

MARCH 2024

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Highland Pre-School



IMPORTANT DATES

Read Across America Day

Monday 3/4**

Book Orders Due

Monday 3/11

Naturescape Day

Thursday 3/21

Parent Visits

Scheduled throughout the month (see separate sign up sheet)

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

In an early childhood Montessori setting, promoting literacy and reading skills is paramount to laying a strong foundation for lifelong learning. Through a carefully designed curriculum that integrates playful, hands-on activities and individualized instruction, children are immersed in an environment that nurtures their innate curiosity and fosters a love for reading. Montessori materials, such as Sandpaper Letters and Movable Alphabets, provide tactile experiences that engage multiple senses and facilitate letter recognition and phonemic awareness. Additionally, the emphasis on independent exploration and self-directed learning empowers children to explore books at their own pace, fostering a sense of ownership over their literacy journey. Through daily read-aloud sessions, guided reading groups, and opportunities for peer collaboration, children develop comprehension skills, vocabulary, and fluency while experiencing the joy of storytelling and imaginative worlds. By prioritizing literacy in the early years, we strive not just to prepare children for future academic success, but also, and most importantly, to instill in them a lifelong appreciation for the power and beauty of language.

“He does it with his hands, by experience, first in play and then through work.
The hands are the instruments of man’s intelligence.”

- Maria Montessori, The Absorbent Mind

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MARCH THEMES

BOOKS, POEMS, SONGS

'Springtime'

'Rainbow, Rainbow in
the Sky'

Little Blue and Little
Yellow

Pippin's Lucky Penny

Rattlin' Bog

Practical Life: polishing pennies; St. Patrick's Day wet and dry transferring lessons; serving pickles!

Art: Rainbow art; color wheel; shamrock crafts; torn paper rainbow collage

Sensorial: Memory and distance games with card material; Color Tablets; using art resources for Sensorial extensions

Math: coins and money; counting pennies; number rolls; number riddles/sentences

Language: writing color words; figure ground and visual perception activities; Maya Angelou- 'Rainbow in a Cloud'

Science/Culture: A World of Color; weather and water cycle; life cycle of a chicken and hatching chicks!!

Individualized activities and lessons are recorded on Montessori Compass. Activity Reports are generated and distributed weekly. Check daily for pictures!

**We will be celebrating reading and literacy all month long, beginning with a celebration in honor of 'Read Across America Day!' Please have your child bring in his/her favorite book on Monday, 3/4 for a special day of sharing each other's favorite stories and characters.

Our **Mystery Reader Program** will also begin this month and we are looking forward to a special guest reader each Tuesday morning! Our Kindergarteners are beginning a new **Buddy Reader** program with the Teddy Bear Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. These thrilling opportunities aim to foster literacy skills, encourage peer interaction, and cultivate a love for reading from an early age.