Child Development Center

March Curriculum Whales Class



STEAM Learning at Kide Klub continues in March with priems bending and separating light and making rainbows, leprechaun trap designing and building teaching engineering concepts together with studying dinosaur fossils like a paleontologist and learning about how dinosaurs lived on our planet a long long time ago. Math and Art lessons will continue to reinforce the Science, Technology and Engineering lessons and the children will have so much fun learning these important lessons while collaborating with their friends, roll playing, being creative and exploring new things. Your child's teachers will be asking questions, sharing information, creating problems for the children to solve & inspiring learning with their knowledge, passion, love and enthusiasm. March will be full of exciting experiences and great lessons at Kide Klub!

We will also be practicing and gearing up for Hoppy's Olympics Championship Games Day. From Music and Movement & Balance and Coordination to Hoppy's General Store and Hoppy's Home, your children will be moving their bodies and learning how important it is to eat healthy foods, get plenty of exercise and just how much fun exercise can be. Our menus for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks at Kids Klub are filled with fresh, organic, non-processed healthy foods and the children will be continuing to be encouraged to taste new vegetables and fruits, try new main dish foods and eat healthy snacks throughout their days to grow their bodies strong like athletes that compete in the Olympics. We will be learning all about the Olympic Games and also learning what it means to be an athlete. Please see the details of this fun and important fund raising event on the flyers placed in your child's cubby and come out and cheer on your child on this fun day.

Prisms will be introduced in our Rainbow lesson as the children study light and color along with St. Patrick's Day Magic and Fun lessons. The children will learn how a rainbow is made with sunlight and raindrops (which act as prisms) and learn the names of the colors of the rainbow in both science and art. White sun light will be bent and separated into the spectrum of wavelengths and Red, Orange, Yellow, Green Blue, Indigo and Violet colors of the rainbow will emerge. We will also be differentiating between the colors of light and pigment colors by studying primary colors, color mixing and how all the colors mixed together in paint or play dough combine to make black. Fun items like soap bubbles, black ink markers, coffee filters and paint will be used to show the children how light and pigment are combined and/or separated out to make the separate colors of the rainbow or all the colors combined into the color black.

We will be wrapping up lessons about the ocean and the animals that live in it and moving on to the time of when dinosaurs lived on the earth. From carnivores to herbivores to annivores, your child will learn how scientists (Paleontologists) that studied fossils think dinosaurs lived on the earth, what they ate, how their babies were born, and even possibly what color their skin was along with what sounds they made. We will be studying dinosaur "fossils" in science, making dinosaur art in the art room, reading about dinosaurs in the library, building dinosaur habitats in blocks and will even be making and searching for dinosaur fossils in the sandbox.

The Letters X, Y and Z will be the focus as well as numbers 1-10 and 1-20 and beyond as the weeks go by. The color green along with the colors of the rainbow (ROYGBIX) and the colors scientists think dinosaurs were back when they lived on earth will be the color focus of the weeks to come. Dinosaurs as well as rainbows, sharmrocks and Olympic rings and symbols will be the shape focus. This month your child will develop a large amount of new vocabulary words. Please, talk with your child each day and hear what new words they have learned and ask them what these new words mean to continue their learning from school at home.

We will also have a little bit of make-believe fun with St. Patrick's Day. The children will be building all kinds of creative traps and having scavenger hunts to locate these mischievous little leprechauns that will be visiting Kids Klub along with identifying other fun signs of this holiday. Shamrock hunts with lots of counting, adding, subtracting, patterns and colors will be conducted. Using their handmade art all around the center, the children will experience a great deal of learning through play and hands-on experiences this month.

We will continue our focus on eating healthy and exercising to keep our bodies healthy throughout the whole month. From shopping for vegetables, fruits, whole grains, dairy products and protein in Hoppy's General Store to actually eating the super healthy Kids Klub menu filled with organic vegetables, fruits, whole grains, no high fructose syrup, non-gmo products and healthy snacks of homemade hummus with organic pita chips, homemade guacamole with organic tortilla chips, fresh organic vegetables dipped in homemade Greek yogurt ranch dip and organic granola, honey over Greek yogurt to name a few, the children will learn important lessons that will last them a life time. We have even stocked Hoppy's Home with healthy food choices the children can "cook" up when they are playing house and feeding the baby dolls. Healthy living continues along with learning basic math in Kitchen Creations as the children learn to measure and mix healthy ingredients that make healthy snacks for their body. From dance and yoga, obstacle courses to relay races, the children also learn that exercising their body is fun and important as they travel to music and movement and balance and coordination as well as playing outside on the Kids Klub playgrounds.

Please take time to review your child's learning experience at Kids Klub and use this information to further the learning experience at home. Ask specific questions about each day and let your child share the exciting day they had at school. We hope you enjoy reading about what your child will be learning each and every day at Kids Klub.

