



## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Dates:

- 3/2 – Dragonflies “Healthy Habit Pajama Party”
- 3/3 –Red and Blue Fish Hunt in Bumblebees Today!
- 3/7 - This week Summer Camp materials available
- 3/6 - Mixed Bag Fundraiser Ends
- 3/25- Good Friday – MMO Programs CLOSED
- 3/28 – Easter Monday – MMO Programs CLOSED
- 3/29–4/1–Closed for MMO Spring Break (Open for full time students, infants and camp attendees.)

### Director’s Note...

We are happy to have so many MMO students returning in September! This month summer camp applications will be available. Summer Camp begins June 20<sup>th</sup> and runs until August 19<sup>th</sup>. Each fun-filled week of camp explores a different theme through hands-on learning activities (and plenty of water play!) Your child may attend the entire camp season or you can choose individual weeks to attend. If you have any questions please stop by the office and we will be happy to assist you.

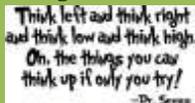
Thank you for supporting our February fundraisers. Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success at \$1,500 in sales! That is \$600 more than last year! Our Scholastic Dollars earn “points” which our teachers can use for wanted books and materials. I would also like to thank the generosity of those who purchased “wish list” books for our teachers. They were very appreciative! While we are waiting for total sales from our Panera Night, the evening was well-attended and enjoyed by many MMO families.

Our Parent Association is working hard on the Spring Casino Night Fundraiser event and it is shaping up to be an exciting evening! We hope you will come enjoy a fun night of food, games and music (*Please Note: The Spring Fundraiser date was changed to April 30<sup>th</sup>.*) Tickets may be purchased online or at the MMO office. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and your support is most appreciated!

For students not attending full-time, MMO Programs will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in having your child attend the MMO Spring Break Camp, forms will be available in your child’s folder and outside the MMO offices.

This month MMO Programs will continue its STEM spotlight and well as celebrating the works of Dr. Seuss in honor of his birthday. A new addition to our aftercare enrichment line-up begins each Monday with Yogarate! Instructor Nicole will lead the children with “the high energy, body strength building, respect filled martial arts class and flow smoothly into yoga with a few sun salutations followed by an age appropriate calming meditation.”

Be sure to read *The Teacher Corner* to see what themes each individual Program will be focusing on.



Corrine



## MMO CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Come enjoy an evening of food, games, live music & fun!  
April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

For more information visit  
[www.mmocasino.org](http://www.mmocasino.org)

And join the Facebook group  
“MMO Programs Casino Night 2016”

*All Proceeds Will Be Used For  
Special Programs, Classroom Materials and More!*



We are excited to run an eco-friendly fundraiser this month through Mixed Bag Designs. The items are useful, fun AND green! Products are re-useable, recyclable and very cool - including reusable bags, lunch sets, backpacks, accessories, gift items and much more. Look for the product catalog in your child’s folder. Sale ends March 6<sup>th</sup>!



### NOTES FROM PARENT ASSOCIATION

Hi parents!

Thanks to all that attended our Panera night last month. I hope to have the grand total to share soon. Big thanks also to all who made purchases at the Scholastic book fair, and especially to the parents who volunteered their time.

Casino night planning is in full swing. Please be sure to visit our website, [mmocasino.org](http://mmocasino.org), for more information on how to purchase tickets, assist with sponsorships, view our ever-growing list of prizes, and for a link to our Facebook page. Don't forget, there's still time to get your orders in for the Mixed Bag and Lovable Labels fundraisers. Our goal is to raise enough to purchase listening centers for the pre-k classes as well as some new gym equipment.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 2 at 7:30 PM in classroom B. Hope to see you there.

