

NEWSLETTER

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Dear 345 Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your little ones with us for what is already a quarter of the year. In this period of time I am sure that you have seen tremendous growth and development. It is important for us not to judge the development by higher school standards, but to recognise the critical skills that they require at this age to prepare them for more advanced learning later.

Between the ages of 3 and 5, children experience remarkable developmental growth across multiple domains. Language skills expand rapidly, with children progressing from simple sentences to more complex communication, enabling clearer expression of needs, ideas, and emotions. Socially, they learn to share, take turns, and cooperate with peers, building the foundations of positive relationships.

Cognitive development is evident as children begin to solve problems, recognise patterns, and engage in imaginative play, which supports creativity and early reasoning skills. Fine motor abilities, such as drawing, cutting, and manipulating small objects, improve alongside gross motor skills like running, jumping, and balancing.

Equally important is the development of independence and self-confidence. With appropriate guidance and encouragement, children begin to make choices, follow routines, and take responsibility for simple tasks, preparing them for formal schooling. As parents you can help support this growth. Speak to your teacher to know what they are doing in class so that you can reinforce these at home.

Our schools go into a slightly quieter time between terms, but 345 remains open for our special holiday programme. I look forward to welcoming you all back in May as we embark on another stretch of learning and growing.

Kind regards

Mark Heidmann





Dear Bouncing Bear Parents,

What a fun and happy month we had in March! This month, we explored the theme "My Home and Family." The Bears loved talking about the special people in their lives. We spoke about moms and dads, grannies and grandpas and how we sometimes live with them or visit them in their homes. We also chatted about aunties, uncles, cousins and even baby brothers and sisters. It was so sweet to hear all their little stories! With all the rainy days, we spent lots of time playing and learning indoors. The Bears enjoyed building puzzles, cutting, squishing playdough and having plenty of fun together. We sang songs, danced around and even stomped our feet like big dinosaurs. One of the highlights of the month was "Baker Man," where the Bears got to taste delicious pies and cakes. There were lots of smiles and very happy tummies! March was filled with laughter, learning and many playful moments. Our Bears are growing so beautifully and we are so proud of each one of them. As we come to the end of the month, we are starting an exciting new theme: "Pets and the SPCA". The Bears are learning about the different pets we can have and the special ways we can care for them. We are also having fun coming up with cute and funny names for our pets. Here is a little sneak peek of what we have been up to!





Dear Happy Hippo Parents,

March was bursting with fun and learning for our Happy Hippos! We explored the theme of Healthy Living and Hygiene, discovering the importance of eating fruits and vegetables, staying active and keeping our bodies clean and strong. Our creative time was filled with colour and excitement as we enjoyed broccoli sponge painting and fruit colouring—perfect for building fine motor skills and sparking creativity.

During Little Leapers, we kept busy with sorting, colour matching, buttoning and paper scrunching. These activities helped strengthen our little hands while boosting confidence and independence.

We had such a special time learning about Families and Homes. The children loved creating their “My Family Tree” and sharing stories about the people they love. We also had lots of fun exploring our “Pets” theme—learning how to care for our furry friends and enjoying bright, colourful parrot crafts and more.

Show and Tell gave everyone a moment to shine and our puppet show was a favourite—full of giggles and joy! What a wonderful term it has been—filled with growth, new friendships and happy smiles all around. We can’t wait for more exciting adventures next term!

Thank you for your continued support—we truly appreciate it!





Dear Squeaky Squirrel Parents,

What a joyful and busy month it has been in the Squeaky Squirrel class! The children's curiosity and excitement have filled our days as we explored our themes together. During our Families theme, we talked about the love and purpose of a family, the fun things families enjoy together and the special roles each member plays. A highlight was creating our own family trees—painting with our arms as trunks and our hands as leaves, then adding pictures of our families. The children were so proud of their beautiful creations, and it was heartwarming to see their joy. Alongside these themes, we have been developing important skills. The children are tracing their names with growing confidence, enjoying graphing activities and showing fantastic progress with scissors—especially when cutting zig-zag lines. Threading activities have strengthened fine motor skills, and our counting adventures have been full of smiles. We can now count all the way up to 40, count backwards from 10 and are becoming increasingly confident with number rhymes, number writing and understanding “before and after” numbers. We have also been joyfully exploring language, practising compound words and syllables in fun and engaging ways. In addition, we have enjoyed patterning with fruits and drawing our body images. Each activity has been filled with laughter, creativity and discovery. It has truly been a month of growth, imagination and happy moments. We love sharing these special experiences with your children and look forward to another exciting month ahead!





Magnificent March in Grade R!

What a fun and busy month it has been in our Grade R class! Our little stars are continuing to grow in confidence and independence and it has been so special to watch them becoming more comfortable and capable in their daily routines. This month, our bright bunch explored the themes “**Plants,**” “**Water,**” “**Healthy Living,**” and “**Recycling.**” The children loved learning how plants grow and what they need to stay healthy, as well as understanding the importance of water and how we can use it wisely. We also spoke about making healthy choices for our bodies, from the foods we eat to staying active and explored how we can take care of our environment through recycling. It has been wonderful to see them becoming more aware of the world around them and how they can make a difference. We have also been practising how to **skip** and the children have had so much fun learning this new skill! It has been lovely to see their determination and excitement as they keep trying and improving each day. Our **Show and Tell Fridays** are still a firm favourite! These little superstars are growing in confidence each week as they share their special items and stories with their friends. We have also continued with **Bakers man**, creating meaningful bonding time at home through fun, hands-on activities. **Little Leapers.** with Teacher Kelsey. has continued to be a highlight, with our busy bees developing their fine motor skills while having so much fun. It’s been amazing to see their coordination and control improving through these engaging activities. March has been filled with learning, laughter and growing friendships. I am so proud of my little legends and all the progress they are making each day. I can’t wait to see what the next month has in store for us!

