

# THE COMMUNICATOR- MARCH

## Parent Reminder:

The center will be closed:

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for Professional Development



**St. Patrick's Day is March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**To keep with tradition, we ask that the parents dress their child in something green on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thank you in advance for your participation!**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> is the 1st day of Spring!**



## March 2024

Special points of interest:

- St. Patrick's Day
- Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans
- Preschool Lesson Plans
- We're on the Web

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# Infant/Toddler Lesson Plans

## Finger play

>“Open, Shut Them“

## Cognitive Skills

>Peek-A-Boo with toys

## Readiness skills

>Look at pictures (color id)

## Fine & Gross motor skills

>Fine motor skills—Stack ‘em Up

>Gross motor skills—Let’s Move

## Physical Development

### (coordinating movement)

>Activity center

>Playing with shapes

>Block building

>Jumperoo



## Reading Readiness Skills

>“I Love You” Physical contact  
(large motor skills)

## Social/ Emotional Skills

>Facial expressions

>Communication, responding to child  
with positivity and action words

>Make eye contact and communicating  
with the child.

## Arts and Crafts

### (personal and social development/ learning about self)

>Spring Time

## Story time

>Puppet Show

## Coordinating Movement

Push walker/ Pull a toy behind



## Tummy Time

>Reach and Scoot for objects  
(physical development/coordinating movement)

## Circle time

>ABC’s song

>Numbers—Sesame Street

>Colors with felt

>Viewing Large shapes Flash cards

(cognitive development/exploring and discovering)

## Music with Motion

>“My Fingers”

