



Mark your calendar!

4th- "Sports Adventures"
(classes begin)

8th- Daylight Savings Begins

17th- St. Patrick's Day



Happy Birthday!

- 1st- Tyler Breda
- 2nd- Abigail Klinkerman
- 2nd- Emma-Kate Smith
- 2nd- Chase Watral
- 2nd- Ms. Crystal Valdez*
- 4th- Blanton Bullwinkel
- 4th- Kahrin Dollie
- 5th- Ms. Brandi Scott*
- 7th- Mrs. Kery West*
- 8th- Ms. Sara Solorzano*
- 9th- Jazmyne Montgomery
- 13th- Cynthia Velazquez
- 15th- Alessandra Perez
- 16th- Gabriel Cooper
- 16th- Samuel Knox
- 16th- Mr. Jerome Price*
- 17th- Govind Rangappa
- 19th- Avery Welch
- 21st- Nethra Kaushik
- 21st- Alyssa Salinas
- 25th- Connor Mitchell
- 26th- Carolyn Kahn
- 27th- Kennedy Cooper
- 29th- Carter Hagan
- 29th- Andres Perez

* Ivy Kids Staff



Sports Adventures!

The Gym Station is coming soon to Ivy Kids... Sports Adventures is one of the programs they offer. It helps kids discover the champion within themselves. It focuses on a variety of sports throughout the year such as football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and tennis to teach the fundamentals of throwing, catching, running and hitting. Please visit their website at www.mygymstation.com for more information.



Director's Corner

This year is moving along very quickly! We have several new additions to our staff. Please assist me in welcoming the following:
Chef Jeannette (Cook), **Ms. Brenda** (Infant Room A), **Ms. Joann** (3 yr. old Room G), **Ms. Diane** (Pre-K II), and **Ms. Annette** (Pre-K III).

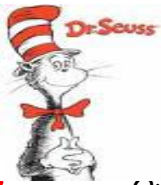
In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2nd, our Librarian will be reading a variety of Dr. Seuss books during library time. Ivy Kids is also partnering with "Target Team Members" to celebrate this occasion. Their team members will visit our center and read Dr. Seuss books to the children, and we will make bookmarks for the children with cancer at M.D. Anderson Hospital.

Important Reminders:

* Sun Block and Insect Repellent must be applied to children prior to their arrival at Ivy Kids. Staff are not permitted to apply these to the children.

* As a safety precaution, children are not permitted to wear open toe shoes, sandals, or crocs. (Tennis shoes are recommended.)





Librarian's Corner

Parents, thank you so much for your orders from Scholastic! Our school Book Fair will be in May, so get ready for a full week of excitement! "Books Around America" is the week of **March 2nd - 6th**, so read to your child. "Learn to Read. Read to Learn."

Our Treasure Box is still going on for our "Super Reader Club". Just remember to write the titles of each book you read to your children on their Reading Log. For every 5 books read, your child can choose a prize from the Treasure Box!!

Remember, our library has a variety of books for you to choose from...including several Dr. Seuss books!! Did you know that Dr. Seuss' birthday is this month? The world's beloved children's book author was born on **March 2, 1904**.

Happy Reading!
Mrs. Merritt



News from the Ivy Kids Café!

We are very excited in welcoming **Chef Jeanette Namarahu** to the Ivy Kids Team! Ms. Jeanette is an experienced Chef who studied culinary arts in the *Democratic Republic of Congo*, as well as at *The French Culinary Institute LeNotre in Houston*. Her passion for food has taken her to countries around the world, such as Thailand, Greece, and Israel. She gained even more experience by working at the *Houstonian Hotel in the Department of Pastry*, through having her own catering business, and most importantly working closely with children and their families! It has been her goal to establish good nutritional habits with children so they can have a healthy relationship in respect to food, which is just another reason we are very proud to have her with us!

Education Coordinator's Corner

Helpful Hints To Support Your Child Through Periods of "Separation Anxiety"

1. Try preparing your child by reading books about going to preschool.
2. Give your child a tour of the preschool and introduce them to their new teachers; this will help your child become familiar with their new surroundings.
3. Incorporate a daily routine at bedtime and in the mornings.
4. To help your child have a closeness to your family, allow them to bring a photo of your family with them on their first day of school.
5. Prolonging your departure by coming back to the classroom or by sneaking out of the classroom can make it more difficult adjusting to their day, say goodbye.
6. When leaving your child, reassure them that they will be fine, and let them know you will be back very soon to pick them up.

Suggested Books to Read: *The Good-Bye Book* by Judith Viorst & *Into the Great Forest: A Story for Children Away From Their Parents for the First Time* by Irene Marcus





Infant Room A



"We're Marching On!"

