In between all these things we will talk about St. Patrick, lions and lambs, the wind and spring. Blows (like March winds) your mind doesn't it? I think this is just a hint of what's in store for us as we try to squeeze in all the fun things we've planned in before the school year ends.





Wake up Bears!

*Now it's time for sleeping
The bears go in their caves
It keeps them warm and cozy
Time for lazy days
When the snow is gone & the
sun comes out to play
The bears will wake up from
their sleep and then go on to
play!*

We will wake up our Teddy Bears! We will play!

Remember way back in January when we made a teddy bear to take home and hibernate for the winter? We said we'd wake them up in spring—well, it's almost time!

Bring those bears **March 27 and March 28** (if you still have them)!

Also bring your favorite stuffed teddy bear to hug and take to our Teddy Bear Picnic. We will be hugging and singing songs about teddies. We will eat teddy bear food and do a lot of dancing to celebrate the coming of spring.

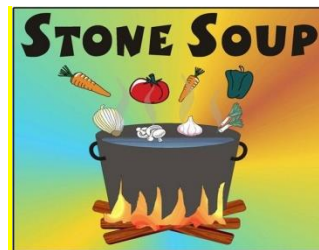


Read Across America

Read Across America is an annual event celebrated on or near March 2nd, which is the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. It is a nationwide reading celebration

that was created by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1997 to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading among children. This year we will have our own celebration of Dr. Seuss and reading! We will eat green eggs and ham. **On Monday, March 6 and Tuesday, March 7**, we encourage students to bring their favorite book from home. (please remind them we cannot read ALL of them) **On Thursday, March 9 and Friday, March 10**, send the littles in wearing their favorite hat!!

Guaranteed to be a bonkers week—just like we love them!



SOUP SALE

We are learning the value of community and the need to help each other through the wonderful story, *Stone Soup*. We will be reading the book and thinking of ways to help others. With this story in mind, we will be asking for your involvement. We will be asking each kiddo to bring in one food item for our own Stone Soup. Things like canned beans, corn, tomatoes or fresh potatoes or carrots. Anything! That's the beauty of the soup. We will be making it together and then, SURPRISE!, you will have the opportunity to buy our creation! **The final day for donations is March 11. We will be making the soup on the 8th and 9th.** An order form has gone out, if you'd like to share the children's creation with family



School Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is upon us! Registration forms will be going home with your kiddo in the next couple weeks. Please return the form and registration fee to either your teacher or Miss Nadene.

We will continue to register children until we are full. Please tell your friends! If, after registration you find that your circumstances have changed and your child will no longer be attending the Learning Tree in the fall, please let us know (although the registration fee is non-refundable). Thanks for your help!



For Children Going to Kindergarten:

Registration for children going to kindergarten in Allegany County is **during the month of April** at your child's "big kid" school. In order to register you will need:

1. Proof of residency (a utility bill with your name and address will suffice)
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Social Security card
4. Immunization record.

For additional information call the school or the Allegany County

Board of Education Pupil Services at 301-759-2001.

Mineral County School system does kindergarten enrollment at your convenience. You will need a state issued birth certificate and immunization records. You may call the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at 304-788-4200 for more information.

Bedford Area schools will have registration **June 7 and 8 by appointment.** You will need to call 814-623-4285 to schedule a time. Once an appointment is made, a registration packet will be mailed.



Daylight Savings Time Begins on Sunday, March 12th at 2 a.m.



**MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10**

I can't believe that I'm talking about this already! It is a very important day for us, so we are beginning our plans now. As many of you know (except for maybe some of our new moms) this is one of our biggest celebration of

the year - and why not, it's for our Moms!

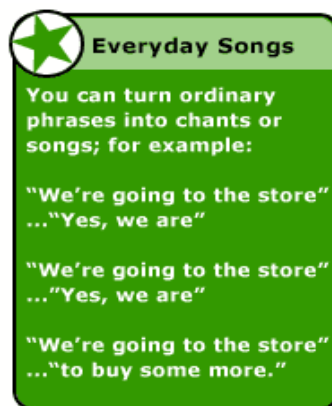
As we did with "Pancakes with Pop" we ask our families to bring in most of the necessary ingredients and then enjoy lunch with your child. It is a fundraiser and a great time with your little one.

We will begin collecting nonperishable items late April. Please check the bulletin boards for suggested items. Sign up and bring them to school. We will ask again in April. In May, we will be gathering the perishable items. Thanks so much!



Save the Date

Our end of year celebration is tentatively scheduled for the morning of **Friday, May 26!**



Music: The Learning Tool
(From an article by kid's health.com)



Like most preschoolers, your child probably already loves music and has favorite songs. This may have happened with little encouragement from you beyond simply playing music on long car trips.

