

Airport Learning Tree



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Upcoming Events

3/17 PNO Hosted by
Kierra, Reanna, and
Courtney

3/28 Spring Pictures



Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday dear...

Zaydon
Evan
Fabien
Ella

Mason Simpson
Arkeylius
Jasiah
Levi
Sam Curths
Declen

Teacher Shayna
Teacher Hanna
and Teacher Kierra
Happy Birthday to you!

ALT News



Spring Pictures

Life Touch Portraits will be back Tuesday, March 28th to take spring pictures. All children will be photographed, but keep an eye out for a preference sheet where you can choose background colors as well as list siblings and any other information for the photographer. The photos will be back a few weeks afterwards and you get to take the photos home, choose the ones you want and return payment and any photos you don't want.



Facebook

If you get a chance, and haven't already, please like us on Facebook. This is another way that we share information including upcoming events, and weather related closures/delays, etc. And if you have a chance, please feel free to leave us a review!

While you're at it, check out our new and improved website!



Spring Break

March brings us a break from school for our school-age students. Spring break is March 27th - March 31st. As

you start to get a feel for your schedule, please let us know if and when your child will be attending so we can plan ahead for activities and staffing.



We have seen a great increase of families joining us in the past couple months and much of this we can attribute to our wonderful families spreading the word. Keep in mind that if you refer a child to our center, you get \$75 after their first month. Ask the front desk for a few referral cards to keep on you. You never know when the opportunity might arise!

One Last Immunization Note

Again, thank you for your help with getting all of our immunization records up to date. While we are now done with this portion of having to report on our records, this is an ongoing process that we need your help in maintaining. Please try to make sure your child is current on immunizations, and when they get new shots, let us know so we can update your chart. Thanks again for your help! Thank you for all your help in making sure your child's immunizations are current!

Snuggle Bunnies loved by Denae & Courtney

Hello Snuggle Bunny families! We have sprung into the wonderful month of March, which brings us to the beautiful spring, so farewell to the snow days and hello to the sunshine! The bunnies are happy to look out our classroom window and daze into the sun and feel the warmth on their faces. We are going to be saying farewell to Easton and Colton. Easton has graduated to Wobbly Lams we will miss him. Colton is moving back to his home town. We will miss his morning smile he brings in the room to brighten up our day. He was a pleasure to have in our class and he had tons of fun. We all wish him the best on his journeys. His best buddy Gideon will miss him the most. Nazir, our new addition bunny has been nice to have. He's very involved in the swing and bouncy seats, dazing into the toys while grinning and cooing. He's our little talker. Arlo has had a wonderful beginning to our snuggle bunnies class. He is very cuddly and smiley. He's always sharing his love by holding on to your hands and playing with your fingers. He's a delight to our room. Tobin and Jax are progressing nicely together. Tobin's into the jumping bouncers and making the toys move. Jax has been trying to roll over and grab the toys. He's very interested in what he can reach for. So our motor skills are coming into full effect. Aurora has mastered tummy time and is close to making her first crawling move. She's intrigued with the balls reaching for which ever one she can get her hands on and laughing all the time at her little ball game. Cadence is also doing great on the floor playing with all the toys. She likes to sit in the floor seat and watch everyone. We have been doing fun painting art projects that we will be sending home soon. The class will be focusing on practicing sitting up on their own for the younger ones, which Marcus is already doing great at! Each day gets a little better. Gideon is doing well about trying table food. So far it's been good sensory for him as well. Overall, the bunnies are doing fantastic. We are proud of them. We will bring in the spring with blossoming achievements every day.

Wobbly Lambs loved by Jan, Tracy & Deena

Spring is coming! Yay! No more snow! We would like to welcome Sloane and Easton to our room. They are a welcome addition. Some of our older wobbs have been visiting the toddler room and love playing with the other children and teachers. They are happy to go for their visit.

We will be continuing our signs this month so our new friends can communicate better. Also, we will be working with our colors and counting using blocks, Duplos, and big Legos. The play dishes and food are a very popular thing right now! The food is also good for learning colors! We have been learning through play. Bouncing balls and counting is another fun way to learn. As soon as the weather permits, we will go outside! We need shoes and coats. Please make sure we have our things ready for outside fun. We hope you have a good month!

Tiger Cubs I loved by Reanna & Deena

February is over and done, but the love never stops! We had a great time practicing "loving" our friends with lots of hugs, nice words (thank you and please), and playing with each of our friends. We also reviewed the letters I, H, G, and F and the numbers 10, 1, 2, and 3, the colors pink, brown, black, and red. We've really been focusing on signing with our daily activities too. We work on the have always popular "thank you,"

"please," "move," and "eat." But we've also been working on "love" and "star" this month as well. If you want to know a sign, please feel free to ask us to show you. After Valentine's Day, we had lots of fun learning about the solar system. We think the favorite art project was making sparkling stars, who doesn't love a sparkly star?

March will be the month of St. Patrick's Day shenanigans and spring celebrations. You'll start seeing lots of flowers and rainbows popping up in the hallway and classroom soon. We will also be reviewing the letters J-M, numbers 3-7, and the colors orange, yellow, green, and blue. We will continue practicing useful signs with a special focus on "rainbow" and "flower" too. Fingers crossed that spring is right around the corner and we get to see the real things!

