

WEE Center Spring Newsletter 2026



Woodbrook Early Education

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I know I say this every newsletter but it does seem like time has been flying by this month. April is next week and that is crazy to think about. In true Maryland fashion, we went from snow to spring overnight (and back to winter some days). We only have a couple of months of school left and everyone will start getting spring fever and will be ready to spend so much more time outside.

April will begin with us enjoying spring break. For some of you, I know that comes with balancing still needing to work and figuring out childcare. For others, it will be a long awaited vacation for you as well. I hope that either way, you are able to take some time to relax and enjoy some family time during that week.

April also brings Earth Day. This year Earth Day is on Wednesday, April 22. Many people or schools focus on activities and lessons on that day to help children understand the importance of caring for our Earth. For the children to really understand these ideas, we need to spend more than one day or one lesson.

One of the easiest ways is to have your child participate in recycling in your home. We know children often go through lots of paper with drawing and cutting- lots of scraps. Make sure you have a place near their crafting area where they know to put their scraps. The children are already used to doing that from their time here so it would be an easy thing to add at home. Have them help rinse out cans and carry the recycling out to the curb.

Another easy step is to have them practice turning off lights when they leave a room and make sure the water is turned off when they finish washing their hands. We do have to occasionally remind them of that here but those are such easy additions to your home.



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You can have your children help you go through their toys that are less played with our outgrown and find places to donate those items. This will help with the clutter in your home as well as teaching them about giving to others and not letting items end up in the landfill.

When my children were younger (should be better about doing it still), we would organize community clean up days. We live in a townhome community with an alley. We would walk up and down the alley using gloves or the “grabbers” picking up trash to help keep our neighborhood clean. I recommend bringing a wagon with you if you do this because unfortunately, there can be a lot of trash and it makes it easier to carry the bags.

Another fun thing to do as weather is warming up would be to plant flowers or a small garden in your yard. If you do not want to make a garden bed commitment, there are many plants and vegetables that will grow well in large pots. We have grown tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers in large pots in our backyard and they have done very well.

Really, if you want your child to care for the Earth, they need to enjoy spending time outside. As the weather warms, plan walks and visits to nature areas around us. Cromwell Valley Park is a great place to walk or easier hiking. My children used to love to play in the stream there when it gets warmer as well. We did this a lot during COVID days to get out of the house. You can make so many wonderful memories in a short afternoon outside watching them run a trail or splash in the water!





Art Show Night!

On the evening of Friday, May 1st we will be having our WEE Center Art Gallery available for you to visit. Your children have been working hard all year and the teachers have been putting away some of their art work for the Art Show! That evening the WEE Center Art Gallery will be open in the Fellowship Hall.

We will also be raffling off classroom chairs created by the children and based on a book loved by their class.

(You do not need to be present to win).

Afterwards, we will have a sweet treat available in the courtyard for you to enjoy outside or on the way home.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTER CARE WILL CLOSE AT 5:00PM TO ALLOW THOSE TEACHERS AND CHILDREN TO GET DINNER BEFORE THE EVENINGS ACTIVITIES.



RED Room

Happy Spring Season! This year is flying by so fast! We are already approaching the end of March. This month, we had lots of fun together celebrating Dr. Seuss' 122nd birthday, exploring the land of fairy tales, and learning fun and exciting facts about dinosaurs. We also had a St. Patrick's Day Party where we had yummy pizza and lucky gold coins! Thank you to Ms. Angela for our delicious pizza lunch!

In April, we can look forward to our Easter holiday celebration, where we will have yummy treats and fun activities to enjoy throughout our day! We will also have our Spring Break from 4/3 to 4/10. When we come back from break, we will discuss Spring changes and what types of things we will see this season! This month we will also be celebrating Earth Day and learning different ways that we can help our planet. We may even learn how to plant and grow seeds!

We did not have any birthdays to celebrate in March, but we have 3 birthdays to get ready for in April: Ollie on 4/4, Jude on 4/16, and Ms. Izzy on 4/22!

Special Mention: Our Art Show is on Friday, May 1st!

Love, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Aleia, Ms. Karen and Ms. Izzy



YELLOW Room

We had so much fun with Dr. Seuss in March! We Hopped on Pop, made Lorax flower pots, painted our feet, dressed like foxes in socks, etc. We worked on rhyming words, opposites and positional words. St. Patrick's Day was fun as we went on a leprechaun hunt around the school. We continued to work on our cutting skills as we decorated our room with shamrocks. During our Spring unit we talked about the changes in the weather and made beautiful flowers to hang in our room. Dinosaur week was very popular! We dug for dinosaurs in the sand, matched dinosaurs, made patterns and picked our favorite one. We arranged dinosaur bones in ABC order to see if we could create our own dinosaur. We learned what a paleontologist's job is as we used tools to dig dinosaurs out of eggs.

In April we will be celebrating Easter as we talk about all the wonderful things God is waking up. We will be talking about chicks and bunnies, matching egg games, and making Easter crafts. Everyone is looking forward to our Easter Party, and especially the Easter Egg hunt. During our Eric Carle unit we will be reading many of his books and trying to copy his style of art. Insects is our next unit. We will learn how ladybugs, dragonflies, bees, etc. help us. The last week we will be talking about baby animals.

