



# Pineview News

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## Inspirational Quotes~

“LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.”

~Isaiah 25:1

“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because I see everything by it.”

~CS Lewis



## From the Director~

Happy March! You know what I love about March? Spring is so close you can almost touch it! Even though we have had a mild winter this year, I still look forward the warm sun...flowers blooming... and working in the garden! I am sure the kids are more than ready to get back out on the playground! Speaking of the playground...Keep Saturday, May 19th open for our annual Spring Workday! Maintaining the playground is a big job and we need your help! This is a great time to get to know other parents and the staff too. We really do have lots of fun! You will get more information as it gets closer.

As long as we are thinking ahead to warm weather...I might as well talk a little bit about our Summer Camp. For those of you who have school age children, we offer 10 weeks of Summer Day Camp for children who have graduated Kindergarten through 4th grade. We are already making plans for an action-packed summer! The brochures will be out soon. We are just finalizing a few of the details. This summer, in addition to swimming at the Italian American Community Center, we will be taking a few field trips! We are in the process of making all the arrangements and getting all of the approvals necessary. Space is limited so if you are interested you can pick up a brochure in the office or on the Parent Information table on the 2nd floor.

Now, back to March...Soon you will be getting a "Parent Survey" in your child's cubby. It is our goal to provide high quality early childhood education and care. Even though we have been working with several trained professionals in the field of child care, it is your opinion that really matters. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and return it to us. We tried to make it quick and easy but feel free to write in any additional comments or questions.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all and...Welcome Spring!

*Kirsten*

**Enjoy a cup of coffee  
and a donut  
every other Tuesday!**

7:30-9:00 am



Stay and chat  
or take it to go!

*Compliments of Pineview  
Church*

**Interested in learning more about Pineview church? Go to [www.pineviewonline.org](http://www.pineviewonline.org)**

**Pre-K**

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. We will begin charting the weather pattern this month to see if this saying is true. We will also make fun projects like paper plate lions and lambs.

Our class is in charge of the bulletin board at the end of the hall so check it out! We will also be making some fun



projects to do with St. Patrick's Day and might even have a visit from a leprechaun.

Dr. Seuss' birthday is during the month of March so we will be focusing on some of his books this month.

We have almost completed the alphabet and will focus on the letters U, E, I & Q this month. Please remember to have your child bring in an object for the

**Miss Alisa ~ Room 206**

magic box each week that begins with the letter of the week (posted on the whiteboard each Monday). They really enjoy doing this!

Thank you to all the mystery readers so far. If you are interested in being a mystery reader please let us know.

As long as it is wet and cold out we still need snow clothing. We try to go outside each day.

Happy Spring!  
Miss Alisa & Miss Ann

**Pre-K**

Happy Spring!

Our themes this month are Families, Ireland/St. Patrick's Day, Eric Carle and Transportation.



During our family unit please bring in family pictures for a project! We will also work on rhyming with family



**GREEN DAY!** Please send your child to school wearing as much green as possible! We will eat green food and paint with green paint! During our other units

members. We are going to make yummy Irish food during our Ireland/St. Patrick's Day unit as well as have a

we will work on sequencing, opposites and more!

This month we'll also start our Weekly Readers! Look for the notice in your child's cubby! Thank you!

Happy Birthday Bella on the 4th and Alex on the 18th!

Love,  
Miss Abby & Miss Linda

**Miss Abby ~ Room 203****Preschool**

Dear Families,

Spring is almost here and we've still hardly had any snow! Maybe we'll get some sledding in yet! This month our first theme will be Noah's Ark. We

will be listening to animal sounds to guess what they are and tossing bean bag animals into the ark.



The next week will be all about oceans. We will talk about octopuses, sharks, dolphins and some other ocean creatures. We will also make a tasty ocean snack with jello. Next we will focus on the story Pinkalicious by Victoria & Elizabeth Kann, already a favorite for some of the kids. We will make our own pink cupcakes!