Nicole Dougherty, President

Crystal Polson, Vice-President

MMO Parents Association



## Ladybugs – Miss Tynise & Miss Malessa

Is it March already? From conquering the transitions, to adapting to routines to learning self-soothing techniques at rest, our Ladybugs have grown so much! They are beginning to link words together to express to us what they need and want, as well as how they are feeling. Throughout this month we will read and talk about different story book classics. Our activities for each week will be based on the books that we will read. We will begin reading the works of Dr. Seuss in honor of his March 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

## Grasshoppers - Miss Wendy

This month we have been learning about friendships and feelings. We have read some wonderful books including: *The Kissing Hand*, *The Llama Llama* series, and various stories from the *Franklin* series-to name a few. We have also enjoyed some new songs and art projects. It has been fun to see the progression in art. The children are expressing their individuality with more open ended projects. Next month we will learn about animals and where they live. This will prepare us for the insect theme that we will have in April! Butterflies are on their way!

## Caterpillars - Miss Jan & Miss Claire

Caterpillars will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday throughout the month of March. We will read *Fox in Socks* and we invite our littlest MMO students to wear "silly" socks (however you wish to interpret that—different colors or other mismatches, polka dots, etc...) anytime throughout the month, with special emphasis on **Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** (Dr. Seuss's birthday). See you in your silly socks!

## Bumblebees - Miss Christina

During the month of the March, we will begin learning all about the ocean and ocean animals. We will be focusing on sea horses, octopuses, sea turtles, starfish, and clownfish to name a few. Our literature focus will also be on some of these animals, with us reading books like *Clark the Shark* and *Barnacle Is Bored*. Please join us Under the Sea on Friday, April 8th, where you will be able to explore all the animals that we have created during the month (and a few surprises along the way)! For Dr. Seuss' birthday we will read *One Fish, Two Fish* and will search for red or blue fish around the room on Thursday, March 3rd.

## Butterflies - Miss Gidget

In March, we'll be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday all month long. We will get the chance to read lots of Dr. Seuss stories; integrate it with math, science, and social studies activities; and learn to identify rhyming words. Meanwhile, we will continue learning the letter sounds of I, J, K, L, and M. For our afternoon class this month, we will be studying different authors, including Dr. Seuss, Eric Carle, Leo Lionni, and more!

## Dragonflies - Miss Noelle

March comes in like a lion(fish) and goes out like a lamb, so we will begin the month focusing on the lionfish and all the creatures that share to earth's ocean with it. We will explore the tropical coral reefs, the wide open ocean and even the deepest darkest places on earth where natural light never shines. The class will work cooperatively to create our own coral reef, and begin to sort creatures using two and three characteristics. We will have a hands-on experience with a real live dead fish (yes! A real dead fish!) and maybe even make some simple sushi with seaweed from the ocean. All this, and you don't even need to bring a life jacket!

## Fireflies - Miss Tara

*March has arrived and the Pre-K students are well into their alphabet study. This month we will focus on the letters I, J, K, L and M. We will become Inventors for the letter I, make Jack-in-the-boxes for J, read about Koala bears and Kangaroos for K, practice our lacing skills for L and learn how to measure for M. The children will learn about St. Patrick's Day and we will welcome the new season of spring! In the afternoons, the Pre-k classes will choose some of their favorite authors to learn about. We will read some books, act stories out and work on some fun literacy projects. Of course we will spend some time with Dr. Seuss and celebrate his birthday!*

## Aftercare Enrichment – Miss Danielle

This month we will have fun with St. Patrick's Day projects. Our learning will focus on the concepts of "Opposites" and "Weather." Through hands-on experimentation, we will explore these topics and learn "What objects sink or float?" and "Why does it rain or snow?" Enrichment will continue to include Yoga with Miss Noelle and Creative Movements with Miss Maya, while learning the basics of music theory and violin with Mr. David. Music with Ms. Tess incorporates dancing with scarves to different music and lots of other fun activities. We will continue music with French Immersion with Mr. Jim and explore different parts of the world, storytelling with Mr. Gary is loved by all. New this month is Yogarate with Miss Nicole! Of course Aftercare Enrichment wouldn't be complete without Miss Deirdre from the Little Rockers bringing excitement and music every Friday!!!