



## March 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that February is behind us. We are not sure how it passed so quickly but are happy that the chance for more snow is getting less and less likely.

Thank you:

A big thank you to Talullah and her family for helping to reinforce our garden gate. We are all looking forward to getting out into the garden and starting our spring planting.

Bucket Filling

Many thanks to all of the children for embracing our discussions about “filling buckets”. We have seen children: offering to help a classmate needing assistance, offering hugs and sympathetic pats on the back when a friend is emotional, teaching lessons to younger friends, helping to clean up works that were forgotten, checking on friends to make sure they are ok, independently fixing works on the shelf and many more gestures of kindness. It is so great to see that children of all ages are so aware and in touch with their instinctive kind natures.

Study Topics

As a group our alphabet introductions continued with the letters h, i and j. We are concentrating on the phonetic sound of each letter so your child might be able to identify a letter by sound instead of by name. This is done to make the process of reading easier when the children are ready for that step.

Samples of our works are on our parent board.

March Topics

In March we will continue our letter studies and will explore the continent of Europe. We welcome flags, artifacts and any item of cultural significance to be included in show and tell.

We will also incorporate some St. Patrick’s Day Activities while exploring all the colours of the rainbow.

Additionally we will focus on the practice of respectfulness. We will be revisiting grace and courtesy lessons, and talking about respectful choices with each other, our families and the world at large.

## Upcoming Dates:

Monday March 18 – Friday March 22 : Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

Thursday – March 28 Easter Celebration 10am

Friday- March 29 NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

Monday – April 1 NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

## Easter Celebration – March 28

To celebrate Easter this year we have been invited, once again, to Stanford Seniors Village for multi-generational festivities. We look forward to participating in an Easter Egg Hunt as well as crafting and singing with the seniors in care. We plan to leave the school around 940 and plan to be back for the 1145 pick up. We would love to include a few parent volunteers. If you would like to join us please chat with one of the teachers. We thank you in advance.

## Staff changes

It is with a complexity of emotions that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Juhee at the end of March. She has chosen to retire from the classroom to have more time for her family. We are sad to see her go, grateful for her time with us and pleased that she will have more precious time with her family. We wish her all the best and hope that she will come back to visit when time allows.

A new Montessori educator has been hired and comes to Bright Star with a wealth of experience. Her name is Miss Sharmala and she was trained as a Montessori directress in 1985. Since her training she has taught in Sri Lanka, Toronto, Yellowknife and Tanzania. We look forward to welcoming her to our team.

As always the teachers are very grateful for our children and our families. We welcome your input and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
Miss Linda, Miss Evgeniia, Miss Ariel  
Miss Juhee, Miss Rita, Miss Eva