

Risso Review

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Love Day was an absolute blast in February! We dressed in clothes we love, played with toys we love and enjoyed some lovely pancakes!



Learning Focus This Month

Science and Social Studies

- Learning about the continent of Asia & Europe
- March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb! We'll talk about the change in weather and seasons that March brings as we go from winter weather to spring!

Math

- We'll begin graphing the weather each day to see which type of weather we have the most for each month.
- Comparing numbers within twenty, counting on from any number by tens and ones and composing and decomposing numbers with tens and ones
- Reviewing subtraction and addition and practicing writing number sentences with beloved characters from folk and fairy tales we read

Literacy

- In literacy, we are diving deep into our folktale study. This week we are reviewing character & setting and beginning sequencing with beginning, middle and end
- Reviewing strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books -flip the vowel sound to its long or short sound (flippy the dolphin), hop over the tricky word, finish the sentence and then come back (hopy the frog)
- In writing we are getting ready to publish our second book and beginning to work on persuasive/opinion pieces.

Important Dates

- March 6th - Fox in Socks - Crazy Sock Day
- March 13th - Spirit Wear Day: Dress Like your Favorite Story Book Character
- March 16th - Leprechaun Traps Due
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Spirit Wear Day
- March 20th - Spirit Wear Day: Readers are Leaders - Dress for your future job
- March 27th - Spirit Wear Day: Pajama Day and school-wide Read in!
- March 30th - April 3rd - Spring Break - No School
- April 14th - Culminating Event at 2:00 in Risso!

Abigail and Cru practice writing Chinese symbols during our Chinese New Year celebration last month.



MARCH CHARACTER

CORNER ★respect★responsibility★optimism★work ethic★getting along★kindness



Writing for a Cause

This month, we are beginning a new unit on **persuasive writing**! Students will learn that writers don't just tell stories — they also write to make the world a better place.

We will talk about problems we notice in our classroom, school, community, or even the world. Then we will **think of solutions** and write to convince others to help make a change.

Some examples might include: No running in the classroom, using quiet voices indoors, helping someone who feels left out, being kind to others, picking up litter and trash, please talk with your child about other problems they care about and possible solutions they could write about. We will brainstorm ideas together and write persuasive pieces throughout March and April!

March is Reading Month

March is reading month has begun! Students will be delving into many fun reading activities for the month of March! The Risso class will begin a folktale investigation for our Culminating Event, participate in a pajama/Read-In day on March 27th, create a March Madness Book Bracket and more! We are also asking for parents to be mystery readers—please see the sign up genius below if you'd like to participate!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30EOC45A8A722A1FD0-62668184-mystery>

In addition to the pajama spirit day, students will have "Readers are Leaders (dress for the job you'd like to have)" day on March 20th, and "dress like your favorite literary character" on March 13th and "Fox in Socks - Crazy Sock Day" this Friday! We look forward to our fun month of reading together and appreciate our teamwork with you in making reading come to life for these children.



Leprechaun on the Loose

Lucky the leprechaun is coming soon. We've heard of his mischief happening in past years. In the event that he pays a visit to our classroom, we want to try and catch him! In order to do that we need to set up traps! 😊 Please see the note that went home in your child's Tuesday folder that explains how to make a trap and when to bring it in. Also, please let us know if you have any questions. Our goal is to try and catch him before Saint Patrick's Day when, legend has it, he travels back to Ireland!

