

March Newsletter

Curriculum Highlights and March Field Trip!

Here's what we will be working on this month.

In our language arts curriculum group 1 will be working on the "er" sounds: er, ir, ur, wor, and ear. We will also be introducing the 5 jobs of "e": 1. to make the vowel say its name, 2. following a 'v' or 'u', 3. following a 'c' or 'g', 4. every syllable has to have a vowel, and 5. the no job 'e'. They will be writing sentences and continuing to review site words. Group 2 and 3 will be continue to work on mastering the 26 single letter phonograms: a-z. Our goal is for the kids to be able to see the letter, say the sound(s), and write the letter with little, to no help. They will also continue to work on

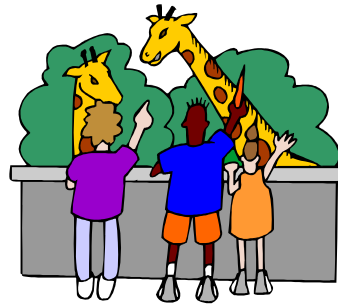
writing their names, first and last, for some.

Our math curriculum will continue to work on number recognition, sorting, graphing, and writing for group 1. The shape will be the shamrock and the color themes are green, yellow, and orange.

Our thematic units will be "going on a safari," and "St. Patrick's Day".

To wrap up our safari unit, we will be taking a field trip to the Oregon Zoo on **Tuesday, March 30th**. Students will need to pack a sack lunch, with a drink, and wear appropriate footwear.

We need at least 2 parent



volunteers to help with this field trip. Younger siblings may attend as long as they are accompanied by a parent. If you are available to help with this field trip, please let us know. We will be leaving Smart-E-Pants at 9:00 am and return by 3:30 pm. And as always, if you student does not normally attend on this day, s/he is still welcome to attend.

Dates to remember!

March 1-5 Kindergarten Round-up for HR County Schools.

March 4 — Ms. Alicia gone to renew her CRP

March 14— Daylight savings time begins. Turn clocks forward 1 hour.

March 17 — St. Patrick's Day! Don't forget to wear green!

March 22-26 — HR County Spring Break Smart-E-Pants **will be open! If your child will not be at school during this week, please let us know.**

March 30 — Oregon Zoo field trip. Leave Smart-E-Pants at 9:00 am.

March 31—Amber gone. Ms. Mimi to substitute

Happy Birthday!

Troy Rockett turns 5 on March 17th and Abby Kelly turns 4 on the 23rd.

Feature Children!

Bergen Rust, Isis Stenn, Julia Meyer, Abby Schrankel. Please bring in 6-7 photos that we can

Summer Camps

Attached to this newsletter you will find some initial information regarding our summer camps. Please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible. Remember, we will be closed May 24th-31st.

Summer camps will begin Tuesday, June 1st. They will run on 2 week thematic units through the week of August 20th. We will be closed August 23rd-27th. We will be offering daily drop-in care on Monday and Tuesday, August 30th and 31st. The rate will be \$38 per

day, and limited to 10 kids. Spots for these two days will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For summer camps, one must sign up for a minimum of 2, two week camps. These do not have to be consecutive. We will offer 2,3,4, or 5 day options, either half day (7:30-1:00) or full day (7:30-5:30), but may have to make adjustments if minimum enrollment requirements are not met for a particular day.

This year's themes will include:

Nature Enthusiast, Inventor's Work Shop, Little Shopkeepers in Asia, Sports Mania, Little Artists in Europe, and Chef's Kitchen.

First priority will be given to existing and returning students, previous students (ages 6 and under), and then any fall '10 students. Students must be 3 years of age by Jan. 2010 to attend our summer camps.

Fall 2010 school year begins Wednesday, September 1, 2010.