Tiger Cubs II loved by Abby & Chela

This past month, we reviewed letters E, F, G, and H and started back at number 1! The kids loved painting, a lot of sensory play, and running around on the mats. We practiced our numbers in English and Spanish, played guitars for letter G, and made elephants for E! We celebrated Valentine's Day the whole month with loads of cuddles, kisses, and hearts.

Next month, we will explore outer space! By painting stars and planets, the kids will enjoy the world outside of this world. We will make rocket packs to fly around the moon, astronauts with their shiny suits, and lots of stars for the children to nap under. Along with this theme, we will review letters I, J, K and L while practicing numbers 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Furthermore, we will start saying our colors in both English and Spanish.

We wanted to give a special thanks to all of the parents for keeping us stocked on diapers, wipes, and extra clothes. In March, we also plan on taking daily walks with the children to explore nature (weather permitting).

Fuzzy Ducks loved by Deby, Kierra, Briana & Stacey

February was a fun month! First we learned about the ground hog, and what it meant if he saw his shadow. Then we made shadows on the wall. We talked about how to keep our teeth healthy. What foods to eat and which ones have sugar bugs. We even got to floss our teeth. We also painted

with tooth brushes. The most fun was our Valentine exchange and the party.

Bring on spring! We are going to do a lot of projects about Dr. Seuss and his crazy books. We will make a *Cat in the Hat* hat, paint a fish bowl for *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue*

Fish. We are even going to make a cake for Dr. Seuss's birthday. We will talk about rainbows and all the pretty colors. We will make a fruit loop necklace (if we don't eat them all first). We will make a rainbow collage, with all the beautiful colors. There will be lots of fun St. Patrick's Day

Fuzzy Ducks cont.

activities. Painting clovers, green shaving cream art, find the hidden four leaf clover hidden in the room, we will learn about the color green, and find green objects in the classroom.

Then there's that pesky leprechaun. Hope he doesn't mess up the room too much. Then there's spring. We will talk about what happens in spring. How it's rainy so the flowers can begin to grow. We will make

umbrellas. Let's help it doesn't rain too much so we can go on lots of walks and listen for the birds and see if the trees are starting to bud.

Bouncy Bears loved by Hanna & Joy

Hello all! Hope you enjoyed our loving month of February! For February, we spent most of our time decorating our classroom! We colored and made our own teddy bears, spread pretty ribbon around our classroom, and posted up some decorative hearts! Our favorite art was our glow stick lanterns. We made Chinese paper lanterns and then we put our glow sticks inside. So, with our red Christmas lights,

we got to see some neon colors at nap time. We also threw our party on Valentine's Day! We would like to thank my fun friends and their families for giving us a fun lovely party. The beautiful cards, candy, and treats were a hit! We danced to music and danced with ribbons, bounced around the classroom and used up the last half of energy outside since our weather

is getting a little bit better. We are now running into the month of March. Why not have another party? St. Patrick's Day! We will decorate with the popular color of GREEN! Let's make some four leaf clovers and find our pot of gold on the other end of the rainbow. We will also make Lucky Charm hats! A good friend is like a four leaf clover: we are lucky to have them!

Kangaroos loved by Ru

Could it really already be March? Wow! February was another great month for us! We celebrated Valentine's Day to its fullest. We started out by decorating two very large hearts which we then "sewed" together with yarn. Our teacher wrote our name with glitter which we thought was the coolest thing. These became our Valentine holders and we waited patiently for our friends to fill them with valentines. We also did a color by number activity that left us with a valentine picture, read plenty of valentine

stories, created a "I love you to pieces!" piece of art, and made our own cupcake puzzle. We finished off our valentine celebrations by having our valentine party. As our teachers passed out our goodies, we thanked each member of our class who brought us something. We had fruit snacks, Pirate Booty, mixed berries, cookies, and juice. Not to mention the adorable plates and big cups we got to use! As we finished up our treats we spread out around the room to open our Valentines. The

excitement on our faces was priceless as we saw all the wonderful things our friends gave to us. Our teacher was excited that we could read our friends' names and that we were saying kind words like "thank you" and "you're welcome." We of course then went outside to run off all that sugar! It was a great day! Other than Valentine's Day, February was a bit of a hodge podge month. We practiced writing our friends' names and giving compliments, and maybe

Kangaroos cont.

found a new favorite activity! Two Fridays in a row we were able to have building time with random materials. We used popsicle sticks, Q-tips, cotton balls, rope, Dixie cups, and hot glue to create all sorts of things. We had swords, houses, Pikachus, picture frames, airplanes, stick people, etc. Our imaginations were running wild! Some of us would copy someone else's design so we could have similar items, others came up with ideas of our own, and others relied on a teacher to create what we asked. One of the days we had a show and tell time as well where

we got to sit in the teacher's chair, explain what we made, and then answer questions from our friends

Looking ahead to March, we are beginning to anticipate that sneaky leprechaun visiting us. He likes to sneak into our classroom while we are away and make a huge mess which we have to clean up! Sometimes he is nice and will leave us pictures, candy, notes, or other surprises. We are already hatching up plans to catch him. Maybe this will be the year! Prior to all the leprechaun and St. Patrick's Day fun, we will be celebrating Dr.

