



March



P.S. 84 Pre-Kindergarten Newsletter



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Dear Families,

Welcome to March! We are slowly transitioning out of winter and into the season of Spring! March weather can be snowy, rainy, and still very cold. Maybe it will begin to warm up. What will this Spring's weather be like? We were learning all about light during February, and on March 14th, we are going to spring forward with daylight savings and experience more light during the day!

Our Unit of Study for the month of March will be **Water**. During the transportation unit, water became a source of interest as we talked about boats and sea travel. Children will continue developing their scientific thinking as they explore and experiment and learn more about water this month. Curiosity about the natural elements around us can lead to wonderful discoveries!



Essential Question:

What does water do?

Focus Questions:

- Where can we find water?
- What happens to water when it changes temperature?
- What happens when we put things in water?
- How does water help us?

Student Outcomes

Enduring understandings that the student should have by the end of the unit:

- Water is all around us.
- Water changes depending on how warm or cold it is.
- Some things float in water and some sink.
- Some things change when you put them in water.
- All living things need water.

Home Connection:

1. Take a walk to a nearby water source (pond, river, fountain, etc.) and invite your child to observe and discuss what they notice and what they are interested in.
2. Try a "sink and float" experiment. With your child, gather an assortment of small items, predict which items will sink and which will float, and test their theories by placing each item in a container of water.
3. Consider whether there is water in the foods and beverages they eat and drink. Consider cooking together and make a recipe that includes water.
4. Heat up water (safely) or freeze water and help your child observe what happens in the process.

Important Dates

- Thursday, March 4th, Parent Teacher Conferences. Half Day.
- March 29th-April 2nd, Spring Break
- March is Women's History Month

Friendly Reminders

Remote

- Please join your class at your scheduled meeting time.
- Please have requested materials ready before class begins.

In-Person

- **If you travel during the vacation please follow the DOE protocol before returning to school.**
- School begins daily at 8:30am and dismissal time is at 2:00pm. Please be on time for arrival and dismissal.
- Masks must be worn at all times during the school day.
- Don't forget to complete daily health screenings and temperature checks.
- Practice proper handwashing technique!