Throughout the month we will continue to work on number and letter recognition and writing our names. The children have done an amazing job recognizing their last names along with their friends.

We hope you all have a wonderful Easter celebration with your family!

Happy March and April Birthdays to: Graham (3/11), Easton (3/16), Ava (4/13), and Sophie A. (4/19).

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Mr. Kristen and Ms. Rose



Blue Room

We had such a great March after a very fast February. We had so many fun activities planned, such as our Spirit Week! The first two weeks we finished reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books and spent a lot of time working on rhyming words and using our imaginations. St. Patrick's Day was a fun unit as we made shamrocks, had a pizza party, and so much more! We also talked about how God makes all types of weather for us to enjoy.

Hopefully by the end of the month we will be going on nature walks to look for signs of spring. In March we had fun learning all about letters vs numbers, space, and will be ending the month learning about community helpers.

Happy March Birthday to Olivia (3/7) and Charlie (3/23)!



Happy Spring from the Blue Room! We enjoyed the month of March a lot! We loved our pizza party, leprechaun hunting, and building traps for the leprechauns! In April we are looking forward to our Easter Party and egg hunt! This month's themes are Mail and The World Around Us, Insects/Bugs, and Eric Carle. We will be learning about story sequencing, and reviewing patterns, rhyming, and shapes, as well as taking nature walks and looking for signs of Spring. We will also be working on writing our first and last names. We will review letters A-R and continue on with our alphabet, and we will continue practicing our cutting skills. We will also be working on numbers 11-30 (recognition and counting).

At home you can reinforce the skills the children are learning by making shopping lists together and then having them find the letters at the store. You can always practice counting the items and reading the aisle numbers. For more letter identification practice you can get a magnifying glass and have your child look through the newspaper or a magazine to find the letters in their name. Have them highlight the letters they find. To help build fine motor skills and strength have your children play with playdoh and even have them use playdoh scissors to cut the playdoh. They can also use children's scissors to cut thicker materials such as cereal boxes.

We are so excited for the Art Show on May 1st and hope you all can join us!

Happy April Birthday to Connor (4/3), Lucia (4/21) and Cooper (4/25)!

Love, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Angela, Ms. Ellie, & Ms. Becky





Green Room



Hello Green Room Families,

The Green Room friends have been very busy during the month of March! The first two weeks we enjoyed a Dr. Seuss theme. Dr. Seuss was such a unique author as he was able to help children read by rhyming sight words in a silly, whimsical way. His fun rhymes combined with original characters, and often an important lesson, have made his books loved by many. During the third and fourth weeks of March we have been exploring space and learning about the Earth, the Sun, and all the planets. The final week of March, leading into April, we will be celebrating Easter! The children will learn the most special Bible story of Easter, in addition to having an egg hunts, an Easter party, and making Easter crafts. After Spring Break, we will focus on the season of Spring and the life cycle of a plant. We will also celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. The last week of April we will learn about baby animals and types of animals (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish).

Learning News:

- Early Readers Booklets: The children have been doing a great job learning how to read sight words and beginning to read the booklets/readers. We hope you have been enjoying reading them.
- The Green Room friends have also been doing so well with simple addition! The children have been learning to add using the ten frame and number line.

Upcoming Events:

Friday, May 1st is WEE's Annual Art Show!

Happy Birthday to Nora on March 2nd and Ms. Izzy on April 22nd!

May God bless your families,

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol and Ms. Izzy





Purple Room



Happy Spring Purple Room Families,

Spring has finally arrived, and we're hopeful the warm temperatures will be here to stay so we can enjoy our "kindness jar" celebration. It's about to be filled for second time, so we need to get moving! The month of March has actually zoomed by. We were busy with units on Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, STEM, and Spring. We focused on letters, Qq, Cc, and Gg. We went on our Pre-K field trip and had an amazing time... we loved the bus ride very much too!

We have improved our rhyming skills, had leprechauns visit our classroom (who made a huge mess), built a variety of amazing things with different building materials, expanded our STEM vocabulary, improved our writing, used our imaginations, made thought provoking predictions and observations, continued to read the final Mercy Watson book, worked collaboratively in small groups, welcomed spring, woke up our hibernated bears, began our weekly booklets for exposure to sight words/reading, and many other things!

During April our focus will be on letters Bb, Dd, Pp and Ss. Lower case q, g, b, d, and p can be challenging, and confusion is completely normal at this age. We will begin the ABCC pattern, improve counting by 5's, continue to compare tall/short, long/short... but with rulers, and take a look at 3D shapes!

Themed units in April will include Spring, Easter, flowers/plants, and Earth Day (Reduce/Reuse/Recycle). We will begin April with new snack/lunch prayers and a new patriotic song, "God Bless America". Our door tags will remain home addresses. Showing your child your house numbers on your home and your street/road sign can help bring relevance for them.



