



HAPPENINGS

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Teachable Moments

Take advantage of everyday chances to share life lessons with your child.

In the car: Grab your child's attention with a lesson about the rules of the road, and you might actually help delay the inevitable question, 'Are we there yet?' **Little Kid Lessons:** Talk through each step: Buckling your seat belt, using a key to start the car, and putting in gas so car will go. Explain that it is the law to stop at red lights, slow down at yellow, and go at green so that cars coming from different directions will each have a turn and no one will get hit. Say, "We pull over for ambulances and fire trucks if their sirens are on because that means they need to get an emergency quickly. Your kids will start to understand why you need to focus on the road when you are driving. **Big-Kid Lessons:** Point out the speed limit signs, explain why it's important to follow them, and show how to read the speedometer. Let your older child be you co-pilot where he can learn to read the map and follow driving directions. Teaching kids about streets and landmarks helps them develop a general awareness of their surroundings.

At the grocery store: When you cook a meal, you have to think ahead, follow a plan and make choices. Let your child help you at the supermarket so he can practice these skills. **Little-kid lessons:** Have him draw a shopping list with pictures, or cut out photos from magazines and have them paste it on the paper. Then have your child look for them on the shelves as you go through the store. **Big-kid concept:** Have your older child write out his own grocery list with foods or his lunch box and snacks. Have your child

Look through newspapers to clip coupons for items your family usually buys. You can even help them start to budget by letting them spend some of their allowance on a treat you would not usually buy. From: Vicki Carvana & Amy James author of the Knowledge Essentials Books.

Sounds babies love!!!

- White noise- the vacuum cleaner, radio static, and the hum of a fan. These noises remind them of the soothing whooshing noises in the womb.
- That high-pitched, singsong voice we all use when we talk to babies. Lower frequency sounds are less engaging.
- Music especially lullabies, and nursery rhymes. You may think your baby needs silence in order to sleep, but they actually are used to the loud sounds of your body from the time in the womb. So make some noise while your baby naps, s/he may sleep better!

Hand writing

The Pencils or Pen is held in position laterally by the thumb and supported wither on the side or somewhat on the underside of the second and third finger. The shaft of the pencil may rest to grip the pencil too near the point because it will cause fatigue of finger muscles. It also tends to obscure the vision of the writer. Pencils should be grasped loosely with the fingers moderately curve. The writing movement especially in the early stage should be divided into a series of movement, separated by very slight pauses. It is not continuous and uniform in speed.

Downward strokes should be toward the board or nearly perpendicular to the edge of the desk. The slopes produced will thereby correspond to the angle of the tilt of the paper, forward for right-handers, back slant for left-handers.

By Paul C. Burns.

Classroom news:

Pre-Primary classes:

For the President curriculum, our kinder group had a classroom election. Hannah Bonnin was elected as President, and Charlotte Rosales was elected Vice President by her classmates. Their statements as new President: Hannah; "Be nice to kids and help the animals." Charlotte; "Going to help poor people." Our Pre- primary I class have done painting using their fingers as brush for our color curriculum. It was an amazing site to see how all the children were immersed in their painting. Ms. Cynthia is also introducing sewing in her class, which helps children to think critically.

Toddler class:

During the month of March the children are celebrating the St. Patrick's Day. They will learn that a big parade is held in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day every year and everyone wears the color green. The children will be doing a shamrock collage and a Leprechaun puppet to take home. So look out for leprechaun puppets made by your child!

Under the Weather?

When your children get sick, and are not completely well, do keep him/her home before bringing them back- all parents are kindly advised to follow this rule for consideration of other's children catching the virus. Parent's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Our Spring Garden

Our children weeded and planted the school garden. We planted marigolds, zinnias, sunflowers, carrots, and dill for the butterflies. Our true gardeners did such a beautiful job!!

Accomplishments of our children:

Pre-primary II- Razik Amin, Megan Artega, and Kolbi-Uhlmann have started doing simple addition. Way to go!!!

Pre-Primary I- Numair Punjwani and Olivia Scurlock know their sounds of S, M, T and can also recognize them. Hooray for them for a step towards reading!

Toddler II - Taylor Washington & Ariana Goode have been practicing how to clamp clothespins on the edge of the bowl by using their hands and finger muscles. This exercise will later give them the control of a pencil or crayon when they start writing or drawing.

Toddler I- We would like to welcome Alexis Eversull to our new toddler class, and to our family. She is adjusting very well in the class. Mary Frerking just moved from infant room and is doing stupendously in her new class.

Infant- We like to welcome Ava Hernandez into our family. She is amending very well in the classroom. Anjali is taking a step towards independence with the ability of holding her bottle on her own at such a young age. Good Job!!

Great books for March:

- Gilberto and the wind by Marie Hall Ets
- Spring by Fern Hollow
- Winnie the Pooh and the Blustery Day by A. A. Milne
- Jeremy Bean's St. Patrick's Day by Alice Schertle

These great books are recommended by Ms.Gisela.

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Please note: Ms. Kimberly is requesting pantyhose or tights. Any condition, size or color. It will be used for a project in her class. **All these generous donations come very handy for the school.**