

Dear PSK Parents,

Welcome! This month, we embark on a journey into the wonderful world of storytelling exploring our exciting curriculum theme **Once Upon A Story!** Here is a taste of what your child will be learning and experiencing looking through the lens of the CTEDLS (Connecticut Early Learning Development Standard).

### **Language and Literacy Development:**

#### **Discover a variety of ways to share a story; Begin to author and illustrate a book**

- Your child will have the opportunity to explore different ways of storytelling! Acting them out, use of puppets, flannel board, through song, retelling and sequencing events, and creating their own narrative. Sharing stories in a variety of ways enhances language development by exposing children to new vocabulary, and sentence structures. Storytelling techniques appeal to the different learning domains and 7 different intelligences.
- We will focus on the roles of authors and illustrators as the class crafts their own story and brings it to life through drawings and other creative means!
- Encouraging children to author and illustrate their own books promotes emergent literacy skills, including phonological awareness, print awareness, comprehension, problem solving, and critical thinking. Exposure to new vocabulary and grammar aids in language development,

#### **Letter Sound & Formation: P, M, N**

- Your child will engage in the recognition of these letters, focus on identifying and saying their sounds, as well as trace and when ready, practice writing them.

### **Social-Emotional Development:**

- Through storytelling, children are able to express their emotions and gain insight into the feelings of others as they engage with various characters and scenarios.
- Working collaboratively on storytelling activities encourages teamwork, communication, empathy, and fosters positive social interactions. Collaboration was a major focus in February.

### **Cognitive Development:**

#### **Math Discovery: #'s 13 & 14 and their cardinality; Sequencing**

- Children will explore the numbers 13 and 14, their cardinality, practice sequencing, one-to-correspondence and sequencing which is an important skill for understanding and creating patterns.

#### **Scientific Inquiry: Weight; Measurement; Predictions; Compare new height data; Prisms (rainbows)**

- The best way to learn involves doing. Your child will engage in hands-on science activities as they explore weight, measurement, and make predictions. Prisms

will be one of the focus activities. Your child will facilitate and experience the fascinating phenomenon of light and color.

### **Colors: Green, Rainbow**

- Our color exploration for this month will revolve around the vibrant hues of green and the magical spectrum of colors within rainbows. Your child will identify the colors in their environment, as well as blend primary colors to create secondary colors as they create a rainbow!

### **Cultural and Seasonal Understanding:**

- By exploring diverse stories and traditions, children develop a sense of belonging and respect for the multicultural world around them.
- Throughout the month, we'll be celebrating several cultural events and holidays, including:
  - **Dr. Seuss' Birthday!, Read Across America Week!** (please sign up to read to your child and their friends anytime this month! FYI you are more than welcome to do so anytime of the year!),
  - **Daylight Savings Time!** (remember to "Spring" ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, 3/10 ),
  - **Green Day!** 3/15 (St. Patrick's Day) Dress in **Green!**, and the
  - **First Day of Spring!** 3/20.
- These celebrations provide the opportunity to learn and appreciate different cultures and traditions, gain environmental awareness, and underscore the importance of literacy!

### **Physical Development:**

- Engaging in hands-on activities like reading, drawing and illustrating books supports fine motor (small muscle) development as children develop grip strength and hand-eye coordination.
- Movement-based storytelling activities and cultural celebrations provide opportunities for gross motor (large muscle) development and physical exercise. The 3 Little Pigs is an all time favorite! The children utilize items in our outdoor Industrial Center to represent the various houses in the story!

### **Play-Based Learning:**

- Children learn through holistic, play based experiences. Our "Once Upon A Story!" theme encourages play-based learning, allowing each child to explore their interests, experiment with ideas, and make discoveries in a safe and supportive environment.
- We remain steadfast in our goal to foster creativity, curiosity, and a love for learning while nurturing each child's growth and development across all domains early childhood development.

We encourage you to use the notes sent home daily as a starting point to learn about your child's days and explore similar concepts together!

Let's make March a month filled with connection, imagination, discovery, and endless storytelling!

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

3/6 **Cornerstone's 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday!**




3/6  with Ms. Cherine!

3/12  with Ms. Debbie Ross!

3/15 **Green Day!** Dress in your favorite **Green** clothes!

3/25 **Picture Day!** Dress to impress!

3/29  - **Soccer!** with Coach Don! Sneakers must be worn to participate