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*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

# Legacy Lines

*A Newsletter for Families*

*March 2022*



## Thoughts from your Legacy Team...

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### Let's Celebrate

**Daylight Saving**  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

**St. Patrick's Day**  
Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

**First Day of Spring**  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>



## March Class Themes of the Month



### **Dreamers ~ Theme: Animal Babies**

We will explore the exciting world of animals. Key experiences will include our delightful rhyme, Mary Had a Little Lamb. We will teach what baby animals say, and look at the differences in their appearance. With St. Patrick's Day appearing this month, the dreamers will have a fun verse that goes along with it, sure to delight. With continued finger plays, sensory activities, and loads of love, your baby will have a great new month.



### **Travelers ~ Theme: E-I-E-I-O**

Our toddlers will be milking a cow, making books, matching numbers and pictures, and so much more! Celebrating St. Patty's day will present opportunities for interesting games, art projects, and a Shamrock Hunt. They will look for animals in books and learn the sounds each one makes. The nursery rhyme for March is "Little Boy Blue", sure to bring a smile to their little faces. Not only do the children celebrate green, but they will play Pass the Shamrock!



### **Adventurers ~ Theme: Talk to the Animals**

We will talk to, about, and with the animals in March. A week of Dinosaur days, a hunt for dino eggs, and making monkey bread. The Shamrock will delight your child while they learn the rhyme "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep". These activities and key experiences will lend themselves well to usher in a new season.



### **Discoverers ~ Theme: Animal Friends**

March brings with it a delightful new array of activities and learning experiences. Our little ones will learn the rhyme "Hey Diddle, Diddle", among others. Additional concepts include the weather, patterns, and of course St. Patrick's Day. What a wonderful month!



### **Voyagers ~ Theme: Pajamas & Pets—Pigs & Parades**

March brings with it some great new activities and projects. Let's learn about pets, predict some weather, march in a stuffed animal parade (in our pjs), and throw in a Leprechaun hunt! Children will develop an awareness of time intervals, an interest in parades, pigs, sun, moon, and stars and enjoy the rhyme "Hey Diddle, Diddle". Welcome March!



### **Navigators ~ Theme: Lights, Camera, Action!**

Navigators will be encouraged to create their own one act play or simple skit with a great deal of room for creativity. Our kids will be able to make up their own Holiday Day. Relative to character building, we discuss fairness. Charades, emotions, Dr. Seuss, braided rugs, and a rain stick are but a few awesome things to be experienced this month as spring fast approaches. Our school age kids will be eager to get out into the fresh air and witness the excitement of a new season!

## March

### Dreamers



**Math-** Dreamers will be exposed to colorful animal patterns while they work on color differentiation skills. They will also strengthen their number awareness as they count animals on the farm!

**Science-** March is about exploration as infants learn where their head is on their body and identify animals by sound.

**Social Studies-** March's lessons will focus on fostering positive identity and an emerging sense of self and others.

### Travelers



**Math-** Travelers will work on their understanding of big and small and differentiating between the two. They will also strengthen their understanding of more and less.

**Science-** Toddlers will get a chance to be zookeepers and care for all the animals in the zoo. They will also learn all about birds and get to discover different kinds of birds.

**Social Studies-** Toddlers will work on becoming a part of the classroom and gain a sense of belonging.

### Adventurers



**Math-** Adventurers will strengthen their shape recognition skills as they match shapes. They will work on their understanding of object quantities with a game of Bingo Wants a Bone!

**Science-** Adventurers will learn about animals and their environments. They will discover what animals live in the Arctic and what animals use camouflage as protection.

**Social Studies-** Adventurers will learn about teachers and get a chance to be the teacher. They will also learn about accepting differences in others.

### Discoverers



**Math-** Discoverers will build a deeper understanding of numbers as they explore the concept of equal. They will measure with non-standard units of measurement, too.

**Science-** 3-year-olds will dive into the animal kingdom and learn about animal habitats. They will discover land, air, and sea animals. They will also learn all about hibernation and get a chance to build their own bear cave!

**Social Studies-** This month, Discoverers will strengthen their sense of belonging in the classroom as they learn about animal groups and help create their class group name. They will also learn about the state they live in and how the 50 states make up our country.

### Voyagers



**Math-** Voyagers will work on their concept of measuring with standard and non-standard units of measurement. They will also strengthen their understanding of object quantities as they add more animals to their zoo!

**Science-** 4-year-olds will learn about the differences between nocturnal and diurnal animals. They will also discover the differences between animals and humans.

**Social Studies-** This month, Voyagers will learn about what it takes to be a good leader and get a chance to be the leader of a group. They will also learn about countries and create their own country.



Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated to read and spend more time reading do better in school.

Helping your children enjoy reading is one of the most important things you can do as a parent, and it's worth the investment of your time and energy. Children will learn reading skills in school, and often they come to associate reading with work, not pleasure. As a result, they lose their desire to read. It is that desire—the curiosity and interest—that is the cornerstone of benefitting from reading and reading related skills successfully.

By far the most effective way to encourage your children to love books and reading is to read aloud to them; the earlier you start, the better. Even a baby a few months old can see pictures and listen to your voice.

You can also encourage your children to love books by reading books yourself. They want to be just like you!

They will soon mimic you and sit down with a book of their own, even if they can't read yet.

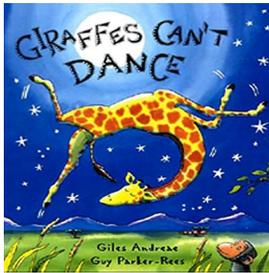


**“You're never  
too old, too wacky, too wild,  
to pick up a book and  
read to a child.”**

-Dr. Seuss

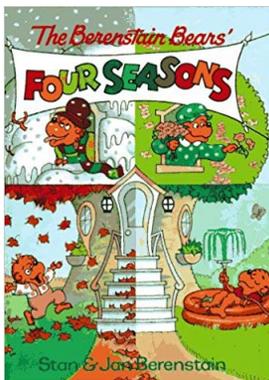
Make reading together a special time to hold your kids and share the pleasure of a story without the distractions of screens. You may be surprised to find that a well-written children's book is often as big a delight to you as it is to the little ones.

## March Books



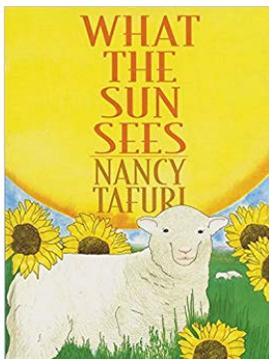
### **Giraffes Can't Dance**

By: Giles Andreae



### **The Berenstain Bears' Four Seasons**

By: Stan & Jan Berenstain



### **What the Sun Sees**

By: Nancy Tafuri

## Storybook STEAM

### **Objective**

Build a bridge strong enough to hold the three billy goats gruff

### **Materials**

Building Blocks (books, boxes, etc. are great substitutes)

Paper

Animal figurines or drawings



### **Directions**

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Read *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* together. If you do not have a copy of the book there are many online story time versions that you can view together.

**Younger Children:** Use the blocks and paper to build a bridge together. Take turns walking the billy goats across the bridge and retelling the story. Very young children will want to topple the bridge over, which is a great activity to reinforce concepts of cause and effect.

**Older Children:** Show your child the gathered materials and ask, "how can we build a bridge that will hold all three billy goats?"

Give your child some time to experiment with the materials, then together make a plan on how to build a bridge that will hold the animals. Your child may want to draw their design.

Build and test your design. Continue to redesign your bridge until it is able to hold the three figurines. Once you have successfully supported the three billy goats, discuss how your design changed throughout the activity.

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