



# MARINERS MONTHLY

## EVENTS Be in the know

Monday, March 16 - No school-  
PD Day

Friday, March 27 - Spring Break  
begins

Monday, April 6 - return to  
school

## MONTHLY WORD

from Principal Huber



Happy edge of spring... but not yet! If you're like me, you got fooled one more time that our Michigan winter was over, and yet we should know better.

Last month saw a lot of attention on our 100 days of school and the sound of counting was all over the building. Right now is a great time to reinforce math skills with your student; there are endless opportunities to practice counting, recognize numbers, or patterns just hanging out at the house or walking around. Here are some more structured ways to think about math:

### Counting & Number Recognition

- Number Swat: Write numbers 1-10 on sticky notes and tape them to a wall. Call out a number and let your child "swat" it with a flyswatter.
- Build a City: Write numbers on a grid. Have them identify each number and stack that many blocks (like LEGOs or Unifix cubes) next to it to create "skyscrapers" of different heights.

### Shapes & Spatial Reasoning

- Shape Scavenger Hunt: Give your child a specific shape card and ask them to find "real-world" objects that match it, such as a round clock or a rectangular book.
- Stick Shapes: Use craft sticks or pipe cleaners to build triangles, squares, and rectangles. Talk about the number of sides and corners as you build.

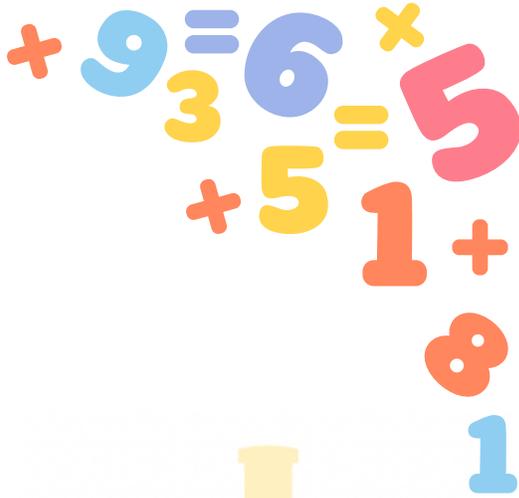
### Patterns

- Snack Sorting: Before eating, have your student sort snacks (like cereal, crackers, or fruit) by color or shape. Ask which group has "more" or "less".
- Musical Patterns: Create "sound patterns" by clapping and snapping (e.g., clap-clap-snap, clap-clap-snap). Ask your child to repeat the pattern or represent it using colored blocks.

Of course, there are hundreds of ideas, so do a quick search or ask your teacher for other strategies. Math skills are fun and easy to work on... you can count on it!

### Mission

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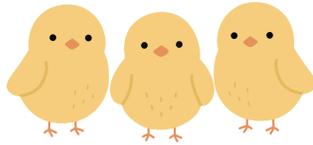




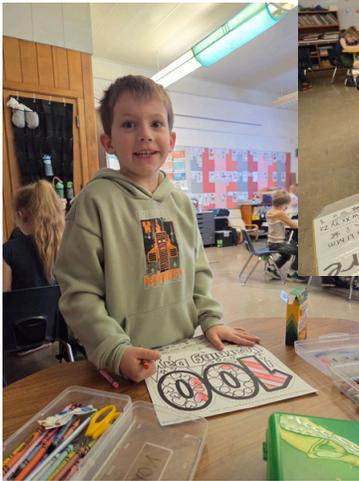
## Kindergarten Happenings



Ms. Lundberg's class is learning about chicken eggs. We have 24 eggs in our incubator. They are due to hatch around March 11th. We can't wait to see our fluffy chicks!



Mrs. Harthuns' class transplanted spider plants, cared for our guinea pigs, learned addition with manipulatives, and found many ways to count to 100 on the hundredth day of school.



Ms. Lowe's class had a 100's day party and Valentines day party! For March they getting ready for reading month and excited to go watch the play next Thursday!



Mrs. Vein's class celebrated Valentine's Day



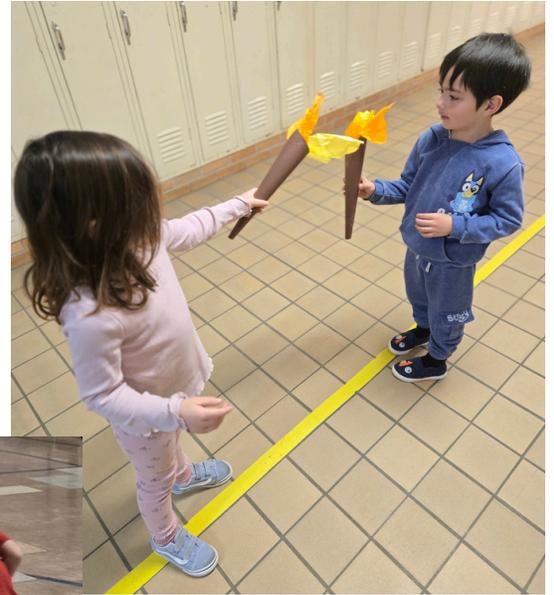


## Mini Mariners On the Go!

### Olympic Glory!



Mini Mariners celebrate the Olympics with the lighting of the torches, and learning about the various sports that take place during the winter games. They even got to try a preschool version of curling!



## Checking In with GSRP



GSRP 1 preschool students have been learning about 2-D and 3-D shapes! Using marshmallows and toothpicks was the perfect hands-on way to build, explore, and learn. The children were so proud of their creations!



### Dental Study!

In GSRP 2 we are learning how to take care of our teeth!!





## Specials: Check out what we are doing in health, music, & art

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First week:

Rainbow Swirls

Need: Paper plates + Rainbow paints



Second week:

Pot of gold color by number

Third week:

Puffy paint leperchans

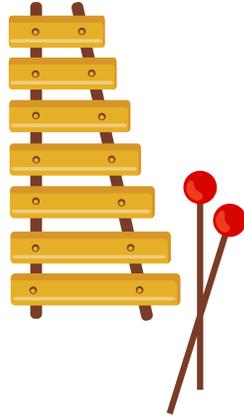
Need: Shaving Cream, glue, orange paint, googly eyes, black/yellow/green paper



Fourth week:

Paper bunnys

Need: light blue/pink/white paper + googly eyes



In Music we're still exploring the beat in music, using a variety of instruments including rhythm sticks, boom whackers, and soon some xylophones! We're keeping the beat in our bodies as well with our feet and hands.

In March we'll also look at some stories about music for reading month and how music tells a story sometimes without any words! Referencing Saint-Saëns' Carnival of the Animals, Fantasia and more!



## STUDENT HEALTH RESOURCES

### Health & Wellbeing



During the month of March we will focus on staying clean! We will be learning about germs and hygiene and the importance of handwashing and brushing our teeth.

### MAPS NUTRITION SERVICES MONTHLY LOCALLY SOURCED/ MICHIGAN GROWN HIGHLIGHT

March - Watermelon

MAPS NUTRITION SERVICES GETS ALL THEIR WATERMELON FROM MICHIGAN FARMS.

All our Michigan-grown watermelons come in bulk, and the MAPS Nutrition Service Staff washes and prepares them for lunch service



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