

# Williams Early Childhood Center

## February 2024 Principal's Newsletter

### Dear Families,

We have almost made it to spring! The students will continue to have incredible learning opportunities throughout the class session. Each day your child is here is a great day of learning! Make sure they come to school each time they are able.

Waynesville schools receive two special forms of federal funding due to Fort Leonard Wood being part of our community, Impact Aid and Heavily Impacted Aid (B2). In April, the district has put Prop 2 on the ballot. Prop 2 helps protect our B2 funding. Our district has to show that our local community is doing their part to fund the school district to maintain B2 funding, which is \$8.5 million per year. Currently, our district has one of the lowest tax rates in the state. This \$8.5 million dollars is already in our annual budget. If we were to lose this money, there would be many impacts that would be felt by the community. The district is asking for you to learn as much about Prop 2 and B2 as you can and to vote! If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me (573-842-2650) or Superintendent Hilary Bales or CFO Mr. Aaron Harrison (573-842-2097).



## Emerging Language and Literacy Curriculum



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## Ocean and Ecology

This unit is developed around the book, The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister. The related book is What Does it Mean to Be Green? by Rana Diorio and the rhyming book is Commotion in the Ocean by Giles Andreae. The letter focus for this unit is "Ww". In phonological awareness groups, the students will make an alliteration list for the letter "Ww", work on rhyming words such as whale-tale, proud-loud, look-book, etc. The students will practice manipulate syllables by adding and deleting "fish" to starfish, sunfish, rainbowfish, catfish, goldfish, etc. Students will then practice unit vocabulary words such as shimmer, scales, shiny, octopus, fin, recycling, beautiful, etc.

In ELLC circle time, students will learn the "Five Little Fishes" finger play. They talk about what sinks and what floats, and talk about how we use water. In art, the students will get to do a lot of art projects that revolve around ocean and recycling. For create a book, the students get to make a Rainbow Fish book. In construction center, the students get to practice building sandcastles. In the tactile center, the students get to practice moving fish through the water, melt ice and blend colors. In math and science students will explore salt water and fresh water and match numbers with shovels and buckets.

During this unit, we set up one of our hallways to be a walk-through pretend aquarium. The students love this sensory experience!

## Transportation

This unit is developed around the book, The Little House by Virginia Lee Burton, the related book and rhyming book is My Truck is Stuck by Kevin Lewis. The letter focus for this unit is "Cc". In phonological awareness groups, the students will make an alliteration list for the letter "Cc". The students will practice rhyming words such as nine-line, pig-big, show-crow, band-stand, etc. Students will also practice syllables and blend monosyllabic words such as tag, big, cat, etc.

In ELLC circle time, students will talk about the differences between the city and the country, talk about things we ride on, make a transportation mural and learn the wheels on the bus song. Students will make transportation-related art projects, run an airport, a mechanics shop or other transportation-related business in dramatic play. The students will run play cars through salt to make tracks in tactile center and build a city in the construction center. In math and science, the students get to sort transportation vehicles and make paper airplanes.

We are coordinating with the military to have some vehicles for the kids to observe during this time. We may have to do some adjustments with parking, but it will be minor.

## Upcoming Events

- March 5, 12, 26-Love and Logic Parenting Classes 4:00-5:30 PM
- March 15-End of Third Quarter
- March 18-22-Spring Break-NO school



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