

# HALE EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

### CURRICULUM

In March, we are focusing on Weather, Seasons, and Dr. Seuss.

In language and literacy, our focus for the month is on knowing how print is read, recognizing known letters of the alphabet in familiar and unfamiliar words, producing rhymes, and drawing original stories with a beginning, middle and end.

In the social-emotional areas, students will describe themselves in terms of preferences, thoughts, and feelings, demonstrate increased confidence and willingness to try new tasks and make decisions relative to materials and activities, show increased investment in the responses of friends and modify behavior to enhance peer relationships, and work to find solutions to conflicts with peers.

In mathematics, your children will begin to use strategies to determine measurable amounts using comparison and standard and non-standard measures. They will identify and describe 2- and 3-dimensional shapes in mathematical terms, use real-world situations and concrete objects to model and solve additional problems up to five, and recognize numbers to 10.

Do not worry if you think your child is not ready to do some or all of what is listed above. Our curriculum is based on the Connecticut Early Learning and Development Standards which take into account that children are in many different

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places along a continuum of development. We take your children where they are and move them forward, with an eye to the learning targets listed above.

### REMINDERS

#### MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>!

Please note that the BOE voted to keep March 9<sup>th</sup> as a regularly attended school day instead of a Professional Development Day.

#### CONFERENCES MARCH 20-22

Our ½ day schedule is in effect for March 20-22. The AM Program is 8:30-10:00, PM Program is 10:30-11:00 and School Day is 8:45-12:00. Conference room sign-ups will be located outside your classroom.

#### LUNCH ORDERING

Our lunch counts are due to the CNHMS cafeteria by 9:00AM each morning. Teachers send in counts based off of the returned lunch menus. Please notify the HEEC office (860-742-4550) prior to 9:00AM if your child will be absent. This will enable us to remove your child from the lunch count and prevent you from being charged.

No call = lunch ordered = charge

#### IN-HOUSE ENROLLMENT

In-house enrollment is currently open for returning students and/or siblings of current students. Open enrollment for the public begins on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM. On this date, we accept students on a first-come first-serve basis so please take advantage of this early registration.

### PTO

Here's what is happening in March for the PTO.

Our March meeting will be a Joint PTO Meeting with HEEC, CGS, and GHR (6:00 pm in the GHR library) on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools, will be sharing the Board of Education FY19 Budget.

#### Fundraising and Events

##### *Cards for a Cause*

Save time and have cards on hand for every occasion! The Usborne Cards for a Cause fundraiser will begin March 5<sup>th</sup>, ending March 19<sup>th</sup>. These beautiful, embellished handmade cards with envelopes are designed for all types of occasions. These cards come in an organizer box with dividers.

##### *Down Syndrome Day*

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD), March 21<sup>st</sup>, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012. Help celebrate that day with brightly colored socks! You can wear long socks, printed socks, 1 sock... even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes! Let's see those socks on March 21<sup>st</sup>!

##### *Spirit Day – March 23<sup>rd</sup>!*

Wear **green** and **gold**!

Should you have any questions please contact your HEEC PTO at heecpto@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!