



March 2016 Newsletter

Chatham School House

Director's Corner

I would like to begin by congratulating Miss Jessica on her wedding this past weekend! She was a beautiful bride and we all wish her and her husband a wonderful life together.



We are happy to be continuing to make strides with the Grow NJ Kids Certification. Recently, we passed the first part of the certification in the area of Health & Safety. We are moving through the 4 other categories and will update you on our progress.

Next Thursday, April 7th at 7pm we will be having a Parent Educational Workshop on children's nutrition. We will be discussing the importance of appropriate nutrition during different age groups. Please email me to RSVP by

Monday, April 4th.

The children's beautiful portraits have arrived and I am so delighted how well they all turned out! The children looked adorable and the spring themed backgrounds looked great. Please let us know if you will be purchasing any pictures so we can let Lifetouch know by the end of this week. We will be having Fall portraits done later this year and will advise on the date soon.

Have a great weekend!

~ Miss Rima

In Our Infant Room

I would like to give a warm welcome to Sarah and her family to our Infant Room! We are happy to have you join our School House.



The infants are having fun exploring the indoor and outdoor environments. They have been working on their gross motor play by climbing, and practicing walking. This month, we finger painted shamrocks and Easter eggs. The children hopped like bunnies, learned the 5 Little Bunnies song, and looked for eggs in our indoor egg hunt. For sensory play, the children walked over a plastic table cover getting a chance to feel the texture with their hands and feet. Sand play is essential in our Infant room. Happy Spring

In Our Toddler Room

Our theme's this month included Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, forest animals, letter Z, and Easter. We had so much fun creating Dr. Seuss hats, bunnies, decorating eggs, animal faces and so much more.



We enjoyed learning new songs with Big Jeff about St. Patrick's Day, but our favorite was a finger play called "The Way the Bunny Hops". We loved hopping to the song. We had so much fun learning and playing this month and are looking forward to a great April. Hope you all enjoyed your holiday and are ready for the beautiful, spring weather!

In Our Preschool Classroom

The Preschool class has been busy learning about forest animals. We made adorable foxes, bears, owls and raccoons! We studied March weather, learning that "March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb". For art



projects, we made really cute lions and lambs! The St. Patrick's Day celebration in our classroom was a lot of fun. We had a scavenger hunt for any green items in our classroom! We made leprechauns, painted rainbows and painted shamrocks to decorate our classroom. We learned a leprechaun song and poem, and heard many St. Patrick's Day stories.

Each week, Big Jeff continues to bring joy to the Preschoolers as they jump, hop, and spin while listening to all the catchy songs! Preschoolers are also moving, stretching, and breathing during yoga class as we explore the daily theme through movement.

In Our Pre-K Classroom

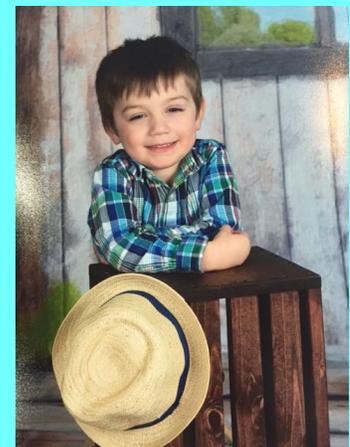
The Pre-K class has been busy learning about "STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) activities. For one experiment, we mixed together baking soda, food coloring, and vinegar to make "exploding rainbows"! We also have been doing activities including stacking pennies in a bridge formation and folding paper columns in the shape of a circle, a triangle, and a square to see which one could hold the most books! The circle won! It held 23 books! Another area of Science we learned about was wind and air. We learned about letter Xx (for x-ray) and letter Yy (for yellow), and learned an x-ray poem and a poem about the color yellow. We practiced writing the letters X and Y. We also learned the nursery rhyme "Little Bo Peep". We have been practicing writing and spelling words including words associated with the art projects we have been doing. A community helper we learned about this month was Forest Ranger.



Weekly yoga and music sessions continue to get the children moving and having fun at the same time! We are so glad Spring is here!

Happy Birthday!

- Grayson turned 3 on March 9th



Reminders

- April 7- Parent Educational Workshop on Nutrition at 7pm.



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