



Play and Prep Preschool Newsletter

March 2020

News from the Directors- Mrs. Halley & Mrs. Johnson

February was a month filled with LOVE! Each class celebrated Valentine's Day with special snacks brought in by our parent reps. Many students wrote "love letters" to friends and family in their post office or letter writing centers in their classrooms as well. Thank you to the parents that mailed a card to your little Valentine in our post office box during conferences.

In March, we look forward to our all-school field trip to the Children's Museum of Cleveland. The Eco Explorers will return to our school for an environmental education program this month as well. Finally, Spring Break will be from Friday, March 20th through March 29th.

Spring Malley's Chocolate fundraising information went home in your child's folder. Paper orders and payments are due on March 13th and will be ready for pick-up by Wednesday, April 1st. Online orders may be placed until April 6th and delivered via mail directly to individual homes. You can place an online order at: <https://malleys.com/fundraising/campaign/play-and-pre-p-2/>

Please keep sending in your child with snow pants, mittens, hat, and boots - we will be outside. The winter gear will keep them warm even if there isn't snow.

We really appreciate all those that have volunteered to clean toys. Let's keep our students healthy in 2020! Here's the link to sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a9ab2ca6f49-play1>

Looking forward to Spring!

Important Dates

Mar. 4- All-school field trip to Children's Museum
Mar. 13- Malley's Chocolate Fundraising orders due
Mar. 19- Eco Explorers program (9:30 AM and 12:45 PM)
Mar. 20-29- NO SCHOOL Spring Break
Mar. 30- School resumes

Summer camp information will be going home this week?. Our PNP families are able to register before we open it up to non PNP families. Please sign up by March 19th for priority registration.

Below are some easy ways to support our school: Check out our fundraising page at **Mabel's Labels** at www.mabelslabels.com and click on Support a Fundraiser then find Play and Prep Preschool in the school listing. Play and Prep will receive a percentage from your order.

Giant Eagle Apples for Students

Register your Giant Eagle Advantage Card at GiantEagle.com/AFTS enter Play and Prep's School ID #5977.

Heinen's Tasteful Rewards School Program

Register Play and Prep with your Tasteful Reward Card at heinens.com/schools, In-store at the Customer Service Desk, or call Customer Relations Department at 1-855-475-2300 ext. 2337. Past participants must **RE-SELECT** Play and Prep by logging in to their Tasteful Rewards profile.

Oak- Mrs. Balog



Spring is just around the corner! I know the kids are ready. During March we will explore 2D and 3D shapes. We are going to create art based on the book [The Perfect Square](#). Next, we are going to become veterinarians. The kids will be able to each bring in one pet (a stuffed animal) and we will learn how to take care of our pets. Our dramatic play area will turn into a vet office too! Ending March we are going to celebrate Spring! We'll plant flowers, dig, and create everything Spring!

Pine- Ms. Cline



The Pine classroom took in a lot of literature during the month of February! We had fun with hats as we read Jon Klassen's hat trilogy. We enjoyed meeting Circle, Triangle, and Square as we read Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen's shape series. We laughed at Mo Willems' sense of humor as we read his Elephant and Piggie books. We thought about what makes a community as we read some more Mac Barnett favorites. In March, we will travel to outer space as we learn about our solar system. We will also follow our interest in letter-writing as we start a postal unit. Get ready for lots of mail!

Maple- Mrs. Schofalvi



February was a wonderful month that started off with a pajama party, celebrated our love for one another, had us exploring our feelings, and concluded with us testing our five senses. We made cocoa; painted, sewed and stamped our love for others; talked about what makes us happy, sad, mad and silly; and tested our senses with Eye Spy books, by identifying sounds we heard, by describing how things we touch with our hands and feet feel; graphing if we thought foods smelled good or bad; and taste tested popcorn. We made Eye Spy/Noise Makers, crafted a Texture Train with objects from our classroom, smelled peppermint, onion, garlic, pickle, chocolate, coffee, orange, pineapple and cinnamon and watched, listened, smelled, touched and tasted popcorn. Yum!!! This month we will go to Space, go on a field trip to the Children's Museum, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, study the weather and welcome Spring.

Willow- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



During February we talked a lot about friendship and our feelings. We learned positive ways to express our feelings and how movement and art can impact our moods. With Winter coming to an end (hopefully!) we will begin learning about Spring, flowers, and plants during the month of March. We will also highlight rhyming as a theme throughout the month as we read plenty of Dr. Seuss books in honor of his birthday. I hope you all can join us for our all school field trip to the Cleveland Children's Museum on Wednesday, March 4! Have a happy and safe Spring Break at the end of the month!

2's Class- Mrs. Pecherkiewicz



With the end of winter drawing near we will start exploring Spring as well as plants and flowers. We will be continuing to practice classroom routines and really focus on completing tasks independently. We will complete some fun color sorting activities and even go on a color hunt outside if the weather permits! Enjoy your Spring Break at the end of the month!

Messy Monday and Outdoor Class- Mrs. Juergemeier



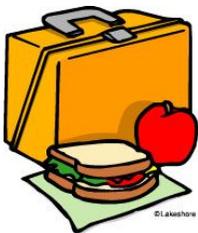
We created some very inspired art pieces as we listened to various stories about real and imaginary artists who became inspired by nature to create! We also explored shapes and patterns that can be found in nature. We even managed to get a few good days of snow play! March promises more fun with fairies and leprechauns taking over the outdoor garden space! We will practice some construction skills as we make fairy bricks and build fairy houses and a leprechaun trap or two!

Outdoor class students will be having an Eating the Alphabet Party as we finish Lois Ehlert's delightful book and our letter journal! We will also have another visit with the Eco-explorers to learn about weather. Mystery Readers will start to visit us at the end of the day – I wonder who it will be?

After spring break, we will start making garden plans! Hooray!

Outdoor has some Wishlist items which can be dropped off at the office.

Fairy house building materials including:
particularly small pieces of bark
moss
twine
small pines cones
small rocks



Lunch Bunch/Extended Day- Ms. Cline and Mrs. Perlberg

In February, Extended Day friends made Valentines treats for our birds in the garden, created a rainbow out of collage materials, and enjoyed dramatic readings of our favorite Elephant and Piggie books. We made lots of mail for our families and friends at the writing center, and we built for our toy animal friends using blocks and Lincoln Logs. In March, we will be thinking Spring! Flowers, insects, rainbows, and leprechauns will be our inspirations for the month.

Science- Mrs. Chapek



We will be finishing up learning about how color and temperature work together for the first part of the month. Then we will cross over with woodshop and learn about weather and how the seasons change. Spiny is ready for the weather to get warm as he has been having a few awake periods of time. I have let him know the students miss him!

Woodshop - Mrs. Chapek



The 3's friends will get their chance at creating a cool string art project and practice hammering. Then the students will get to crossover with Science class and make a weather station so they can mark what the weather is for the day and be able to practice using a screwdriver. At the end of the month we will be thinking Spring and creating an indoor flower (that doesn't need watering).



Music- Mrs. Perlberg

We will continue to explore instrument families in March. We will be learning about the instruments in the woodwind and string families by figuring out how to identify them and discovering how they make sound.



Creative Movement- Mrs. Johnson

In February, we “rowed boats” using scooters and plungers to help build strong core muscles, improve body awareness, and practice bilateral sequencing. We also had fun celebrating Dr. Seuss’s birthday, with Suess-inspired activities like Green Eggs and Ham relay races, Hop on Pop bubble wrap popping, and Ten Apples Up on Top balance beam walking with sandbag apples. We will begin our basketball unit in time for “March Madness”.