

# Teacher Tales

## 2 1/2 Year Olds Kris Morris and Karen White

Oh March was a whirlwind! We started the month half way through our unit on Moses. What a man of faith! Hebrews 11 reminds us that by faith: Moses' mom hid him for 3 months after his birth; Moses refused to be called a child of Pharaoh; he left Egypt; he kept the



Passover; and he passed through the red sea on dry ground. Your kids loved learning about the 10 plagues that God sent on the Egyptians to finally soften Pharaoh's heart enough to "Let God's people go!" We made an interactive craft that we will send the kids home with when you return from spring break. It was fun learning about numbers 1-10 while we learned about those plagues.

Hebrews 11:39-40 reminds us that these [Moses, Abraham, and others] were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us [JESUS!] so that only together with us would they be made perfect. So as we ended March we worked on the week before Jesus died.

The kids worked on lots of fun Easter crafts with Mrs. White, while Mrs. Morris helped them create their own Holy Week devotion. It was fun to tell the story of Jesus' triumphant arrival on a **donkey** while turning their little handprints into a **donkey**. We pray that your



children will retell a little of the story of the people worshipping Jesus, His becoming a servant, His being denied (even by His closest friends), His death and finally His burial. Mostly we pray that they will remember that Jesus is not dead anymore..... He is **ALIVE!**

We are so blessed to be with your kids on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are maturing so much. Our class has become quite a band of brothers and sisters (and sometimes monkeys).

As a reminder, warm weather is coming so be sure to check those bags for appropriate clothes.

## 3 Year Olds Katie Denisar, Julie Zimmerman & Karen White

We began the month of March by learning the letter 'M'. We read the books, **Moosestache** and **If You Give A Moose A Muffin**, made M Moose with mustaches, painted with marbles, played with magnets and practiced writing and drawing pictures of their moms.



We had a great time learning about Community Helpers and the work they do while practicing the letter 'W'. We made W webs and learned about work that people do to help our community. The kids really enjoyed hearing from our Community Helper guests, including: a pilot, Physical Therapist and an Air Force Intel Officer.



So much was learned, by students and teachers!

'X' was an eXciting letter to learn about! We learned about x-rays and read some fun books about pirates while we made maps where X marks the spot!

For St. Patrick's Day, we learned about St. Patrick and made green shamrocks by mixing blue and yellow paint with eye droppers. We all had fun making shamrock necklaces using Fruit Loops too!



'Y' was a very relaxing letter to practice as we incorporated Yoga into our day and practicing our yawn! The children learned about yo-yos and got to make a picture of them yo-yoing!

The girls got to pick flowers for their Easter bonnets and the boys decorated ties for the Easter parade. We ended the month learning about the Easter story and making a special Easter craft. We hope and pray that you had a restful Spring Break and a blessed Easter!

The end of the year is quickly approaching. We look forward to ending the year in a strong way by practicing our numbers and writing our names.

Thank you parents for attending conferences. I enjoyed talking to you on a personal level about your child. We care about each one so much, and feel blessed to have your child in our class!



## 4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

March was full of fun for the Owl Class! The first week of March we focused on Author/Illustrators. We had lots of fun reading books by Dr. Suess and Mo Willems, creating some of the characters with our crafts!



Careers and Community Helpers was a fun topic for the second week. We learned about many different kinds of community helpers from neighborhood helpers (garbage collectors), to food community helpers (chefs), to health community helpers (police officers, doctors, and nurses). We learned a lot through so many fun and informative visitors (some parents), books and songs!

The third week of March we had some fun with color and rainbows! We read the story of Noah's Ark, and learned about God's promise in Genesis 9:13-16. We also learned about Ireland, shamrocks, St. Patrick, and all things Irish!

March 20th was the first day of spring, so we learned about our third season for the year. Song of Songs 2:11-12 says "**winter is over and it is a time of singing!**" We took a walk to use our 5 senses to recognize this new season. They say March comes "in like a lion and out like a lamb" so we looked at each. We introduced how both of those



represent the nature of Jesus. We will continue to learn about the season of spring throughout April. Owls had lots of fun making lion and lamb crafts, and singing lots of songs.

The fifth week of March was dedicated to the basis of our faith - Easter! We learned about the last days of Jesus' life and how he was crucified but **did not** stay in the tomb - **He is alive!**



Thank you for all who helped us celebrate at our Easter parade.

I'm looking forward to our parent/teacher conferences and discussing all our Owl friends!

