

# March 2016 Newsletter

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## March Themes

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- March 7-11  
Spring Weather
- March 14-18  
St. Patrick's & Rainbows
- March 21-25  
Hoppy Easter
- March 28-April 1  
Endangered Animals

## Mothering Heights

By Penny Haakinson

How often do your children ask you a question and after you spend a great deal of time explaining it to them they give you a puzzled look and walk away. Probably one of the most dangerous things we do is listen to our children as though the meaning behind their words comes from an adult place of understanding. Our children of today are very, very, verbal. They experience so much input in our audio world and they use these words they learn based on what experiences they have had. Rarely are they asking the question with the same thinking that you possess.

A classic example – A little preschooler comes home and tells his mother that a thousand “months” ago an asteroid came down and made the dinosaurs “stink”. And they still “stink” today. So in this example the little boy heard a story and used his experiences to create his story. We talk about the days of the month a lot, but we don’t talk about years very often. The idea of something becoming extinct would probably be a new idea and so he used the word “stink” because that works in his vocabulary.

We can teach letters and words and read stories, but children really need to have a lot of experiences so when they are confronted by new information they have a reference point to receive and understand it.

My Granddaughter asks a lot of questions, and when my daughter gives her an answer it often upsets her. They recently lost their old dog and so they went out and bought the book called the Rainbow Bridge. In this book all the animals live in a field and wait for their human owner to pass away and then they walk across the rainbow bridge together and enter heaven. So Carter asked, “Is Toby in Heaven?” My daughter told her, “No he’s waiting for us, so when we die he’ll go across the bridge with us.” And then Carter got really upset, “We’re going to die? When? Are we going together? Is it happening soon?” My daughter was surprised by how upset Carter had gotten and wasn’t sure how to back pedal her way out of it.

This is such a classic example of giving our children too much information without really realizing that we’re doing it. She told me the story and said I’m not sure what to do when she asks so many questions. My advice to her was to always answer their question with another question. When you do this it gives you a better understanding of what they really wanted to know. If your child comes up with a feasible answer to their own question, you can just say, “That sounds good.” Or “That makes sense.” In this way the young child has an idea to work with, feels good that they came up with an answer, and hasn’t been given information that they really weren’t looking for in the first place.

## Front Desk News

### Parking Behind Van

When you pick up/drop off we ask that you do not park behind our vans on the curb. It is very hard to back the vehicles out with cars parked behind them. Sometimes the drivers are having to wait for the vehicles to leave so they are late getting kids to or from school. Thank you for your help with this matter.

### Easter Parties

For those in the Snuggle Bunnies, Tiger Cubs, Fuzzy Ducks, Bouncy Bears and Non-School Age Kangaroos, their Easter parties will be held Friday, March, 25th from 9:00 to 11:00am. The teachers will have sign-ups on their classroom doors, within the next few weeks.

### Panther's Field Trips

With spring break on the way, the Panthers will be going on Field Trips. Just a reminder, that if they come to daycare that day, they are required to go on the Field Trips. We do not have extra teachers who can stay at the center with your child. Payment for Field Trips is required in advance. Also make sure you sign any of the releases at the Front Desk. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Focus of the month

The benchmark this month that we will be focusing is, building relationships. Helping children to build positive relationships with others is a skill that will help them be successful when they go to school as well as in life.

### Share Toys

Please remember that toys from home are only allowed to be brought on Fridays. Please help us in making sure this happens. When children bring toys on other days, they often get lost, which we want to avoid! Thank you for helping us!

### Spring Break is Coming!

Spring Break is approaching fast! Just one month away! It is April 4-8! We are planning fun field trips for the Panthers! Keep an eye on the Front Desk for the sign-up sheets!



## Snuggle Bunny News

Happy March to all! We are looking forward to a fun and busy month.

This month we will be focusing on building relationships. At the snuggle bunny age that means they respond to interactions with others (parents, siblings, teachers etc.) So we will be focusing on really interacting with them.

The color for this month is green, and the shape this month is an oval (like an egg!).

We will be working on saying the words, "bunny", and

"rainbow".

We will continue to work on saying and signing "please" and "thank you".

We will also be working on learning to stack blocks, as well as working on our pouring and filling fine motor skills.

March is going to be a busy month with both St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We will be making lots of fun crafts, like shamrocks, rainbows, pots o' gold and the Easter bunny!

We will also be celebrating Easter the Friday before, on March 25th.

We will have a sign up sheet up soon!

Please remember to still bring in those coats or sweatshirts. It is still cold outside.

Thanks so much. Have a great month!

~ Miss Wendy &  
Miss Simona

## Tiger Cub News

A very happy March to all! We are looking forward to a fun month!

This month, with Easter and St. Patrick's Day we will be very busy.

Our colors for this month are green and yellow. The shape we will be learning about is the oval. Our vocabulary words for

the month are, "shamrock", "green", "yellow", "oval", "bunny" and of course, "potty".

Our goal for the month is to work on saying our own names, find our own coats and learning to put our socks on all by ourselves. We will also continue to work on using the potty. Our goal is to have your child

completely potty trained before they move up to the Fuzzy Ducks.

