



The Penguin Newsletter

March 2012

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Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month

1. Up In The Clouds
2. Saint Patrick's Day
3. Wild West
4. The Works of Audrey Wood

Books:

- Cloud Boy by Rhode Montijo
- Jack and the Leprechaun by Ivan Robertson
- Cowboy Small by Lois Lenski
- Silly Sally by Audrey Wood

Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT on the sign in sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

Feel free to email us at!
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Up In The Clouds

The Penguins will have a lovely week learning all about the things we see when we look up at the clouds! We will look at the big sky outside of our window and will talk about what we will be seeing. Our teachers will show us fluffy, white clouds and airplanes that zoom overhead.

We will read some books about things in the sky as well.

We will look and read at Planes by Byron Barton, Goodnight M by Margaret Wise Brown and Cloud Boy by Rhode Montijo.

Together we will listen to some fun songs like "Hey Diddle, Diddle," "You Are My Sunshine," and "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

We will play with some beach balls and will practice rolling them to each other on the floor and will watch our teachers throw them up into the air.

We will enjoy exploring cotton balls. We will touch and feel the fluffy texture, and we will talk about how they resemble clouds.



Saint Patrick's Day

The Penguins will have a great week learning about St. Patrick's Day and the things we associate with it, such as the color green, four leaf clovers, and leprechauns.

We will spend time reading St. Patrick's Day Countdown, a board book with sparkly pictures, Jack and the Leprechaun, and The Story of St. Patrick, a board book with pictures of St. Patrick himself!

The Penguins will enjoy picking up all of the green balls from the block puzzle and we will look for green objects around the room with our teachers. They will also have green bottle shakers with green water and glitter in them to shake and explore.

We will play a game called "Walk with Me." We will practice taking steps with our teachers. Another game will be "Pulling Up." This exercise will be a great gross motor tool because it will strengthen our arm muscles.



Imagination Learning Center

Wild West

The Penguins will saddle up and put on their cowboy hats as we take a trip into the Wild West this month!

Our teachers will play some "purdy" songs that we will clap our hands to and will enjoy.

The songs will be, "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain", "Oh, My Darling Clementine", and "Home on the Range."

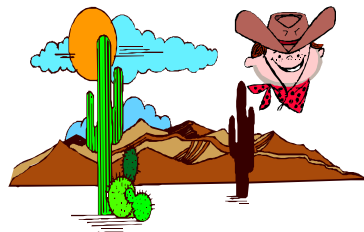
We will practice our gross motor skills by pushing trains along the floor and we will say "choo-choo!"

We will explore beautiful colored feathers and feel soft, smooth textures with our hands. This is a great exercise for our hand-eye coordination.

Another game

will be "Bronco Ride." We will sit on a chair and pretend to ride a horse. This activity will help us to strengthen our balance. We will also play with pots and pans and make music. This will enable us to discover new sounds.

We will read A Sesame Street Cowboy Book and Cowboy Small by Lois Lenski. We will encourage new words by exploring and pointing to pictures in the book.

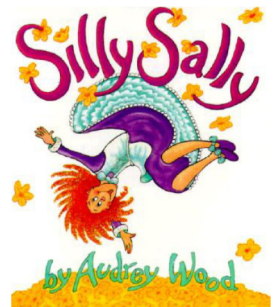


The Works of Audrey Wood

The Penguins will read some wonderful books this month by our featured author, Audrey Wood. We will start by reading The Napping House, a story about a series of events that happen during a nap. Another book we will be reading is Silly Sally.

We will listen to some soothing lullabies that will help us get nice and sleepy before we will take a nap ourselves! They will be, "Close Your Eyes and Go to Sleep", and "Rockabye Baby." We will also sing "Shake Your Sillies Out" by The Wiggles and we will shake our toys along to the music.

We will play "Peek-a-boo" when we bring out the play tunnel from the Toddler room and will practice crawling through it. We will hide some toys in the tunnel and will have to go find them.



Art Project: We will be engaging in messy art this month to explore and utilize new materials and textures!



The Penguins are Really Growing!



We welcomed **Madeline** who started February 27th in our classroom! She is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months old! We are very excited to have her join us and look forward to watching her learn and grow.



We welcomed **Logan** who started February 29th in our classroom! He is 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ months old! We are very excited to have him join us and look forward to watching him learn and grow.



Zoe responds to her reflection when she is doing tummy time in front of the mirror!



Macey can roll from her tummy to back!



Sacha is rolling over around the room and reaching a toy!



Caden searches for partially hidden toys!



Cayden is practicing his walking skills by pushing a toy!



Harlee is pulling up to be in the standing position!



We said "bye-bye" to **Sophia** who moved to the Toddler's Room! We will miss her in our room!