We hope you had a wonderful Spring Break!

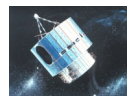
## 4 Day 4 Year Olds Glenda Zarco and Sarah Medina

I can hardly believe we only have two months of school left. As we move forward to the end of the year, we will take the next steps toward Kindergarten preparation.



Another month is gone that went incredibly quickly, but was full of so much fun and learning! We've hit the point in the school year where the children seem to have suddenly "grown up" overnight. Their level of independence is growing, attention to detail is becoming much stronger (yippee) and the DESIRE to learn and PERFORM is there! I am so pleased with the growth that has taken place

within the classroom. The children loved talking about different jobs and what kind of job should be done. We want to include a special "**Thank You**" to those parents who took time off of their busy careers to talk to the children about what they do that is so important to our community. We had a firefighter (Mr. Hendershot), an Air Force pilot



(Mr. Askew) and an Intelligence Analyst (Mr. Burroughs) who works on satellites!

The kids LOVED hearing about your occupations and how you help us through all your hard work. Thank you for answering all the interesting and fun questions!

We learned about St. Patrick's Day and the different Irish traditions while reading **St. Patrick's Day in the Morning and Jack and the Leprechaun**. The kids showed off their talents with rainbow and shamrock crafts.



We continued our focus on number recognition and number sense this month. On a daily basis, the children were given an activity where they would identify and represent (by numbers, pictures, or a 'hands on' activity) numbers 1-20 in different contexts.

Next month we'll learn about the changes that happen in spring as we explore caterpillars and butterflies, tadpoles and frogs and the honey bee. We'll also learn what **John 3:16** is all about as we celebrate the miracle of Easter.



## Music with Marcia Lee

March was a busy month! We began the month getting plenty of exercise to

songs like **'Jump Into The Light'**, **'Father Abraham'**, **'All Fall Down'**, **'The Tootie Ta'**, and **'Shake, Shake, Hallelujah'**.

We celebrated God's powerful and gusty wind by singing **'If I Were the Wind'**; **'Windmills are Turning... My Kite is Flying'**; **'Oh, I Wish I Were A Windmill'**; and **'Let's Go Fly a Kite'**.

As St. Patrick's Day approached, we sang **'Let's Wear Green and Dance a Jig'**, **'Top of the Morning to You'**, and a silly song that accompanied a book we read by the same title called, **There Once Was A Man Named Michael Finnegan**.

These songs really set the mood for the "wearing of the green!"

We learned some Easter songs as we prepared for our Easter parade. Doing the **'BUNNY HOP'** for our parents was a real thrill!

As April approached, we sang about **SPRINGTIME**. We sang to prepare for bright sunshine, spring rains, warmer weather, and new flowers for which God is preparing the earth.

## Chapel with Marcia



Chapel during March began with a lesson about the plan God has for each of us. The children enjoyed hearing about some parents' jobs during **Community Helpers Week**. We discussed how God has a plan for each of our lives, and we want to follow God's plans for us and to make good choices. The verse for that lesson was from **Jeremiah 29:11** which says, **"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "... plans to give you future and a hope."**

Also in March, we learned about that famous missionary to Ireland, St. Patrick. He gave us a great way to think of the Holy Trinity. By looking at the shamrock leaf, he realized each leaf has three parts.

He teachings helped us realized each leaf part can stand for a different way of seeing God. There is God, the Father; God, the Son (or Jesus); and God, the Holy Spirit (who lives in our hearts). The children each received a foam shamrock labeled with the 3 parts of God. It was the **"Trinity Shamrock Leaf."**

In March, we also learned about the awesome power of

God. Having experienced some very windy days, the power of God's wind



was a valuable lesson. We were reminded that although we

cannot see God, we feel His presence just as we feel the wind. The Bible verse to accompany that lesson was from **Joshua 1:9**. It says, **"For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**

The last week of March, we studied the Easter story. Realizing Jesus suffered and died to forgive all our sins was amazing, especially after being treated so cruelly. But after three days of being buried in a tomb, **JESUS AROSE! JESUS IS ALIVE!!!**



Recently we have been blessed to enjoy some beautiful weather and warm temperatures. We certainly know it is April when trees begin to bud, rain and sunshine is intermittent, and flowers are blooming.



In April, we look forward to preparing for Mother's Day, enjoying a pony ride and petting zoo, and, of course, the graduation of the 2023 4 year old students.