**Miss Lydia ~ Room 209**

We will also be talking about Queens, Kings and Castles. We are hoping to make a castle in our dramatic play area using cardboard boxes.

Our final theme will be Rain and Rainbows. We will review Noah's Ark during this week and do some color mixing activities!



Love,  
Miss Lydia & Miss Kathy

**Kids' Caboose**

Hello ECEC Families,

It's hard to believe we'll be greeting spring this month! After all, it's been feeling like spring a lot lately! Thank you for always remembering appropriate outerwear. Please check their bottom bins to make sure they have extra clothes just in case.

Our Valentine's party was great fun. Your children are certainly loving and love to be loved! (But I didn't need a

special holiday to know that!)

When we packed up our red hearts we took out our big top! There was plenty of laughter during our circus week. Their favorite circus act they did was the high wire. They were so proud of themselves as they carried the umbrella carefully across the balance beam. Ta-dah!

As March roars in like a lion we'll begin our Wild Zoo week. All aboard the zoo

**Miss Joy**

train! Buy your tickets at the booth to see the exotic animals of Africa!

Would you come to Pineview in a train? Would you, could you, in the rain? Happy Birthday to Dr. Seuss! Will your child eat green eggs and ham during our Dr. Seuss week long celebration? We'll see! Colors, colors, everywhere is next! Fun with Twister, paint, songs and many other rainbowish activities!

Love, Miss Joy

**Preschool**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support with all the changes in our classroom! The children are doing so well, and we're happy for that!



We are going to start March off by learning all about oppo-

sites! We will even have an opposite day on Friday. Each child should wear something opposite for their friends to guess at circle time.

We will also be learning about St. Patrick's Day and going over letter recognition that week.



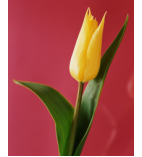
**Miss Ashley ~ Room 210**

Finally, we will finish March out by learning about spring and counting. We're excited about warmer weather, but please remember winter gear each school day, we still try to go outside as much as possible!

Thank you!

Love,

Miss Ashley & Miss Kayla



**Preschool**

**Miss Shawnie ~ Room 110**

Happy Spring!

For the month of March we will be doing an Insect ABC unit, working on letter recognition while we learn about ants, bees and caterpillars! Our other themes for this month are St. Patrick's Day, Spring and Jungle Animals.

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day we will be having a green Friday on March 16th! We'll be baking shamrock cookies, having green food and juice while wearing green!

Happy Birthday to Emma, Emily, Julian, Ethan, Madelyn and Miss Shawnie!

Love,

Miss Shawnie & Miss Ali



**Toddlers**

Wow, it is getting closer to spring, and winter is almost over! This month we will be covering the color green and talking about St. Patrick's Day. We'll begin to explore the evidence that spring is coming.

As often as you can, please have your children wear green. Also, they can bring a green item to school to share at circle time. We'll be taste testing green foods: mint jelly, kiwi, cucumbers, green peppers, avocado, pickles, green frosting and pear smoothies. Please send in any Irish music or objects you'd like to share. It would be great if you could clean your child's hands with a wipe when you get to school! We love and cherish your little ones! Love, Miss Mona & Miss Lorraine

**Miss Mona ~ Room 103**

**Toddlers**

**Miss Renee ~ Room 109**

This year is flying by and the kids are growing like crazy! This month Ella T. will be getting a baby brother and we are so excited for her. We're going to do a week on babies and being a big sister or brother. We have lots of fun activities for this week, including washing babies in the water table, tasting jar baby food and making applesauce.

We will also learn about our 5 Senses, all things green and spring. Please make sure cubbies are stocked with extra clothes including socks! Thank you for abiding by our policies, especially when kids are sick! We're doing lots of extra cleaning! Love, Miss Renee & Miss Rose

**Toddlers**

**Miss Kathy ~ Room 112**



Our class will be learning about our five senses: hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling. We will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day as we discover shades of green.

