



## **March Newsletter 2020**

### **4's Class**

**Mrs. Heather and  
Mrs. Friday**

Spring is in the air (or at least we hope it will be!). I don't know about you, but I am ready for a break from the clouds, rain and illness that February brought us. The bright side of February is that I had lots of time to get to know all of your awesome children and we are having a blast.

I have made the decision NOT to send home homework for your children. Research shows that young children learn best through play and everyday life. I want your time at home to be relaxing. That being said, if you would like an activity idea, just ask! You will also notice fewer tracing sheets. We are using handwriting without tears each Tuesday, but the best way to stimulate the "letter box" part of the brain where letter, phonics and reading connections happen is through free-writing. I will be encouraging your children to write without using tracing.

For March we will spend the first part of the month celebrating all things Dr. Seuss and focusing on rhyming words. We will look at rhyming sounds and also explore how letter combinations are the reason behind the rhyme (op-at-it-en-in). The second half of the month we will be exploring science concepts around weather, specifically rainbows, clouds, sun and shadows. We may have a leprechaun visit our classroom with some mischief. The children will also have an opportunity to explore leprechaun traps- I want them to focus on planning and then trying out their ideas. Our dramatic play areas will be a taco stand and flower shop.

The fruit of the spirit this month will be gentleness. We will begin touching on this at the end of February when we talk about caring for pets. The flower shops also offers opportunities to be gentle and nurturing. We will brainstorm ways that we can be gentle with one another too.

#### **Specials Announcements:**

Please bring a cardboard egg carton to class on Tuesday, March 3

Leprechaun Sightings- March 17

Spring Break is March 23-27

## Activity Corner:

### Shaving Cream Rain Clouds

Our water cycle bag isn't the only way to make rain happen. You can easily make a sensory rain cloud experience for your kids at home with just shaving cream.



### Supplies for Shaving Cream Rain Clouds

1. A Glass or Jar
2. Shaving Cream
3. Water
4. Food Coloring
5. Dropper or Straw

### How To Make Shaving Cream Rain Clouds

- Fill your glass or jar 3/4 of the way full with water. Add shaving cream to the top. This is our fluffy cloud.
- Mix a little blue food coloring with some water. Again, this is option, but it makes the rain much easier to see. Have your child add drops of the blue water to the cloud.
- As the water gets heavier and heavier it will start to fall out of the cloud and make rain! This is what happens with real clouds. The water droplets get heavier and heavier until they fall down as rain.
- Fun fact: The average cumulus cloud weighs 1.1 million pounds!) This activity works fine motor skills as your child manipulates the dropper or straw to add the droplets. You can also enjoy the sensory fun of playing with the clouds too.

Taken from <https://team-cartwright.com/easy-weather-science-experiments/>

We hope you enjoy trying this experiment out with your children! Enjoy March- let's hope the month comes in and exits like a lamb.

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