



TINY RAMS TIMES

MARCH 2023

Hello!

Happy March! Tiny Rams is looking forward to the prospect of warmer weather and the start of Spring! Last month our friends felt the love and enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day with their classes. We brought a little sunshine into the center when we learned all about rainbows! Our friends also talked about the importance of good dental hygiene! This month we will celebrate and learn about the work of Dr. Seuss and do some creative themed activities. We will also be talking about caterpillars and how they turn into butterflies! March also gives us the opportunity to try to catch that sneaky leprechaun before St. Patrick's Day!

Did you know March is National Nutrition Month? National Nutrition Month celebrates the importance of a balanced diet and exercise. When we eat real, nourishing foods, we're getting a wealth of vitamins and minerals that support not only healthy internal function, but give skin, hair, and nails an extra glow! Some ways to celebrate National Nutrition Month include moving your body, drinking water and opting for colorful plates at mealtimes which includes things like bright greens from crunchy vegetables or vibrant reds from fruit!

- Your Tiny Rams Team

THEMES:

"St. Patrick's Day, Caterpillars & Butterflies, Dr. Seuss"

SAVE THE DATE:

March 1st – Summer Enrollment begins

March 10th – Preschool field trip to Rose Theater

March 10th – Heart of Learning Nominations DUE!

BIRTHDAYS:

Mar. 8th – Mikey
Mar. 17th - Juniper K.
Mar. 19th – Jazmyn
Mar. 27th - Imogen

HEART OF LEARNING:

Nominate a deserving staff member for the 2023 Heart of Learning Award!

SNOW DAYS:

If school is CLOSED due to inclement weather, Tiny Rams will also be CLOSED!

*Tuition will not be prorated

REMINDERS:

Please be sure your child has weather appropriate "extra" clothing for spills & accidents as well as a clean water bottle every day.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Shelby, Sarah & Emilie

Welcome Vada! Welcome back Mabel!

Happy March and Happy (almost) Spring! This month we are going to talk about caterpillars, beautiful butterflies, and going to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. We will start out the month by learning fun facts and looking at pictures of caterpillars. We will do lots of activities and arts and crafts involving caterpillars. After that we will take a brief break from learning about bugs and celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! We will do a fun activity that involves counting and using our hands to point at rainbows with pots of gold on the wall. We will also try to find things that are green in our room, and work on our gross motor skills to crawl or stand to find them. Lastly, we will go back to talking about caterpillars and how they turn into beautiful butterflies. The babies will do a fun art project that involves them picking their own art media and their own colors to create a beautiful butterfly masterpiece.

Early Learning Guideline Goals:

Our friends are going to work on using utensils at mealtime, and along with that we will work with the older ones to get up from the table on their own when they are all done. Our older friends will also work on signing "all done" when they are ready to get up from the table. Our younger friends and older friends will work on their gross motor skills like, tummy time, rolling over, sitting up, pulling themselves up, standing, and walking.



"Babies enjoying a morning stroll!"

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Lily & Ciara

This month will be super fun and busy for the Infant/Toddler Room! We will be starting off March with Dr. Seuss week where we will read a different Seuss book every day of the week, and do activities related to the book of the day including sensory activities, gross motor games, and interactive art activities! We will also dive into the lifecycle of a butterfly, specifically focusing on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" for reference. One of our activities includes utilizing their fine motor skills to feed the caterpillar different foods through a small slot! March will also be packed full of St. Patrick's Day fun! Stay tuned for what shenanigans the leprechaun has in store for our class.

What we are working on: We have been working hard on sign language this year. We have added sign language to our group time and use it in everyday activities and conversations. We highly suggest parents to use sign language at home with your child as it is a wonderful tool to help encourage language development and facilitates communication between adults and children. We are working on the words "more," "please," "all done," "thank you," and "sorry." We have posted the signs in the classroom if you want to follow along!



"Infant/Toddler friends passing out their Valentine's!"

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Amber, Shay, Eva & Kassidy

This month we're doing so many fun things! For Dr. Seuss week we're going to learn about rhyming words (Fox in Socks), do the "Cha Cha Slide" (Foot Book), and have a show and share stuffed animal day (What Pet Should We Get). During Bubble week we're going to figure out different tools to create bubbles, make bubble gun art and have an animal and car wash! Our friends will be making rain sticks and playing with boom sticks during weather week! We will also be learning about water absorption and creating tornados in a bottle! We will be having a St Patrick's day party on Friday March 17th! We will be decorating cookies, dancing, and playing games until 4 o'clock.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: This month we will be working on using descriptive words to make observations and describe objects and actions in the environment as well as doing simple tasks to reach an outcome. (S. 02) Develops foundational skills in learning and understanding about the world through explanation and investigation.



"Toddler friends learning about diversity while fingerpainting!"

Preschool

Teachers: Shannon & Heather

This month to celebrate St. Patrick's Day we will be making Leprechaun traps and see what mischief our class Leprechaun will get into! For Caterpillars and Butterflies our friends will be talking about the life cycle of a butterfly. During Dr. Seuss week we will explore his famous children's books and have different themed days, we will also get the opportunity to bring our favorite books to share with the class as well. For Spring we will talk about the changes that happen in our environment and go on a nature walk to observe the changes.

ELG Learning Objectives: We are working on staying together as a group while walking through the building. (LL.02) Develops foundational skills to communicate effectively for a variety of purposes. Children will share personal experiences during group time and while interacting in centers.



"Preschool friends enjoyed a story from a guest visitor!"

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Heather

"My favorite thing about working at Tiny Rams is the small family atmosphere. I felt I have had the chance to get to know the families and children on a more personal level. I also enjoy the daily conversations I get to have with my preschool class."



Hello, I'm Heather! I am one of the preschool teachers. I have worked at Tiny Rams for about 4 years and have nearly 10 years of experience in childcare.

My husband Wes and I have been married for 10 years! In my free time I enjoy playing sand volleyball and playing drums for the Omaha Union Soccer Team.

SOME OF MY FAVORITE THINGS:

Season: Summer

Holiday: Christmas

Vacation: Universal Studios, Disney World & Grand Turk

Color: PURPLE

Drink: Tea & Coffee

Food: Pasta, Fries & Tacos

T.V. Show: "The Crown" & "The Last Kingdom"

Movie: "A League of Their Own" & "Star Wars"

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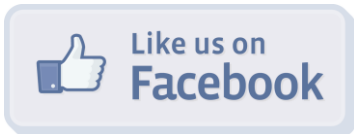
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NOMINATE A DESERVING STAFF MEMBER FOR THE

2023 HEART OF LEARNING AWARDS

Submit a letter recognizing a Ralston Public Schools or Ralston Schools Foundation staff member who has gone above and beyond to make an impact in the lives of students.

***Send letters of nomination to kcore@ralstonschools.org
BY MARCH 10TH***

