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# The Children's Center News

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## Read Across America

Jennifer Stuber, Kindergarten Teacher

### Reading Corner

Karen Roudybush, Reading Specialist

Make reading time a regular part of your child's daily routine, as important as homework, dinner and bath time. Provide a quiet, comfy place to read and don't be afraid to reread favorites!



Children and adults across the country celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2nd. It is a great way to honor a man who made reading enjoyable for children. This year the Children's Center celebrated Read Across America, Friday, February 28th. On the day of the celebration, the students read 3 books focused on colors, *Rabbit Paints* by Alan Baker, *A Color of His Own* by Leo Lionni and *Pinkalicious* by Victoria Kann and Elizabeth Kann. Each book had a special activity. The kids enjoyed making colored pancakes with sprinkles, mixing colors and making a chameleon of their own. We then enjoyed color themed activities such as beanbag tossing, pin the cloud on the rainbow and parachute time. Val read us the famous Cat in the Hat. The perfect end to a fun celebration was building the Cat in the Hat cake with Mr. Rhoten and Carrie. They layered yellow and strawberry cake with red and white icing. The kids loved yelling out the pattern and laughing as Mr. Rhoten tried to keep it from falling.



### Save the Date!

Spring Break

April 3-12

PSO Meeting (6:00)

April 28

Zoo Trip

May 14

May Day

May 22





## Family Learning Weekend 2015

Twelve families joined us on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> for Family Learning Weekend 2015. On Friday night, families enjoyed a presentation by Christie Homell and Val Wojton about conceptually accurate Math signs. They also enjoyed *Family Game Night* with the Choices for Children Teachers. On Saturday, we began our day with a presentation by Dr. Claudia Pagliaro. She discussed the role of the parent in fostering Math development in their children along with helpful tips to 'mediate' Math learning in every day experiences. Karen Roudybush hosted a Literacy Workshop for families on Saturday afternoon titled, *Hooked on Finding Math in Books*. John Gibson also shared his ASL expertise. Families enjoyed the many activities related to the books, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Doorbell Rang* and *Measuring Penny*. Another highlight of the weekend was a Technology Expo (including Children's Hospital Hearing Center, Sorenson, Purple, MedEl, Cochlear America, HDS, and more!). If you were not able to attend and would like to watch Dr. Pagliaro's presentation or Karen and John's presentation, you can access them on the WPSD website by clicking on the "WPSD Live" link and going to the archives. Hope to see you there next year!



## St. Patrick's Day with Edgewood Daycare

*Michelle Zelei, Preschool Teacher*

Saint Patrick's day was the March theme for our monthly visit with our Edgewood daycare friends! The children enjoyed having 'Leprechaun munch' for snack, followed by the story, "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover." Everyone enjoyed learning new signs and laughing at the silliness of all the Saint Patrick's Day objects that the old lady swallowed! Pairs of friends then enjoyed a counting game with gold coins and an art project where we created our own Leprechauns with curly beards! We ended our visit with some free play in the playroom. We were very sad to see our friends go but we are looking forward to our next visit!

