

# Cathedral House Monthly News



## Important Dates



Friday, April 8th -  
Opening Day  
Astros Game - 6:05 pm



Week of the  
Young Child  
4/11/11 -  
4/17/11

Hat Parade and Egg Hunt -  
Thursday, April 21st  
9:30 am



Earth Day -  
Friday, April 22nd

Good Friday -  
Friday, April 22nd  
Cathedral House Closed



Arbor Day -  
Friday, April 29th

## April's Curriculum

This month's theme is 'Sprouting Scientists.' Watch us delve into the world of science and perform experiments of all kinds. Science is one of the most fascinating areas that is fun to learn. What better way to absorb what we learn than performing experiments that teach us the lesson. Look out for lots of fun & exciting science lessons that are followed by experiments to accompany the concept.

## Friendly Reminders

- As we move into warmer weather, please bring appropriate changes of clothes for your children. Children will be most comfortable in clothing they can get dirty.
- Keep in mind that safe foot wear is particularly important. We want the children to be able to climb safely on all our playground equipment. We ask that children avoid wearing flip flops, crocs, and backless sandals.
- Please give the front desk a copy of any updated immunization records. These records can also be faxed to the school by your doctor's office.
- Please update contact information including change of address, phone numbers or email.
- The playground closes at 6:00 p.m. Please be considerate of the staff and exit the building at this time.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Moms and Muffins— Friday, May 6th**

To show our appreciation of the mothers of Cathedral House, we are planning a special breakfast for you! Please join your child in his/her classroom and have breakfast together from 7:00 a.m.-9:00a.m.

## **Kindergarten Graduation— Friday, May 20th In the Cathedral**

It is that time of year again! As much as we do not like to see our children grow up and move on to their new schools for their elementary years, we are so proud of them! If your children will be leaving this summer, please remember that a 45 day written notice is required for deposit refunds.

## **Week of the Young Child— Monday, April 11th— Friday, April 15th**

Parents, look for special activities that your child's classroom will be putting together for this week. Many of these activities may include parent participation. This is a great time to learn new things that you can work on with your children.

## **Hat Parade & Egg Hunt— Thursday, April 21st**

Parents, join us in the courtyard at 9:30 a.m. as the children show off their special hats. There will be an egg hunt to follow.

**No School on Friday, April 22nd.**

**Parking for all events will be available  
in the Cathedral Parking Garage on  
San Jacinto.**

## **ASTROS OPENING DAY— APRIL 8, 2011**



The Houston Astros begin their 2011 season, on Friday, April 8th. It is a big day celebrated in the downtown area. Please note that all the festivities may affect traffic flow. Opening Day activities will begin with first pitch to be thrown at 6:05 pm. For those familiar with the baseball games, you are aware that traffic builds up on Texas Avenue and affects your ability to arrive at school by closing at 6:00 pm. We will alert you when early or high traffic games take place so that your arrival and departure will be safe and timely to avoid late fee charges.

# What on EARTH did you do this month?

## Nursery I

Nursery I was quite busy this month! We began the month with Dr. Seuss's birthday festivities. Thanks to all for dressing up in their best Dr. Seuss outfits. We hope everyone liked the handmade hats that were made for each and every one of you!

Next on the list this month was the Mardi Gras Parade! Thanks to all the parents for making this year another special event. We hope the caps that were worn will be a special memory for years to come.

We have a new face joining us this month in our Nursery I classroom! Joel E. has joined us and we are so glad he did. He has already made friends in his new classroom.

As new friends join us, we must say goodbye to some of our veterans. Sarah N. and Kyle P. have joined the big kids in Nursery II and we will miss them dearly! Please come and visit!

## Nursery II

Nursery II was full of fun and laughter. We began the month with Dr. Seuss's birthday and went on to the Mardi Gras Parade. This year's parade was loads of fun as we all paraded around the courtyard and showed off our Mardi Gras hats. Thanks to all our parents for making it so special. We also wore green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. None of us wanted to get pinched this year!

This month, we also worked on lots of Language development. Although we may not be speaking in sentences anytime soon, we have been getting lots of books read to us. This is a great way to help develop our language skills. In addition to books, we have been singing lots of songs during circle time. Especially songs that have our names in it. This is a great way to get us to recognize and answer to our names! We are so happy to have Sarah and Kyle join us this month. We hope they love their new classroom. Our friends Stephen, Caroline and Ollie have moved onto new adventures in Movement I. We hope they remember the fun they had in their old class!

