

## MARCH NEWSLETTER ROOM 1

Dear Room 1 Families;

The children love to report the weather each day and our forecast is that spring is in the air! We plan to look for signs of spring during the month of March through gardening, song and conversations. Are there any flowers growing in your yard, baby ducks swimming in the river, or tiny new leaves budding on your trees? If you have any artifacts of spring time that you would like to share with the class, I am inviting you to bring them to Miss Julia so they can talk about them at circle time.



**Music and Movement:** Our song this month that we will be learning is sung to the tune of "Popcorn Popping on the Apricot Tree" and talks about the flowers we start to see blooming. If you're interested in the lyrics to sing at home, we do have them available.

In our classroom this month we are celebrating a few of our friends who have moved onto their Primary Montessori classrooms. Congratulations Reagan, Vonn, Agatha and Sonya! We would also like to welcome some new faces into our classroom from last month and this month. Welcome Jack, Wylder, Sloane and Zane!

Also in our classroom we have are welcoming a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Joanna Acosta. We are excited to welcome Joana with all her experience in with infants and toddlers. Joanna will be shadowing with Miss Ellie this month to eventually step into the classroom full time. Miss Ellie will still be at school to support our class and the Primary classrooms. Welcome Miss Joana!



A few ideas to share from "101 Things That Parents Can Do To Help" by B. Hacker:

- Take the time to stand back and observe your child carefully and note the characteristics that she/he is displaying.
- Build a wardrobe for your child aimed at freedom of movement and independence and allow enough time for your child to dress themselves.
- Teach grace and courtesy in the home. Model it. Use courtesy with your child and help your child to demonstrate it.
- Read together daily - with younger children stick to books with realistic themes.
- Take walks together at the child's pace, pausing to notice things and talk about what you see.

Miss Julia, Miss Ellie and Miss Joana

**School closed for spring break — MARCH 21st-25th**

*Spring camp hours for Pre-Montessori is available but sign up is limited.*