Seuss's birthday. We will read every Dr. Seuss story we can get our hands on, make a *Cat in the Hat* hat, and have a read-in! This means we get to wear pajamas and lounge around all day. Who is looking forward to pajamas more the teacher or the kids??? Could be a tie! Following Dr. Seuss week, we will talk about space and robots and finish up March talking about transportation. We will have a week off from kindergarten activities as we welcome the school age kids for spring break. Hard to believe it is already that time of year!

Panthers loved by Robin, Paige & Shirley

In February, we did a lot of heart crafts. We did spin art hearts that included lacing ribbons, stamp art and relief print. We made melted crayon cupids and hung them on the pool window to share with the swimmers! We made so many Valentine's at the free art table. We also made cupid's arrow Valentines. A project we wanted to do again was the candy cane heart roses that Teacher Robin taught us to make last year too.

We also made some pretty cool laminated book marks. We used hole punches as part of the design on some of them. We also used old calendar art (donated by Teacher Shirley, thank you!). Some of us

kids that did not do them at first, wanted to do them after we saw how cool they turned out.

March is the month of St. Patrick's. We will be making shamrock prints out of bell peppers. We will also be making the amazing leaping leprechaun moveable puppet. We will also be making the popular leprechaun lunch bag puppets, and let's not forget leprechaun hats for everybody. We will also learn about St. Patrick and the snakes legend. We will be making paper snakes to hang around the room. Our melted crayon project will be the flag of Ireland.

During spring break we will be making colorful CD window catchers, whirly gigs and pinwheels. We will also be doing some book making and writing. Also if the weather permits, we may go to the field around the corner and fly kites.



Just For Fun

Home Depot Kids Workshop

When: First Sat., 9-12pm

Where: Various Home Depot Locations
Description: Free, monthly hands-on, "how-to" craft* workshops designed for kids ages 5-12.

03/04 Building a Rain Gauge

Lakeshore Learning

When: Every Sat, 11am -3pm

Where: Lakeshore Learning Store, 16901 SW 65th Ave., Lake Oswego

Description: FREE fun craft activities for ages 3+

Information: 503-620-9888 or lakeshorelearning.com.

03/04 Lookin' Sharp! Pencil Holder

03/11 Lots O' Luck Hat

03/18 Rockin' Guitar

03/25 Honeybee House

\$4 Zoo Second Tuesday

When: Tue. March 14th, 10am - 4pm

Where: Oregon Zoo, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. Portland, OR 97221

Description: Enjoy all of the fun wildlife and adventure at the Oregon Zoo for a fraction of the cost with \$4 admission per person. Children 2 and under are, as always, admitted free of charge. Ride transit and receive an additional \$1.50 off with proof of ridership. There is a fee for parking as well.

Wondrous Wednesdays

When: Wed. March 1st 10am - 5pm

Where: World Forestry Center
 4033 SW Canyon

Description: Tour the World Forestry Center for the discounted price of \$3 per person. Ride the wet-free rapids, try your smoke jumping skills, and discover interesting things about forests all over the world. There is a fee for parking as well.

Second Saturday at WREC

When: Sat. March 11th, 1pm - 3pm

Where: Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way

Description: Second Saturdays at the Water Resources Education Center are not only fun, they're free! Each second Saturday of the month, from 1 to 3 p.m., kids and their families are invited to explore a different topic through hands-on activities, games and stories.

March: Celebrate World Water Day

Join us for a celebration of World Water Day! In 1992, the United Nations created World Water Day to celebrate and focus the attention on the importance of our planet's most important resource—water! We'll 'dive in' with activities for the whole family focused on learning about where our water comes from, how communities around the globe get water and how we can all work together to promote clean and plentiful water.

\$2 Days at OMSI

When: First Sun. of every month,

03/05

Where: OMSI

1945 SE Water St., Portland, OR 97214

Description: Enjoy discounted \$2 admission to OMSI.

Guided Nature Hike

When: Saturdays, 10-11:30am

Where: Tryon Creek Park
 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

Description: Free guided nature hikes exploring the forest and stream ecosystems and natural history at Tryon Creek State Natural Area. Topics will vary from week to week but will be appropriate for all ages. Parents must accompany kids on all hikes. **No pre-registration required.** For more specific information or if bringing groups larger than 10, call (503) 636-9886 ext. 225.

03/04 The Wonderful Wildlife of Tryon Creek

03/11 A Story of Stumps

03/18 The Changing Forest at Tryon Creek

03/25 Watching the Waters of Tryon Creek

Check out these great sources for more family fun activities...

Multnomah County Library

<https://multcolib.org/events/programs>

Vancouver Family Magazine

www.vancouverfamilymagazine.com/calendar.html

PDX Kids Calendar

<http://www.pdxkidscalendar.com/summer-fun-events/>