Have a wonderful month and enjoy the first signs of spring!

~Miss Simona &  
Miss Adai

## Fuzzy Duck News

Wishing you all a happy spring! It is nice to see the flowers beginning to bloom.

This month we are going to not only be celebrating two holidays but also learning lots as well.

The colors for the month are black, white, green, yellow and orange. We will be learning about the shapes pentagon, star, octagon, oval and circle.

Our letters for the month are, V, U, W, X Y and Z.

Our focus of the month is building relationships. So we will be working on using our words to talk to our friends.

Our goal for the month is to continue to work on making their nap mats as well as putting on their own sock and shoes. We will also be working on recognizing our letters too.

Don't forget that share toys are only to be brought in on Friday and to go home on Friday too.

Our share toy bucket is getting full, so please make sure your child's toys are going home every Friday.

Our Easter party will be Friday, March 25th. We will have a sign up on the door, later this month. Have a wonderful, fun filled month!

~Miss Rachel,  
Miss Ashley &  
Miss Sara

## Bouncy Bear News

Can you believe it is already March? Where does the time go? Thank you so much to our parents who donated to our Valentine's Party. It was a fantastic day.

March brings some exciting changes, all around us. We will be exploring Dr. Seuss, Spring, St. Patrick's Day and "Leprechauns, Endangered Animals and Easter. Yes, Easter comes in March this year!

Color focus will be on: black, white, green, yellow and orange. Monthly shapes are: pentagon, star, octagon and circle.

Alphabet awareness will be V, W, X, Y and Z. we will finish off the alphabet and star anew next month.

We want to take a moment to brag about our class:

If you haven't already be sure to take a few minutes to check out our classroom quilt. It is in the hall next to the pool room door. The children took their time in choosing their paper colors and used great care to glue them onto their quilt piece. There was so much work and effort used in this activity. We talked about colors, shapes,

following directions, making a pattern, sharing, taking turns, eye/hand coordination and writing our names! All of this knowledge was disguised as a fun and simple art project!

Our Easter party will be on Friday, March 25th. We will have a party sign up on the door in the next week or so.

We are looking forward to a fantastic spring!

~Miss Lisa,  
Miss Conni and  
Miss Marilyn

## Kangaroo News

Happy March to all. This year is just really flying by. It is going to be a busy month for the Kangaroos.

This month we will be learning about the letters, "V", "W", "X", "Y", and "Z". We will also be learning about the numbers 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

The shapes for the month are pentagon, star, octagon, oval and circle. Our colors for the month are black, white, green, yellow and orange.

We are still working on

learning to master writing our names, we are doing LOTS of practice to master it!

We are also working on staying in line when we go to the bathroom or outside. This is an important goal as your Kangaroo will be required to walk in line when they go to school.

Thank you to everyone who brought goodies for our Valentine Party. It was a huge success and we had lots of fun.

We are excited because this month we will be having our Easter party. It will be Friday, March 25th. There will be a sign up on the door soon.

Looking forward to a fun month full of bunnies and leprechauns!

~Miss Michelle,  
Miss Crystal &  
Miss Brenda

## Panther News

Wishing you a very happy March! St. Patrick's Day and Easter are almost here and we are excited about all we have planned!

This month our science project is, doing a fun egg floating experiment.

The cooking projects this month are Dr. Seuss Kabobs, making Easter marshmallow treats and clover cookies.

Along with science and cooking we will also be doing lots of fun art projects. We will be making our own cat in the hat art, making Easter baskets,

handprint rainbows and a fun flower bouquet painting.

One of our goals this month is to focus on anti-bullying. We will be focusing on helping others and using nice words with our friends.

Please remember that it is still chilly outside, so please have your child bring a coat.

Just a friendly reminder, Spring break is coming up fast. We will be going on Field Trips during that week. If your child is in attendance that day, then they are required to go on the field trip. All our teachers go

on the field trips, so there is no on left here to watch children, so it is important you be on time too. Thank you for understanding.

Have a very wonderful March. Enjoy the sunshine!

~Miss Brenda,  
Miss Heather,  
Miss Shannon,  
Miss Michelle &  
Miss Briget

# Favorite C.V. Recipe: Tator Tot Casserole

### Items needed:

- 1/2 lbs Hamburger
- 1 16oz can Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1/2 cup Broccoli
- 1 bag Tator Tots
- 1 cup Shredded Cheese
- 1 packet taco seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic salt
- 1 tsp onion salt

Brown hamburger, season with taco seasoning, onion and garlic, drain off liquid and layer in bottom of 9X13 pan.

Stir cream of mushroom soup into brown hamburger.

Place broccoli on top of hamburger mixture. (Or any other vegetable of your choice)

Layer Tator Tots on top of

veggies.

Sprinkle top with cheese.

Bake in oven @ 350 degrees until the Tator Tots are cooked and mixture is warmed through.

*Note from Miss Cindy!*

***There is no such thing as too much garlic, onion and CHEESE!***