

The Griffin News



March has arrived and spring is upon us! Our teachers take advantage of this weather and take many of our normal indoor activities outdoors!!

Thank you to everyone who took the time fill out the Annual Parent Survey in January. Your comments and suggestions help us to make adjustments and improvements in our program.

Spring brings lots of great activities and classroom events so please be sure to check your email daily for the What We Learned Today email from you child's teacher. Our website is a wonderful place to check for upcoming dates and additional information as well. Go to www.southernhighlandspreschool.com.

Thank you for all of your support every day! Remember my office is always open and you can stop by anytime to talk about concerns, ask questions, or even tell us a funny story about OUR preschoolers. 😊

Thel Jackson, Principal

UPCOMING DATES

MAR. 3 & 4 - SPRING &/OR SIBLING PICTURES
 PRE-K/JR K CAP AND GOWN PICTURES
 MAR. 7 - UNIFORM MAKE-UP PICTURES
 MAR. 14-17 - SPIRIT WEEK
 MAR. 21-25 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
 (CAMP OFFERED MAR. 21-24)

STARS AND STARLETS FAMILY DANCE WAS A SUCCESS!!!!

Thank you to all of our families who attended our PAC sponsored event! It was a blast! WOW, can our preschoolers dance!!

2016-2017 Registration is open to the public.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YOUR CURRENT STUDENT OR A SIBLING PLEASE STOP BY THE OFFICE. WE DO NOT WANT YOU TO LOSE YOUR SPOT FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!!!

YEARBOOK PICTURES

If you have pictures from any of our school events thus far we would love to use them for our Preschool yearbook.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to all of our families who took time to fill out our parent survey this year.

TUITION DUE

March tuition is due now. The \$25 late fee will be assessed on March 7th.

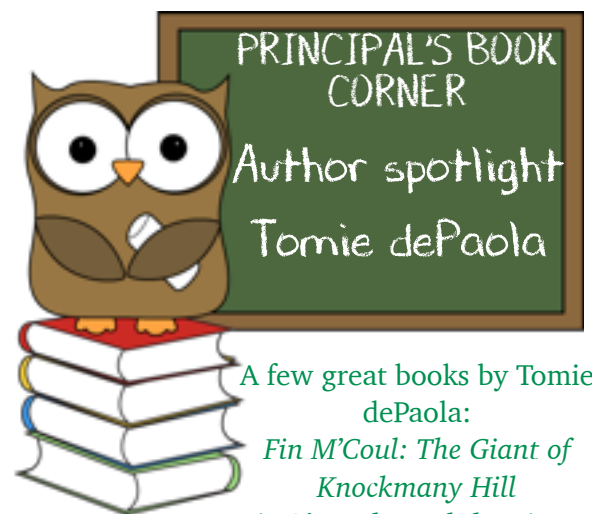
Thank you!!!!

Springtime Fun

Because observation is such a basic learning tool, springtime provides an ideal climate for learning outdoors. A nature walk or a picnic provide excellent opportunities for discovery, observation and discussion. Here are some suggestions for using a stroll outdoors as a vehicle for expanding vocabulary, practicing listening and memory skills and pointing out basic concepts:

- Devote a portion of your walk to "listening." Talk about what you hear (birds singing, leaves rustling, water running). See if you can locate where the sounds are coming from.
- Explore the textures and smells you find along the way. Touch the rough bark, the smooth leaves, the soft moss and hard rocks. Smell the sweet flowers and the dusty road.
- Compare the trees, animals, flowers and rocks you observe as same or different in color, shape, and size.

- Use such descriptive words as above, below, between, under, next to, inside, small, medium and large in making reference to the things you discover.
- Look for tracks and "houses" of animals. Talk about where the animals live, what they eat and how they stay warm.
- Discuss the "best parts" of your trip when you get home. It's not only satisfying to recall fun events together, but such reminiscing is also good practice for your child's memory skills.



A few great books by Tomie dePaola:
Fin M'Coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill
Jamie O'Rourke and the Big Potato
Jamie O'Rourke and the Pooka
Patrick: Patron Saint of Ireland
 Be sure to check out these Irish themed books for a fun read during the month of March. They are perfect for St. Patrick's Day AND they are by one of my favorite authors.