Sincerely, Bambi Wojciechowski, Curriculum Director

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Monthly Theme: Rainbows, Leprechauns, Dinosaurs & Hoppy's Olympics Championship Games

WEEK 27 Weekly Theme: Reach for a Rainbow Letters: Xx, and Aa – Xx and review Rr is for Rainbows Numbers: 27, 1-20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27 Colors: Colors of the Rainbow (ROYGBY) Shape: Rainbow, Cloud

Patterns: Rainbow, Rainbow Cloud, Rainbow, Rainbow, Cloud

Circle Time: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, names, letters, colors, patterns, shapes, Spanish, Mandarin, rain, sunshine, colors

of the rainbow (ROYGBV), prisms, light, bubbles, pigment, ink, Stories, Songs, Discussion and Sharing

Songs: You Are My Sunshine Books: Read an Assortment of Books about

Who Came to School Today?

The Colors of the Rainbow

Rainbow Song Dinosaurs

Open, Shut Them Taking Care of Our Bodies

Colors of the Rainbow The 4 Seasons: Spring, Baby Animals

Art: Mon: Create rainbow string art (enhance creativity)

Tue: Finger paint color mixing - I can mix all the colors together and make black (explore color mixing)

Wed: Drip rainbow colors on coffee filters-color bleeding and blending (enhance creativity)

Thurs: Create handprint, rainbow, sun-catchers (encourage following directions)

Fri: Create sculptures with clay and rainbow colored popsicle sticks (stimulate imagination)

Pm Art: Paint watercolor rainbows and share our rainbow masterpieces with our friends (color and pattern skills)

Color rainbow necklace collars - cut-out paper plates and Rr pendants (develop fine motor skills)

Balance & Rainbow Obstacle Course- Jump through a rainbow of colorful hula hoops, crawl under arches and jump over colorful poles and carefully step and balance on colorful stepping stones (develop gross motor skills & coordination)

Blocks & Room 1: Build with a rainbow of colorful blocks-have fun, count and say the colors (enhance color identification skills)

Trains: Room 2: Build a Colorful Village with blocks and people and animals with your friends (encourage focusing on a task)

Explore: Let's explore an available center! (experience new discoveries and flexibility)

Hoppy's Shop for a Rainbow of colorful foods-share what you bought at the store and what color your food items are.

General Store: Talk about Healthy Eating and how important it is to eat a colorful diet of fruits and yegetables. (color, health, life)

Hoppy's Home: Let's Play House - Have fun cooking healthy meals for your family and cleaning, working in the workshop,

mowing the lawn and taking care of the babies. It is still cold outside so dress the babies warmly. (role play & Life skills)

Hoppy's School: Teach your friends & the babies what you are learning at school. Magnets, Blocks, Gears, Flannel are fun!

Kitchen: Create a ROYGBY rainbow fruit salad with your friends & enjoy feeding your body healthy food (color recognition)

Library: Reading with puppers-teacher-directed then child-directed -make up different endings to the story (listening skills)

Manipulatives: Colorful linking pieces, rainbow colored pegs and peg boards and lacing patterns (improve fine motor skills)

Music: Dance with rainbow-colored streamers-go fast, slow, round, straight, up and Practice Yoga Poses for strength

Science: Room 1: Rainbow Magic Discovery Lesson with Prisms, Bubbles, Black Ink, Rainbow beads (Light, color science)

Room 2: Rainbow learning with the Magic School Bus- build vocabulary, listening skills and science learning

Theater: Dress ourselves in colorful costumes & act on stage with lights and music (develop color recognition and independence)

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WEEK 28 Weekly Theme: St. Patrick's Day Magic and Fun! Numbers: 28, 1-27 review Colors: Light/Dark Green & Gold

Letters: Yy and Aa - Yy, Rr is for Rainbow, Ll is for Leprechaun Shapes: Shamrock, Pot of Gold, Rainbow

Pattern: Shamrock, Shamrock, Rainbow, Cloud, Shamrock, Shamrock, Rainbow, Cloud...what comes next?

Circle Time: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, names, letters, colors of the rainbow, shapes, St. Patrick's Day, leprechauns, pot of gold, imagination, magic, big/small, lucky, shamrocks, rainbows, mischievous, make-believe & dinosaurs continued. Spanish, Mandarin, Stories, Sonas, Discussions and Sharina.

Songs: Today Is...

