

A.P. Morris Early Childhood Center



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

According to Punxsutawney Phil, Spring will arrive a little earlier this year. Our days are becoming longer, brighter, and we have many exciting events planned this month.

Teachers and principals are asked by parents, "What can I do at home to help my child be successful at school?" The answer is quite simple, "Read with your child every day." Before, during, and after the reading, praise your child, direct a discussion about the story, ask questions, visualize the story, offer information, share personal reactions, and relate the story to life experiences. **Read Across America is March 2nd -6th. Please review the schedule of events that was sent home.**

Why should we limit children's screen time?

What is screen time?

Screen time includes:

- watching television
- playing on computers and using the internet
- playing electronic or video games
- playing games or watching things on mobile phones, smart phones or tablets.

Why should screen time be limited?

Too much screen time means not enough time for children to be active. When children are not active enough they miss out on opportunities to:

- develop and strengthen important movement skills like running, catching and jumping
- mix with others and develop social skills like taking turns and making friends.

Cited from tas.gov.au/family

FROM THE VICE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

APM/ECC will continue to recognize our scholars who have achieved

Monthly "Perfect Attendance" by receiving "2" Bee Bucks and 2nd Trimester "Perfect Attendance" by receiving a Certificate.

Parents and Guardians - thank you for your continued support in making this happen.

20-21 Preschool Registration

March 2nd - 6th @ 10:00 AM- 1:30 PM.

On Monday, March 2nd, 2020 Pre-K registration will also occur from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

A child must be three (3) years old on or before October 1, 2020

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Parents/guardians will receive a registration lottery ticket for entrance into the Pre-K classes. **All parents/guardians must arrive by 3:15 p.m. and be present at the time of the lottery drawing.**

Students not fully registered by April 30, 2020, will forfeit their spot. Only complete packets will be accepted.

You will need the following documents:

Birth Certificate

Medical Immunization Records

Three (3) proofs of Hillside residency (1 from each category)

1. Current tax bill if you own a home, mortgage statement, lease
 2. Current utility bill
 3. Driver's license, bank statement, current pay stub, or state agency document
- Legal Documents of Custody and Guardianship, if necessary.

REMIND Messaging

Get in touch and keep connected with all things A.P.M./E.C.C.!

Pre-K families: text @apmprekd to 81010

Kindergarten families: text @apmkindergarten to 81010

1st grade families: text @apm1st to 81010



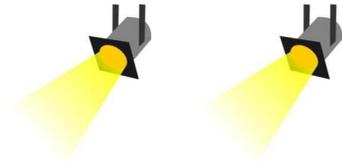
MS. BADESSA'S CLASS

Greetings! Welcome to 1st grade with Ms. Badessa's class. What an exciting year it has been so far, and now we are entering the lucky month of March. Spring is in the air; our class is blooming in learning.

Writing- Our class is full of wonderful writers who are beginning to write many wonderful stories. We are starting to write 5 sentence stories, and we even get to publish our final copies on the computer!

Reading- Our class is also full of astonishing readers! We love dreaming along with our fantasy stories, and we enjoy learning facts from our nonfiction stories. We have begun to explore long vowels and all the spelling patterns that help us build these words.

Room 15 is Un-Bee-Lievable!



MS. STYLER'S CLASS

March is a very exciting and fun-filled month in Ms. Styler's class! We will celebrate and honor Dr. Seuss by reading several of his books. We will begin with "The Cat in the Hat" because we enjoyed seeing the Cat at school last month. As we read, we will start to notice how a lot of the words sound similar at the end. We will practice identifying pairs of words that do and do not rhyme.

In centers we will view books by Dr. Seuss, build homes for zoo animals ("If I Ran the Zoo"), make crazy hats and play with sticky oobleck!

We hope the Spring weather comes soon so we can enjoy some time on the playground and go exploring on nature walks. Some sneaky leprechauns may also hide some "gold" outside for us to find!

MS. T. WILLIAM'S CLASS

Happy March! Although it may be cold outside it is quite the opposite in room 150 because we are hot when it comes to learning! The students thoroughly enjoyed learning about the many influential figures in black history, which is also American history. They also learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and why we celebrate Presidents' Day. The students in room 150 never cease to amaze me with their resilience and determination to learn. All students are making great progress toward achieving their SGO goals. In math, students are learning how to subtract using manipulatives and a number line. In literacy, students continue to work on learning sight words and reading stories for comprehension. For March we will look at famous women in history to commemorate women's history month. As always, I'm looking forward to fun packed month overflowing with learning.

Educationally Yours,

Ms. Tracy Williams

MS. RUDNIK'S CLASS

We are so excited that March is here already! We cannot believe how time flew by so fast. It seems like it was just yesterday that we were starting school. We've made some really special friends in Pre-K. Our characteristic trait for this month is Respect.

March is a fun month. We will be reading books and learning about Dr. Seuss during the Read Across America Week. We are working hard learning all our colors. This month's colors are Blue, Green, Yellow and Red. We will be spending our time learning about all the wonderful things that will happen in the spring time. The trees are going to grow and the flowers will bloom. It's so fun to do hands-on experiments and activities in our classroom. We love working together as a group to see what types of things we can learn.

On Thursday, March 19th spring will officially begin. We can't wait until it gets warm outside and we can see the birds and butterflies flying around. You'll be amazed at what they can do!



MRS. RUBAN'S COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Tips for Limiting Kids' Screen Time

- 1) Model Healthy Electronic Use
- 2) Educate Yourself on Electronics
- 3) Create Technology-Free Zones
- 4) Set Aside Times to Unplug
- 5) Use Parental Controls

6) Talk to Kids About the Dangers of Too Much Screen Time

7) Obtain Your Child's Passwords

8) Encourage Other Activities

9) Make Screen Time a Privilege

10) Don't Allow Screen Media in Your Child's Bedroom

TARDINESS

When a child is tardy for school on a frequent basis, it can seriously interfere with his/her learning and is disruptive to the rest of the class. In addition, since two tardies count as an absence, it can be a factor in your child's promotion to the next grade. District policy reads that if a child has more than 20 absences, he/she can be required to repeat the grade.

With this in mind, try these tips if you have difficulty getting your child to school on time:

- Have clothes and lunch items (or money) put out the night before.
- Decide on the breakfast menu the night before as well.
- Be sure your child has had enough sleep so that he/she is ready to rise in the morning.
- Don't leave homework for the morning.

Give your child a good start on his/her day. Your child's teacher will appreciate it as well.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!