>Singing “Where is Thumbkin” with hand gestures



# Preschool Lesson Plans

## Lesson Plan : 2s & 3s

**Letters:** I & J (Letter Race, I Spy, Sensory Letters) (cognitive development)

**Numbers:** 9 & 10 (Follow that Number) (cognitive development)

**Number Worksheets:** Color by number (fine motor development/cognitive development)

**Exercise:** Bouncing Balls (physical development)

**Colors:** Green—Color sort and match (cognitive development)

**Shape:** Oval—Follow the shape (social/emotional/cognitive development)

**Story:** The Cat in the Hat (language and literacy/ social/emotional development)

**Handwriting:** I & J with chalk; using markers; and/or Etch-a-Sketch with stylus (fine motor skills)

**Spanish:** Greetings

**Song:** “Five Little Ducks” (Social/emotional development)

**Music:** Singing Songs/ playing instruments

**Arts & Crafts:** Sponge paint with green (fine motor skills)

**Sign Language:** Transportation

**Language Development:** Early Literacy: Pre-reading and Pre-writing/Story time

**Cognitive Skills:** Memory (Days of the Week)

## Lesson Plan : 4s & 5s

**Review:** beginning blend sounds (reading readiness)

**Practice:** with chalk drawing “oval shape” (fine motor skills)

**Exercise:** Hula Hoops (gross motor skills)

**Handwriting:** Numbers 1-50 (using crayons and markers) (fine motor skills)

**Math:** Addition up to 10—using blocks, counters, etc. (cognitive development)

**Colors:** Let’s make Green! (cognitive development)

**Song:** “The Bear Went Over the Mountain” (social/emotional skills)

**Story:** Green Eggs & Ham (social/emotional skills)

**Spanish:** Conversation

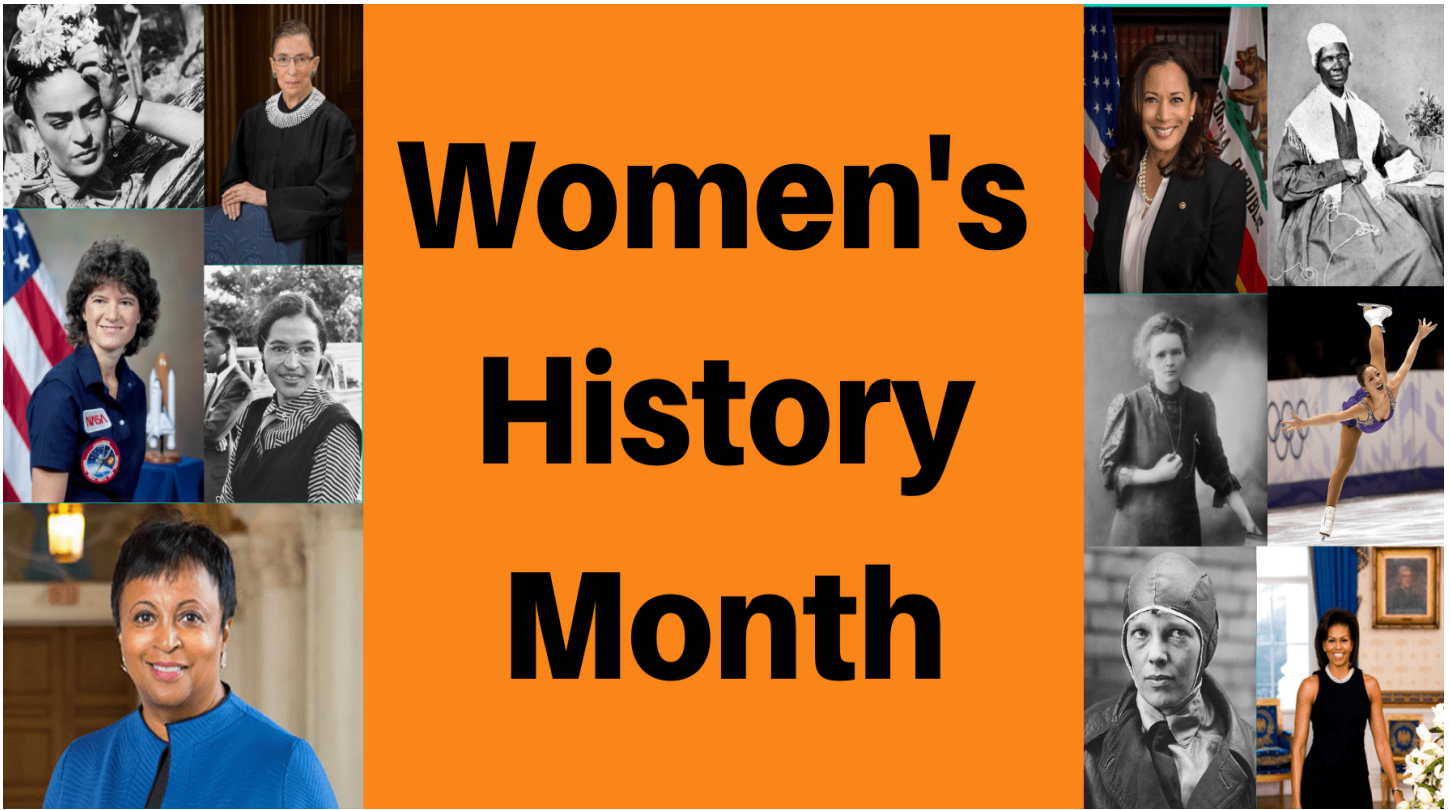
**Music:** Singing songs/ reciting poems (social/emotional development)

**Arts & Crafts:** Collage with green shapes (fine motor skills)

**Sign Language:** Transportation

**Language Development:** Sight words

**Cognitive Skills:** Memory (Months of the Year)



## Homework Reminder:

Please bring in pictures of famous Women throughout history.  
Pictures can go as far back as Harriet Tubman and as present as Vice



# Spring Confetti Cookie Bars

## Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup room temperature butter
  - 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 large egg (room temperature)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
  - 1 1/4 cup white chocolate chips (separated)
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3/4 cup pastel M&Ms (or other candy)
- 1/2 cup broken pretzel twists
- 3 tablespoons sprinkles (pastel colored)

## Equipment

- 9×13 inch baking pan
- Parchment paper
- 2 mixing bowls
- Spatula

## Instructions

1. Add graham crackers to a food processor and blend until fine consistency.
2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Spray 9×13 inch pan with non-stick spray or line with parchment paper.
3. In a medium bowl, add the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cornstarch, and salt. Stir to com-

bine. Set aside.

4. Mix room temperature butter and sugar together with a mixer until light and fluffy. Now, mix in the egg and vanilla and beat until just incorporated.
5. Slowly add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients and mix until combined. Add one cup of white chocolate chips to the mixture and stir with a spatula.
6. Press cookie dough into prepared pan. Bake cookie dough for 17-22 minutes or until edges are slightly browned, and the middle is starting to set. Remove from oven and immediately top with marshmallows. Return to the oven and another 1-2 minutes or until marshmallows become puffy.
7. Take out of the oven and let sit for 1-2 minutes to cool slightly. Add the M&M and other festive candy as well as the 1/4 cup of white chocolate chips, broken pretzels, and pretty sprinkles.
8. Let cool completely and then cut into squares. Enjoy!