As we finish the Mercy Watson series, we will pick up another chapter book series (TBD). We will begin our morning clean-up a bit earlier than we currently have been, once we return from spring break, so we can continue to include a chapter book during our days, as well as work on our weekly readers in small group. It is important for the children to have free time when they arrive in the morning to ease into their school day. Please know we'll be cleaning up promptly at 9:35.

Homework will continue to go home on Mondays (to be returned by the next Monday) and we'll continue with our weekly reader booklets as well. These readers are for exposure to both sight words and commonly used words in stories/books, as well as tracking and following along.

Our "WEE Family Night/Art Show/Chair Raffle" is Friday, 5/1 from 6-7:30 p.m. It is a fun, and very special event. We hope you'll be able to make it!

Finally, we hope everyone will enjoy Easter break and come back renewed and ready to embark on our last chunk of the school year (truly unbelievable). We are looking forward to spending these next few months with your awesome kiddos! Thank you for sharing them with us daily.

With Love,

Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate

Happy March Birthdays to Nicholas 3/7, Theo 3/9, Simon 3/10, Ms. Ashley 3/19



Art

All the classes started March with Dr. Seuss themed art projects. The Red Room and Pre K classes did some drawing lessons, and the Threes made Seuss inspired fish sculptures. The Red Room created their own Dr. Seuss characters by drawing circles. We then continued the circle drawing into the following week when we painted circles and learned how to tint and shade paint colors. They finished the month by learning about artist, Ted Harrison, and illustrator, Marcus Pfister.

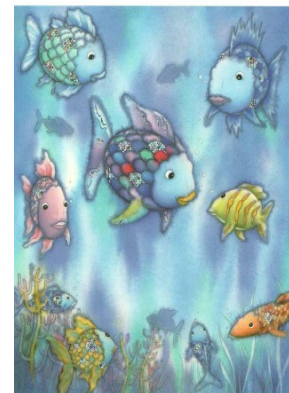
The Threes finished out the month with collages and watercolor paintings inspired by the Harlem Renaissance artists and Winslow Homer.

After drawing portraits of The Cat in the Hat, Pre K continued learning about portraits and made self-portraits while learning about artist, Amy Sberald. They also made model magic sculptures and abstract watercolor paintings in the styles of artists Yoshitomo Nara and Wassily Kandinsky.

Moving into April, we will be doing some spring themed projects. The Red Room will learn about Peter Carl Faberge and make their own Faberge eggs. The Threes and Pre K classes will continue with more sculpture projects and watercolor paintings. We will also be gearing up for the art show that will be held on Friday, May 1st. This year's featured artist is the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. The children will all be learning about her art and completing projects for a special Kusama interactive exhibit that will be revealed at the art show.

The children are all so very excited to share how much they have learned and grown as artists. We really hope to see you at the art show on May 1st!

Love, Ms. Carol



Music

March music included songs about the Spring season. We sang about the signs of Spring, animals and Easter. The children really enjoyed dancing with ribbons, marching with instruments, and singing songs with skills like rhyming and opposites as well as some sign language. We have also been welcoming the baseball season with "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."

The weather keeps changing but in April we will continue to celebrate Spring in Music. We will sing about the month and the holidays in April. We will also be singing about more animals. Some of our songs will include rhyming, counting, and sequencing. The children love to move with ribbons, march with flags, and play instruments. In the Pre-K classes we will begin to learn songs that they will share with you at their graduation. Everyone will also be learning and singing about Palm Sunday and Easter. Wow, that is coming up so fast!!!!!!

In Bible (Pre-K), we will be learning the stories "Jesus and the Fishermen" and "Jesus Cures a Lame Man".

Love, Ms. Claire



Science

In Science we have enjoyed learning about simple machines. Please take time to point them out to your children. Ask them what they are used for, and how could we do two jobs at once? Mr. Howard (Ms. Dawn's husband) came in to share his passion for Rock Hounding. I expect you might want to check jackets and pants pockets for rock surprises. Also, if your children tell you about a dragon flying by when you feel the wind- it was part of Mr. Howard's tale!

As Spring comes we will make seed balls, talk about living and non-living things. Who knows where our Science brains might take us!

Love, Ms. Dawn

BOX TOPS

Please continue to save your box tops receipts. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.





Dates to Remember

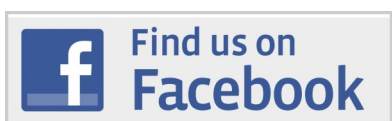
Thursday, April 2nd	WEE Closes at Noon
Friday, April 3rd- Friday, April 10th	WEE Center Closed for Spring Break
Monday, April 13th	WEE Center Re-opens

Looking Ahead.....

- Friday, May 1st: Art Show/Family Night
- Monday, May 11th & Tuesday, May 12th: Picture Days
- Thursday, May 7th: WEE Closed-Conferences
- Monday, May 25th: Memorial Day/School Closed

***HOW ARE WE DOING? PLEASE TAKE A FEW
MOMENTS AND COMPLETE OUR
SPRING FAMILY SURVEY. PLEASE COMPLETE BY
APRIL 17th. THANK YOU!***

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