



# TodayCare Times

March, 2024

A Newsletter for St. Joseph's Child Care Center

## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

### Up-Coming...

- **Dr. Seuss Day** - March 2
- **World Wildlife Day** - March 3
- **Int. Women Day** - March 8
- **Daylight Savings Begins** - Mar. 10
- **St. Patrick's Day** - March 17
- **Intl. Frog Day** - March 20
- **World Down Syndrome** - Mar. 21

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday, and a good time to remind all of us to read to and with our children. Children who are read to and who see their parent read have a greater interest in reading, giving them the foundation for better success in school. Here are some tips to help make reading a better experience for both you and your child.

In addition to reading to your child, let them see you reading as part of your daily life (the newspaper after breakfast, a magazine while waiting for an appointment, or even a cookbook while preparing dinner). And if you haven't done so, consider taking them to the local library. Almost all of the Hillsborough County Public libraries have story time for different ages, some offer bedtime stories and there are numerous activities centered around reading offered throughout the year.

### World Wildlife Day

World Wildlife Day is celebrated on March 3 to raise awareness of all the endangered species that are on the verge of extinction all over the world, and the damage that their disappearing will cause to their ecosystems and the health of our planet.

Did you know that there only around 40 Amur Leopards, 60 Javan Rhinos, 600 Sudan Island Tigers, 800 Tapanuli Orangutans, 1,000 Yangtze Finless Porpoise, and 1,000 Mountain Gorillas in the entire world? And that's just to mention a few of the thousands of species that are disappearing forever.

To put it very simply, if certain creatures were to die out, it would send our food chain far out of whack. In a strong ecosystem, if any link in the food chain breaks, it causes ripples far and wide.

While there are certainly reasons beyond humanity's control for a species to die off, in many cases today, it's due to human activity. However, the good news is that if we caused it, we have the power to fix it. We all share one planet.

Ensuring Earth remains a thriving, living, breathing planet means taking care of everything in it. The loss of a species can lead to changes in the local environment, which can directly affect the humans living there. Wildlife conservation is an integral part of creating a sustainable world.

I believe it is our duty to do something about, not just for our children, but for the generations that come after. The future of our world depends on getting together, and plant in our children the love for nature, and a strong desire to become advocates and defenders of our planet, and all its inhabitants. So it is time to spread the word and get involved today!!!

Parents,

Don't forget to keep two full changes of clothes in your child's cubby for those little emergencies. And please remember to include socks and extra underwear (for children who wear them), and to label all of the items. Also, please check often to make sure the extra clothes are weather appropriate, and that they still fit your child.

The SJCC Parent Advisory Board meets on the

third Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in our Teacher's Lounge

### Meeting Dates

**2024:**

**March 15**

**April 12**

**May 17**

**June 21**

**July 19**

**August 16**

**September 20**

**October 18**

**November 15**

**December 20**

**Please join us.**



### March is Women’s History Month

Women’s History Month is a celebration of women’s contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women’s History Month 2022 will take place from Tuesday, March 1-Thursday, March 31, 2022.

From Abigail Adams to Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth to Rosa Parks, the timeline of women’s history milestones stretches back to the founding of the United States.

International Women’s Day, a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. Many countries around the world celebrate the holiday with demonstrations, educational initiatives and customs such as presenting women with gifts and flowers.

The National Women’s History Alliance designates a yearly theme for Women’s History Month. The 2022 theme is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope." This theme is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."

**TO ALL OF YOU WOMEN, CONGRATULATIONS!! YOU WERE, ARE, AND ALWAYS BE THE PILLARS OF THE SOCIETIES AROUND THE WORLD!!**

### Book Selections

- **Planting a Rainbow** by Louis Ehlert.
- **Puddles** by Jonathan London.
- **The Wind Blew** by Pat Hutchins.
- **Kite Day** by Will Hillenbrand.
- **The Tiny Seed** by Eric Carle.
- **The Curious Garden** by Peter Brown.
- **Green Eggs and Ham** by Dr. Seuss.
- **How to Catch a Leprechaun** by Adam Wallace.
- **The Night Before St. Patrick’s Day** by Natasha Wing.
- **The Lorax** by Dr. Seuss.

**DON'T FORGET TO READ TO YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY!!!!**

### Shamrock Man Craft

What you need: white paper, glue, scissors, black marker, one large shamrock, four small shamrocks and googly eyes.

Instructions:

Cut 4 strips of white paper and fold accordion style. Two longer ones for legs and two slightly shorter than the arms. Glue them to the large shamrock. Glue the four small shamrocks to the end of the arms and legs. Using a black marker, draw a mouth onto the Shamrock man. Glue two googly eyes.

### 4 Leaf Clover Pin

What you need:

- green paper
- glue
- scissors
- green felt square
- green pipe cleaner
- safety pin



Instructions:

Fold a sheet of paper in quarters and cut four identical heart shapes. Glue each heart to green felt. Cut out the felt in the shape of the heart. Glue the point of each heart onto a small square of felt. Glue a pipe cleaner stem to the back of the clover. Attach a safety pin with a small piece of felt.

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 ★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...!** ★  
 ★ **STUDENTS** ★  
 ★ *Braxton Basista - March 03* ★  
 ★ *Wrenley Revels - March 10* ★  
 ★ *Harlow Hupp - March 17* ★  
 ★ *Maya Vo - March 18* ★  
 ★ *Blakeley Luna - March 30* ★  
 ★ *Olivia Black - March 31* ★  
 ★ **TEACHERS** ★  
 ★ *Nori Fontanez - March 14* ★  
 ★ *Gloria Jones - March 15* ★  
 ★ *Margarita Carbonell - March 22* ★  
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