

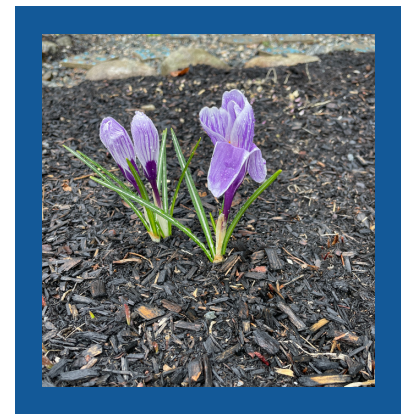
CALENDAR

- 4/5 PACE Coffee Meetup and Members Meeting
8:15 a.m. (American Room)
- 4/5 All-School Meeting
Middle School presents:
MMUN trip
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 4/5 Pizza Lunch
ASM Spirit Day
(wear ASM gear or school colors)
- 4/5 Movie Night
Sponsored by PACE
6:00 p.m.
- 4/9-12 Scholastic Book Fair
(American Room)
- 4/15-19 No School - April Break
- 4/26 Pizza Lunch
- 4/26 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 4/26 Earth Day Celebration
Sponsored by PACE
3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 5/1 Student Art Show Opening

Our Classroom

We shared this story which exemplified the weather for the month of March. It roared in like a lion with many blustery, cold rainy days. We wondered if the end of the month would ever become peaceful like a lamb and bring us some signs of spring!

We felt the warmth of the sun and watched as the crocuses and daffodils poke their way up through the soil to give us a delightful array of purple, white, and yellow flowers!



Curriculum Highlights

Language

On March 2, the class began a celebration of the author Theodor Geisel, better known to the children as Dr. Seuss. We shared how Theodor used to doodle and many of these doodles became cartoonish characters in his books. The children love listening to and reading the Dr. Seuss book collection from our class library. His writing style complimented our study of rhyming. The class did an exploration of rhyming activities; oral rhyming games, rhyming picture matching, write the room rhyming words activity, and a favorite song:

*A-rhyming we will go, A-rhyming we will go;
We'll catch a _____ and put him in a _____.
And then we'll let him go!*

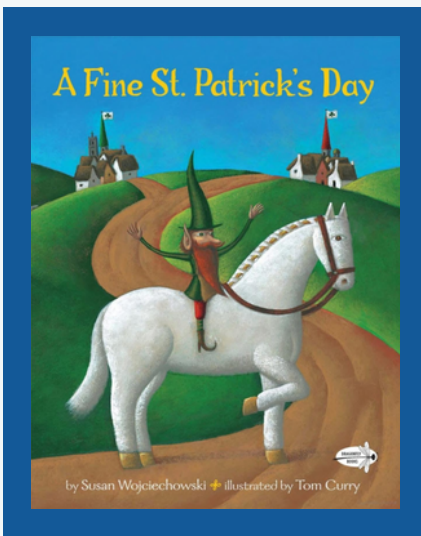


Science

Spring, spring I heard a robin sing. I'm happy that it's spring again. Spring, spring it makes me want to sing, Spring, Spring, Spring!

The children were introduced to the term "Vernal Equinox". On the day of the equinox the sun is positioned above the equator. Therefore, day and night are equal in length. This is also recognized as the beginning of spring. The class enjoyed seeing the beautiful unfolding of the seasonal changes through the marvelous illustrations in the book, *It's Spring* by Linda Glaser. We look forward to observing some of nature's environmental changes for the season: animals coming out of their burrows into the warmer weather and giving birth to new life, birds and butterflies migrating back north, and new growth in our gardens and on trees. We will also begin a study of seeds and plant growth.





Culture

The class enjoyed learning a bit about St. Patrick's life and how he returned to Ireland to help teach the Irish people how to read and write. When using the globe to find Ireland, some of the children realized this country is an island surrounded by water. The class enjoyed hearing traditional folklore and the legend of the Leprechauns; our favorite book was *A Fine St. Patrick's Day* by Susan Wojciechowski.

Math

During the month of March, the children worked on strengthening their linear counting skills, learning basic addition facts, and building an understanding of place value. Some of the children are finding the Hundreds Board challenge cards exciting.



Looking Ahead...

March Topics

- Science Constellations - Northern Hemisphere (spring)
- Earth Day: Being caretakers of our plant
- Math: Telling Time and Mental math - basic facts (addition and subtraction)
- Country of Study: to be determined by class vote (Uganda, Jamaica, Mexico, or Australia)