But did you know that your preschooler is now at an ideal age to expand his or her musical horizons and abilities?

Kids who grow up hearing music, singing songs, and moving to the beat are enjoying what experts all "a rich sensory environment." That's just a fancy way of saying they're exposed to a wide variety of tastes, smells, textures, colors, and sounds. And researchers believe this forges more pathways between the cells in their brains.

Musical experiences are an important way to help create these pathways, also called neural connections. And while listening to music is certainly key to creating them, it's when kids actively participate in music that they make the strongest connections.

Research shows that kids who are actively involved in music (who play it or sing it regularly):

- do better in reading and math when they start school
- are better able to focus and control their bodies
- play better with others and have higher self-esteem

Preschoolers develop a catalog of songs, from "Happy Birthday" to "Old MacDonald." They begin by singing portions of favorite

songs, sometimes substituting different words or rhythms. Eventually, they can sing entire songs, although the pitch may be off.

You've probably noticed that your preschooler can keep a steady beat. You can help your child practice this skill by encouraging listening for beats — and determining if they're steady or not — in everyday objects. For example, point out the noise a kitchen clock makes and ask your child if it is a steady beat; then ask if a sound like a car horn or a dog barking has a steady beat. Practice clapping or tapping the beats to favorite songs and Practice "patterns" — using a rhythm instrument or your hands, play or clap short rhythmic patterns. Invite your child to echo what you just played. As your child gets older and more used to the game, make the patterns longer and more complicated. Allow him or her to lead. Encourage your child to copy you.



TWO YEAR OLD CLASS

February gave us a peek into Spring weather, so we are looking forward to exploring the beginning of Spring in March. Thank you for your generous gifts to the teachers and your Valentine's Day treats! The children enjoyed their day and went home with bags of goodies and fun. We smiled for the camera, showing our healthy smiles. We learned about how to stay healthy with good foods and doctor visits.

March will hopefully move us into more Spring weather. We should make it outside to look for early signs of Spring. Please wear closed shoes like sneakers so that mulch doesn't get into them making our outside time uncomfortable.

We celebrate Dr. Seuss right away by reading his books, dressing like that famous cat, and listening for rhymes. Our hibernating bears will wake up and return to school to have a picnic with us. We will be "wearin' the green" and doing other activities to become familiar with that Spring color. Wild animals have lots of patterns for us to explore.

This little poem may be one of my favorites, and the children love to ROAR! in it:

The March wind ROARS!
Like a lion in the sky.
It makes me shiver
As it passes by.

Your little ones are working on their finger strength to be prepared for future writing and cutting. Giving them time at home to paint and color with supervision would be time well spent.

Love,
Miss Angela and Miss Cathy



THREE YEAR OLD CLASS

We can't believe it's already March! February was filled with Love. We learned about how we show others love in friendships and in our families. The kids

enjoyed making Valentine's for friends and family. We also got to talk about our heart and dental health. We enjoyed learning about how we can take care of our hearts and teeth by eating healthy and exercising.

In March we are starting our month off celebrating Dr. Seuss. During this unit we will introduce rhyming with the help of many of Dr. Seuss's beloved books. The children will also get to try green eggs and ham! We will then explore our dinosaur unit where we will have fun learning facts about them. Finally, we will be making Stone soup this month so feel free to send donations in until....

As always we are so thankful you have allowed us to love on your little ones. We love seeing how much they have grown from the beginning of the year.

Love,
Miss Tesha and Miss Melinda



FOUR YEAR OLD CLASS

Spring is upon us! Finally! We're hoping the cold weather and snow are behind us and we're thinking Spring. We've been working hard in the four year old class — learning how to keep our bodies and teeth healthy, and we celebrated love - loving each other and ourselves! Our writing

practice is coming along nicely and will be a terrific addition to our graduation books.

As March moves in, we'll continue our progress toward kindergarten readiness. March begins most of our hands on science units. We'll work with rhyming words and Dr. Seuss books, as well as move toward some of our most exciting units on bugs, plants, animals, and how things grow. We're anxiously awaiting some time outside and our soon to be graduates!

March also brings registration dates for Kindergarten! We will be sending home information to help you prepare and know when and where to register your child! If you would like to speak with me briefly about the spring evaluations that we've done with each child before you register, please just let me know and I will make time at drop off or pick up!

With the weather starting to warm up we will be going outside every chance we get. PLEASE remember to send jackets and play shoes on your child! We can't wait to get outside and moving.

Love,
Miss Kelsey and Miss Tami