I Saw a Leprechaun Catch Him If You Can The More We Get Together

I'm a Little Leprechaun

Books: Read an Assortment of Books about

Leprechauns and Magic Colors of the Rainbow St. Patrick Day

Dinosaurs, Season of Spring Animals

Art: Mon: Stamp art creation with rainbow colors, one for you and one together with friends (art media, collaboration,)

Tues:
Lace a green pasta necklace-count as you go, add a rainbow if your wish (color recognition, fine motor skills)

Wed.:
Easel paint with the colors of the rainbow-share what you painted and why? (creativity, fine motor, color, fun)

Thurs:
Snip/Cut light & dark green paper & rainbow colored too-alue a collage (fine motor, scissor skills, & color)

Fri:

Create my pot of gold at the end of the rainbow (color, shape recognition encourage imagination)

Pm Art:

Finger paint a St. Patrick's Day mural with my class (explore different textures, cooperative art)

Create mirror image shamrocks with green and gold paint (new forms of art, enhance creativity, vocabulary and fun)

Balance & Rainbow Parachute Play with a Little Leprechaun toy-Then: Pretend to be a Leprechaun trying to get to his

Coordination: Pot of Gold by crawling under, over & on the obstacle course of balance beams, poles, hoops, stepping stones

Plocks & Room 1: Design & build a leprechaun trap with your friends using Big & Small blocks (size & color awareness)

Trains: Room 2: Build a leprechaun town with your class where all the leprechauns can live (stimulate imagination)

Explore: Let's explore an available center! (experience new discoveries and develop flexibility)

Hoppy's Shop for a St. Patrick's Day party-cook in the kitchen and have a party with the whole class. Have fun General Store: sharing with your friends what you shopped for and how you cooked the food. (life skills, vocabulary, friendship)

Hoppy's Home: Let's Play House - Have fun cooking healthy meals for your family and get ready for a St. Patrick's Day

Party! Bake some cupcakes, and cook up a healthy meal fit for a leprechaun that loves green vegetables!

Hoppy's School: Teach your friends & the babies what you are learning at school. Magnets, Velcro Blocks, Gears, Flannel are fun!

Kitchen Creation: Make Green Play dough and sculpt shamrocks (measuring, math, fractions,, promote taking turns and direction following)

Library: Read and Make-up leprechaun stories & review library book rules (enhance speaking & following rules)

Manipulatives: Play the Memory game with your friends, sequence puzzles and chain links in rainbow colors (develop fine motor skills)

Musical shamrocks and Let's do the Leprechaun Dance with loud and soft, fast and slow(encourage following directions)

Science: Visit 1: Build a Leprechaun Trap-Scavenger Hunt to find Leprechauns, Rainbows, Shamrocks & Pots of Gold

Visit 2: Dinosaur Science - What do scientist think dinosaurs looked like when they lived on the earth?

Theater: Dress in costumes with green and celebrate St. Patrick's Day/Pretend to be a Silly Leprechaun

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WEEK 29 Weekly Theme: Hoppy's Olympics Championship Games Letters: Åa-Zz, Oo is for Olympics and Åa is for Åthlete Numbers: 30, 1 – 29 review Olympic Ring Colors: Yellow, Black, Red, Green & Blue Shape: Olympic Rings Pattern: 112233112233

Circle Time: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, names, letters, colors, shapes, patterns, Spanish, Mandarin, Stories, Songs and Discussion

Learn all about the Olympic Games: what are the Olympic Rings? Olympic Colors? What is an Olympic Athlete?

Songs: Who came to school today? Books: Read an Assortment of Books about

Walking through the Olympic Park..... Olympics
Five Iil Åthletes climbing on the rings Sports, Åthletes

The color is..... Healthy Bodies/Exercise Everybody does this ... Dinosaurs & Rainbows

Art: Mon: Making Cardboard Tube & Tissue Paper Olympic Torches (exploring new art media)

Tue: Easel painting with a paint brush and Olympic Ring colors (explore new art media)

Wed: Olympic Rings Art (enhance creativity, shape, color and theme review)

Thurs: Making an Olympic Picture- decide your design and then create (encourage thought through design)

<u>Fri:</u> Water painting and making an Olympic collage (stimulate imagination)

Pm Art: The letter Aa is for Athlete Art and Oo is for Olympic Art (strengthen social skills)

Olympic colors and shapes prints (develop fine motor skills)

Balance & Practice for Hoppy's Olympic Championship Games-stretch your body, strengthen your body, have fun!

Coordination: Hop, jump, crawl, skip, move fast, move slow, exercise is fun. (enhance gross motor skills, healthy lifestyle)

Placks & Colorful blocks - build something colorful by yourself and with your friends (enhance imagination)

Trains: Room 2: Design and Build with your class an Olympic Park for Athletes to compete in (vocabulary, collaboration)

Explore: Let's explore an available center! (experience new discoveries and learn flexibility)

Hoppy's Who will be the cashier? Who will be the shelf stockers and organizers? Who arranges the baskets?