Our theme this month is **"My Pet"**. We will promote language, listening, and visual stimulation through activities such as: story time, pictures, music movement & songs about pets.

Welcome to our new baby, **Cameron Schultz**, and his parents! We would also like to thank our parents again; we really appreciated the love you shared with us for Valentine's Day!

Reminder: Please label all bottles and return your *Infant Care Feeding Information Sheet* to our room.

Mrs. Ylonda, Mrs. Mary, Ms. Krystal, and **Welcome Ms. Brenda!**

Infant Room B

For the month of March we will learn about **"Town and Country"**.

We have several exciting activities planned this month! In addition, we will review letters A & B, the color green, and our numbers and shapes. We are happy to announce that our Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Rosalba, will have classes in our room on Wednesdays. We will also continue to visit the library on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

Our classroom would also like to give a warm welcome to **Samantha Talbot & Kaiya Banks!**

Mrs. Kery, Mrs. Cynthia, and Ms. TaShiqua



Toddlers

Our theme for the month of March is **"Town and Country"**.

Throughout this unit, we will be discussing and using concept webs. In addition, we will focus on the letter F, number 6, and the shape of a circle.

Our classroom would like to wish **Jazmyne Montgomery** a **"Happy 2nd Birthday"** this month!

We would also like to give a warm welcome to our new students: **Andrew Boster, Tyson Breda, Emma Bullwinkel**, and to our new teacher, **Ms. Sandie**.

Ms. Denise, Ms. Estella and Ms. Sandie



2 Year Olds

The 2's are feeling lucky this month! Our theme of the month is **"Town and Country"**. We will be studying different structures & buildings, landscapes, vehicles, and animals. The children will also focus on the letters H and A, the number 6, the color yellow, and the shape of a clover.

Our class has been working really hard on potty training, and we would like to thank our parents for keeping up the good work at home! We would also like to welcome our new students: **Joshua Peterson, Christian Jones, and Torrey Barlow Jr.**

Have a Shamrockin' St. Patrick's Day!

Mrs. Lavern, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Alicia Tarver, Ms. Crystal, Ms. Alecia Frausto and Ms. Cristol

3 Year Olds

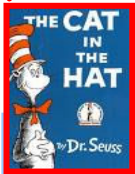


This month we will explore our new theme, "**Town and Country**". Our focus will be on buildings, structures, landscapes, vehicles, and animals. In addition, we will review our numbers and shapes. Ms. Monica & Ms. Brandi's letters for the month are W, X, Y and Z. Ms. B & Ms. Sonja's letters for the month are D, E, J and N.

Our classes would like give a warm welcome to **Madyson Thurmond, Samuel Knox, Hunter Garcia, and Sean Henson**. We would also like to thank Katelynn Green's mom, **Mrs. Collins**, for her generous donations! Thank you for caring about our education.

Stay tuned...we will have **Crazy Hat Day** in March to honor **Dr. Seuss' birthday!**

Ms. Monica, Ms. Brandi, Ms. B and Ms. Sonja



Pre-K

As the Pre-K classes enter into the month of March, the theme for **Pre-K I** is "**Town and Country**". The children will continue learning numbers, shapes, and letters T, U, V, and X. Throughout the curriculum, they will be exposed to learning about different places and will be embracing differences of all kinds. In addition, they will use fine motor skills and practice writing using various letters & words.

The theme for **Pre-K II** and **Pre-K III** is "**How Does Your Garden Grow?**". The children will focus on the letters W, V, U, & Q, and numbers 1-20. They will also review their shapes, measurements, sight words, and phonemes/blends.

Thanks to all the parents for their help and donations in February to ensure that the students had a wonderful Valentine's Day party!!! We would also like to welcome our new students: **Elena Torres and Sky Travis**. In addition, the Pre-K team would like to welcome **Ms. Diane Kellogg and Mrs. Annette**; they come with years of early childhood experience, and will provide support in Mrs. Carla & Mrs. Rice's classroom.

Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Carla, Ms. Diane,
Ms. Tyra, Ms. DiDi, and Ms. Michelle



School Age

We would like to start by welcoming you into the Spring! With this new season, we are blessed with a new day, new opportunities, and a fresh start. We hope everyone takes advantage of everything that this new season has to offer. In this month we will have 2 sessions of Spring Break because of the 2 school districts that we cater to. We have a lot of fun & exciting things planned everyday of those weeks. Parents, in the coming days, please pay attention to the parent info event boards.

We hope you enjoy the coming holidays!

Mr. Bryon, Ms. Leslie, Ms. Ashley and Ms. Sara

