

# Preschool 1 March Calendar 2019



## How does Learning Happen?

A significant body of research indicates that positive, caring, and respectful relationships are the foundation for optimal learning, development, health, and well-being. By responding positively to children's cues and engaging in reciprocal interactions with them, educators support the development of secure relationships.<sup>37</sup> Secure relationships contribute to children's emotional well-being and provide them with a safe environment in which to learn. Positive interactions support the development of social and cognitive competence and communication skills, <sup>38</sup> which in turn strengthen children's capacity to learn in the short and long term. When children are strongly connected to their caregivers, they feel safe and have the confidence to play, explore, and learn about the world around them.



## Important Dates

March 20 First Day of Spring

March 27 Librarian

## Skills We Will Be Working On

### Early Literacy Skills



- 5 Senses – Taste, Sight, Smell, Sound, Touch
- Recognizing our names in a group
- An increasing attention span



### Early Math

- Recognizing numbers 1-5
- Comparing quantities
- Recognizing shapes

### Gross Motor & Fine Motor

- Balancing on one foot with arms out stretch
- Throwing a ball at a target
- Work on lacing large beads
- Cutting paper with scissors

### Self Help

- Remember to wash our hands after blowing and wiping our nose
- Doing up snaps and zippers on sweaters and jackets
- A decreasing number of tantrums or meltdowns



### Did You Know?

Enabling children to develop a sense of belonging as part of a group is also a key contributor to their lifelong well-being. A sense of belonging is supported when each child's unique spirit, individuality, and presence are valued.

**Please bring extra seasonal clothing for you child including socks. Take a few mins to label each child's item.**



Author of the Month Eric Carle