We will be having a Pajama Party later in the month and will end the month with learning about wind and kites.

Potty training continues to go well. Thank you, parents, for your support! We're looking forward to spring and warm sunny days for outside play!

Love,

Miss Kathy & Miss Kim

**Waddlers**

**Miss Kathy ~ Room 108**

Winter is finally here!

We hope to bring the children out to play in the snow this month. Please be sure your child has snow pants and boots here at school for such times.

We've done shamrock sponge painting in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We'll also do some marble painting to display in our room.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day! Stay warm in the March winds!

Love,

Miss Kathy & Miss Jonnie



**Infants**

**Miss Ruth ~ Room 106**

We are Marching into spring and we will welcome it! Our babies are doing wonderfully...growing and surprising us everyday! It is awesome watching the changes from day to day.

Please let us know of new foods and amounts as they change. We will be trying to go outside more as the weather gets better.

Friday March 16th we would like to be wearing green in honor of St. Patrick's Day!

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. May God bless you!

Love,

Miss Ruth & Miss Rosa



## Pineview Pre-School & Kindergarten

251 Washington Ave. Ext.  
Albany, New York 12205  
Phone 456-6786  
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**Infant Care  
Preschool  
Kindergarten**

**Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm**

### Mark your calendars ~

April ~ Preschool Registration

April 6 ~ School closes at 3 in observance of Good Friday

6:30pm Service at Pineview

April 8 ~ Easter Sunday

10am Easter Egg Hunt

10:30am Service at Pineview

May 19 ~ Playground Workday

May 28 ~ School closed



### **Pineview Community Church Welcomes You!**

Sunday Mornings:

10:30 am Worship Service

Nursery care available

for children 0 - 2

### **Kid's Church**

during service

for children ages

3 years—4th Grade

## The Cook's Corner

### Clover Crackers



Use a 3-lobed green pepper to make healthy cracker treats for the preschoolers. Choose a small pepper that is no wider than the crackers. Core and seed the pepper, and then slice it into ¼ inch thick slices, which resemble a clover. Smear cream cheese onto the crackers, and then top each one with a green pepper slice. Cut small sticks from the leftover pepper to make stems on the clover topping each cracker.

#### From the Experts...

#### Turn the Screens Off

We're bombarded with promises that buying the newest tech toy will make our lives easier, keep us organized, and assure our children's success in school. It's not easy to keep track of all the 'screens' in our adult lives. Smart phones, GPS, TV, texting...all this screen time before even leaving the house in the morning!

Being plugged in, connected and online is necessary in the busy lives of families. So how do you respond to the October 2011 recommendation by the American Academy of Pediatrics that "video screen time provides no educational benefits for children under age 2 and leaves less room for activities that do, like interacting with other people"? The report is very clear: there is no such thing as an educational program for infants and toddlers. It goes on to say that having the TV on as background noise is a distraction for both babies and their caregivers.

There is evidence (National School Boards Association Center for Public Education) of the importance of parents taking an interest in children's school work by asking about the school day, monitoring homework and making sure children attend school everyday. Most importantly, read to and with children. Adult interest and reading together seem to make a difference, rather than expensive technology.

What to do? Dismiss such suggestions as impossible and ignore them? Or take some small steps to make changes in your home? Some ideas: Turn off the TV when no one is watching; Choose what to watch and watch with children; Develop school day rules for use of games, computers, TV and phone with your child, for example, homework first, no use of phones during meals, etc.; Remove TV and computers from children's sleeping rooms; Work with child care providers to limit screen time; Suggest other activities—sports, reading, board games, puzzles, arts and crafts; Choose video games that encourage physical activity and get the whole family involved.

Take the first step by selecting one or two things that seem like they will work in your situation. Watch to see if children sleep better, become more active, and find more time to read and engage in creative play. ~adapted from CDCCC Leader