## Movement I

During the month of March, we learned a lot about the color green. We painted with green paint, we learned about the turtle and the frog and we dressed up in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We also enjoyed having a Parade for Mardi Gras. We have also been busy learning our body parts and facial features. Our friend Yana has even taught some of her friends how to say "bye bye" in Russian. So, if you happen to hear your child saying "paka paka" (the p sounds like a b) that is what they're saying!



'Green' art



Pot of gold painting



## Movement II

What a busy month! We celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day. All these events in one month! Along with these celebrations, we worked on lots of ground rules: fine and gross motor movement. One of the ground rules we focused on that incorporates both fine and gross motor movement is rolling the rug. Rolling a rug is important for our class to learn because it helps them work on their fine and gross motors and understand that the rug represents their workspace. All their work should be placed on the rug. This helps keep a neat and tidy classroom. We also worked on lots and lots of books and songs. We want to help develop our language skills, so you may hear us ask everyone to 'use your words.' Books and songs help introduce new words to your child's vocabulary.

Ms. Patricia has also helped introduce lots of Spanish vocabulary this month. If you have questions about the Spanish curriculum, check out the Spanish Corner page.

The month of March was full of lots of art activities. Art activities are a great way to work both the fine and gross motors. We began the month with Dr. Seuss's birthday. We put together our own green eggs and ham that we made out of construction paper. This is a great way to use our fine motors as we put the work together.

For Mardi Gras we strung our own necklaces with beads, coins, and charms. Bead stringing is a great way to strengthen our pincer fingers. We also made crowns for the girls and masks for the boys for our Mardi Gras parade. Did you see us parading around the courtyard?

St. Patrick's Day was a special day and we all wore green. Toddler One came together to make our "We're As Good as Gold" bulletin board. We used all our handprints to create the colors of the rainbow. Then, we got to color our very own leprechaun. Wow! What a great month!



Screw and Unscrew



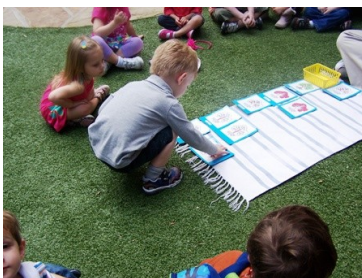
Rolling a Rug

## Toddler I



Mardi Gras Crowns & Masks

## Toddler II



Parts of a Tree Lesson



Dr. Seuss Hats

The month of March was filled with wonderful surprises and festive celebrations.

Dr. Seuss's birthday started things off with a bang and children not only read the book "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," but they perforated, counted, and ate fish (goldfish) as a special treat. Mardi Gras celebrations showed our festive side as we paraded for the parents. All the children enjoyed making their masks and they played games like the Pancake Toss and the Pancake Walk.

Academically, we focused on many Science lessons such as the lifecycle of the butterfly, the frog, parts of the tree, and plant as well as the difference between plants and animals and living and nonliving things.

On St. Patrick's Day, the children were excited to know that the leprechaun was going to visit. They all went to sleep bursting with anticipation. Much to their surprise, they found him not in the classroom, but hiding in the bushes outside on the playground frozen because they had seen him. However, the children found skittles instead of a pot of gold but they all had a chance to taste the rainbow!

# Primary I

Our month started with a bang as we celebrated Mardi Gras with a parade. We had a great time sharing beads with everyone. We also celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by trying green eggs and ham. We liked them so much we would eat them here, there, and anywhere. The children were very excited to get a visit from a leprechaun on St. Patrick's day. They especially enjoyed the yummy skittles he left for them.

We learned that plants need three essential things to help them grow: light, air, and water. We also learned the names of the parts of a plant and flower. We can hardly wait to see all the new spring blooms. We learned butterflies start their life as a caterpillar, then they go through a metamorphosis to become a butterfly. We got to see real pictures of the lifecycle of a butterfly. We have had a great month and are excited for the welcoming adventures.

## Primary II

We talked about butterflies and how they come about. First, butterflies start off as caterpillars. Then, they make a cocoon on a leaf and stay there until they break out of it and become a beautiful butterfly. We showed the metamorphosis of a butterfly on our own paper plate artwork. The class really enjoyed it.

We would like to thank Sprague for sharing his plant with the class. This plant is special because it grows strawberries!

For St. Patrick's Day, we enjoyed a visit from Lucky the leprechaun, who left little treats. The class was so excited to see the tiny footprints left behind.