General Store: Shop for healthy food Olympic athletes might eat and cook a healthy dinner (role play, life skill and healthy body lessons)

Hoppy's Home: Let's Cook Healthy Meals for our Family and exercise at Home. Have fun cooking, cleaning, working in the

workshop, mowing the lawn, exercising and taking care of the babies. (Role Playing, Life Skills, and Healthy Bodies)

Hoppy's School: Teach your friends & the babies what you are learning at school. Magnets, Blocks, Gears, Flannel are fun!

Kitchen: Munchie Oat Healthy bars like an Athlete would eat getting ready for the Olympics (class discussion, math, process)

Library: Olympic stories- stand up and act out what you are hearing in the story (vocabulary, listening and comprehension skills)

Manipulatives: Lacing cards and wooden shoes, colorful connectors and sorting pegs-patterns (fine motor skills, patterns, colors)

Music: Dancing with drums fast, slow, loud, soft & Olympic Practice-hop skip, jump, crawl (creativity in movement)

Science: Room 1: Learn About the Olympics – Practice Olympic Sports like an Athlete for Hoppy's Olympics

Room 2: Learn about Healthy Bodies through good food and exercise – Practice for the Olympics

Theater: Dress-up in colorful costumes and dance and play to Olympic Music (dressing skills, movement, color and music)

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WEEK 30 Weekly theme: Dinosaurs are Dandy! Letters: ZZ, Åa - Zz review Dd for Dinosaur Numbers: 29, 1-28 review Colors: Light/Dark Brown and Light/Dark Green Shape: Dinosaurs Pattern: AABBCCAABBCC

Circle Time: Zoo Phonics, calendar, numbers, names, letters, colors, shapes, patterns, Spanish, Mandarin, dinosaurs lived long

ago, extinction, large/small, big/little, short/long, loud/soft, rough/smooth, the present, the past, the future,

dinosaurs lived a long time ago, Stories, Songs, Discussion and Sharing

Songs: The Jumping Song Books: Read an Assortment of Books about

Skidamarink a Doo Dinosaurs

The Enormous Dinosaur Taking Care of our Bodies, Olympics

Good Morning St. Patrick's Day

5 Little Dinosaurs Rainbows and Leprechauns

Art: Mon: Easel paint a dinosaur with brown and green (creativity, textures, and enhance color recognition)

Tues:

String paint on a stegosaurus (using different art medium, fine motor and concept recognition)

Wed:

Spray paint a colorful design of rainbow colors (enhance creativity using different art medium)

Thurs Texture collage on a dinosaur (texture lesson & build fine motor skills)

Fri: Sculpt clay dinosaurs, dinosaur eggs and/or fossils (science art & experience different textures)

Pm Art: Snip/cut and glue a collage with many shades of brown and green (scissor and fine motor skill, imagination, color)

With crayons - I can draw my favorite dinosaur or two or three (hand-eye coordination)

Palance & Roll the ball to knock down the Dinosaurs-Bowling. Do the dinosaur walk using short and long steps on the "rocks" Coordination: (stepping stones) under the "trees" (stand up Hoops) and over and under the "branches" Foam poles (gross motor skills)

Blocks/Trains: Room 1: Ramps and Balls Experimenting and Train sets-build with long/short blocks (physics, angles, speed, problem solving)

Room 2: Build a giant dinosaur habitat for all the dinosaurs-large & small blocks with your friends (collaboration)

Explore: Let's explore an available center! (Experience new discoveries and learn flexibility)

Hoppy's Shop for brown and green foods and foods that dinosaurs may like to eat-tell your friends

General Store: what kinds of foods you shopped for. Did the dinosaurs eat healthy foods? (strengthen vocabulary and socialization skills)

Hoppy's Home: Let's Play House - Have fun cooking healthy meals for your family and cleaning, working in the workshop,

mowing the lawn and taking care of the babies. It is still cool outside so dress the babies warmly. (role play, life skills)

Hoppy's School: Teach your friends & the babies what you are learning at school. Magnets, Blocks, Gears, Flannel are fun!

Kitchen: Spread smooth green cream cheese on rough brown whole grain graham cracker (eye hand coordination and feel textures)

Library: Read dinosaur stories, use dino puppets and talk about what you have learned about dinosaurs this month. (listening)

Manipulatives: Lace dinosaur shapes, do dinosaur puzzles and practice patterns (develop fine motor skills)

Music: Dinosaur Freeze dance and go on a dinosaur hunt using long and short steps, fast and slow movements

Science: Room 1: Dinosaur Wonders - The Discovery Box filled with Dinosaur toys (enhance dinosaur identification)

Room 2: Animal Kingdom: Dinosaurs Science-teaching film (learn about dinosaurs from scientists/enhance listening skills)

Theater: Be dinosaurs - walk like a dino, talk like a dino and have fun being a dinosaur on stage (encourage imagination)