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MARCH THEME Digging in the Dirt!	
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES	
Tuesday, March 2 nd	Dr. Seuss Birthday
Thursday, March 11 th	Bed Time Stories (7:00 p.m.)
Sunday, March 14 th	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Wednesday, March 17 th	St. Patrick's Day CPR & First Aid Class (6:30 p.m.)
Thursday, March 25 th	Parent Teacher Organization meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Friday, March 26 th	Parent Night Out (6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)

Dear Families:

Welcome to spring! Do you remember, as children, how much we loved to play in the dirt? This month our theme, Digging in the Dirt, will encourage children to do just that. Apart from being fun and a little messy, it actually has powerful educational value. Since children really enjoy playing with different forms of dirt, play in dirt naturally guides children to opportunities for scientific exploration and helps build math and language skills. Don't miss our Bedtime Stories event. You will be amazed at how this storyteller can make books come alive, using humor and colorful props. Wear your green on the 17th as we are all Irish on that day!

From Ms. Alison, Director

READING TIPS FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Read early and read often! The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

- ✓ Read together every day
Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close.
- ✓ Give everything a name
Build your child's vocabulary by talking about interesting words and objects.
- ✓ Read with fun in your voice
Read with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!
- ✓ Know when to stop
Put the book away for a while if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention.
- ✓ Be interactive
Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions.
- ✓ Read it again and again
Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!
- ✓ Talk about writing, too
Mention to your child how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.
- ✓ Point out print everywhere
Talk about the written words you see in the world around you.