The Hat Parade is coming up next month and we would like to thank all of our parents for participating in the Mardi Gras Parade. Come join us on April 21st in the courtyard to see all the special hats we make.



Metamorphosis of a Butterfly

Strawberry Plant



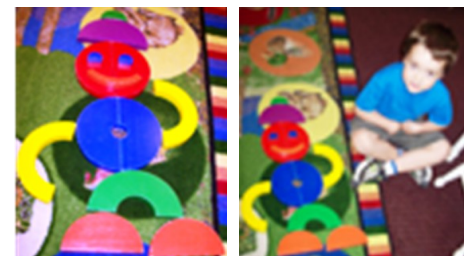
Leprechaun Footprints

## Kindergarten

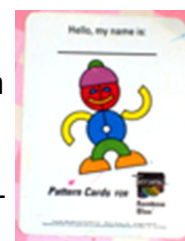
In the month of March the children started noticing the weather change early on. You would

hear comments from them like, "I like this weather better than the freezing cold" or, "Yay! The sun is shining." I think it's unanimous that all of us in Kindergarten are really enjoying the beautiful spring weather. This month we also enjoyed celebrating St. Patrick's Day by wearing green and making green necklaces. But, I think the most exciting thing about St. Patrick's Day was the visit from a Leprechaun. My guess is that you probably heard a lot about him. I know I did. The talk of his visit started at least a week before St. Patrick's Day. During the early morning and late afternoons, the children work in the freework work area. This area is filled with lots of activities that help teach many important life skills in a fun and interesting way. Just take a look at Henry's freework activity. He enjoys copying a pattern card to make things from different sized and shaped blocks. This activity helps promote visual skills and lengthens attention span.

Can you believe it's time to prepare for Graduation? The Kindergarten Graduation is Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Every Kindergarten child participates in this special ceremony, so please mark your calendars for this occasion.



Patterns



# Spanish Corner

Here are some of the Spanish vocabulary we will be working on throughout the month of Abril (April):

## Easter (Pascua):

conejito	Easter bunny
huevitos	Easter eggs
sacatito	Easter grass
canasta	Easter basket
dulce	candy
Pascua	Easter

hola

## Color (Color):

me encanta

pink	rosa
white	blanco
yellow	amarillo
purple	morado

me gusta

¿cómo estás?

## My Bunny Song (Mi Conejito):

amiga

Salta mi conejito  
para tus orejitas  
come to sacatito  
mi conejito  
mi conejito  
El domingo de pascua  
voy a buscar huevitos  
¿Donde los escondiste  
mi conejito, mi conejito?

adiós

mi casa su casa

caliente

## Plants, Animals and Weather (Plantas, Animales, Clima):

patito	duck
flor	flower
mariposa	butterfly
sombrilla	umbrella
rain	lluvia
sun	sun

genio

muy mal

fiesta

sí

así así

¿qué pasa?

muy bien

amigo

gracias

no me gusta

# Cathedral House April Birthdays

	<b>Sprague B.</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>4 years old</b>	
	<b>Alexis S.</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>5 years old</b>	
	<b>Sawyer M.</b>	<b>April 7</b>	<b>2 years old</b>	
	<b>Owen E.</b>	<b>April 9</b>	<b>2 years old</b>	
	<b>Julian N.</b>	<b>April 10</b>	<b>4 years old</b>	
	<b>Caleb F.</b>	<b>April 11</b>	<b>3 years old</b>	
	<b>Andrew D.</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>3 years old</b>	
	<b>Logan J.</b>	<b>April 14</b>	<b>2 years old</b>	
	<b>Amelia P.</b>	<b>April 16</b>	<b>4 years old</b>	
	<b>John H.</b>	<b>April 17</b>	<b>4 years old</b>	
	<b>Anna N.</b>	<b>April 25</b>	<b>6 years old</b>	
	<b>Kaden B.</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>3 years old</b>	
	<b>Annabel P.</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1 year old</b>	
	<b>Jack P.</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>1 year old</b>	

# Staff Birthdays

	<b>Ms. Tamesha</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>Toddler II</b>	
	<b>Ms. Aida</b>	<b>April 15</b>	<b>Nursery II</b>	
	<b>Ms. Teri</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>Administration</b>	
	<b>Ms. Terri</b>	<b>April 18</b>	<b>Movement I</b>	
	<b>Ms. Lisa</b>	<b>April 21</b>	<b>Administration</b>	
				