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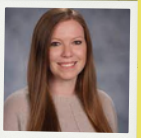
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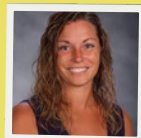
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March.....it's time for Spring to begin!

As of now it is looking like March is coming in like a lamb. Hopefully this weather trend can stay with us for a while. The truth is, we will have some less than desirable weather ahead. How can you infuse an activity into some of the rainy, windy and most likely snowy days when the kids cannot get outside and play? Work on their fine motor skill development in creative ways.



FINE MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Fine motor skill development is something that everyone can work on. Below you will find three links to different activities to incorporate engaging activities along with fine motor practice. Roughly 32-62% of a typical school day requires some level of fine motor skills. For those who struggle with fine motor strength or developmental delays can begin to show behavioral concerns during these times, but the underlying issue may not be behaviorally based, but more a skill deficit.



SWALLOW FUN FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- March 3: Gear up for March Madness in your jersey from any level
- March 10: Swallow Gear
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day Green
- March 24: Crayon Day...pick a color from head to toe

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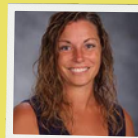
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March 2023
Children's Activity Calendar

SUNDAY **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

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“You, little insignificant caterpillar, can grow up into a beautiful butterfly and fly into the world with your talent.”
— Eric Carle

Pig Day: Who is your favorite literary pig? Wilber? Piggie! Have a hog-wild time with streamers, decorations, and music that celebrates all things pig.

Read Across America Day: Pair up with another classroom from a different state and read books highlighting their region of the country and yours.

Ghostwriters Week: Display books that were written by a ghostwriter, such as Carolyn Keene. Help kids write a story in someone else's voice.

Iditarod Day: Read *Kitik* by Robert Blake and share more about this iconic race using *Brownie Locks*.

Share the video read-aloud of NEA's March Read Across America picture book choice, *Dream Street* by Tricia Egan Walker, illustrated by Ekka Holmes.

Music in Our Schools Month: Help kids create Tiny Beans homemade instruments and perform a concert at the end of this month.

Holi Ends at Sunset: This Hindu holiday honors the winter crop harvest and advent of spring. Share *Festival of Colors* by Surishtha Sehgal and Kabir Sehgal, illustrated by Vahid Harrison.

Proofreading Day: Have kids take lines from their favorite books and add mistakes. Hand those lines to other kids and see if they can find all the mistakes.

Read *Lolo Shapes the Sky* by Wendy Greenley, illustrated by Paolo Domeniconi. Bring a cloud to life with a Cloud in a Jar STEM activity from Little Bins for Little Hands.

US Paper Money Day: Ask kids to design a new paper currency and use it to “buy” classroom or library privileges, such as sitting next to a friend or becoming line leader.

Youth Art Month: Invite a local artist or book illustrator to show kids how to create something special of their own.

Get ready for the Academy Awards by hosting an award show and giving out an Oscar to every child. Finish the event by showing “The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore.”

Tomorrow is Pi Day. Pick out a book to read from the Las Vegas Clark County Library District's list and serve it up with a slice of blueberry crumb or banana cream pie.

Happy Book Birthday to *In the Palm of My Hand* by debut author Jennifer Raudenbush, illustrated by Isabella Conti.

Paws to Read Month: Encourage kids to read to a pet or stuffed animal they bring in and invite a service animal owner to your space to join in the fun.

Pandas Day: Show the Smithsonian National Zoo live panda cam and visit *Pandas International* for activities and conservation information.

St. Patrick's Day: Read *How to Catch a Leprechaun* by Adam Wallace and then help kids design and create a trap from *Happiness Is Homemade*.

Worldwide Quilting Day: Read *The All Together Quilt* by Lizzy Rockwell and help kids make their own paper quilt craft from Artists Helping Children.

Tomorrow is the first day of Spring. Check out Pinterest for creative spring-themed library or classroom display ideas.

Very Hungry Caterpillar Day: Celebrate with ideas from the digital picnic party kit. Don't forget the swiss cheese and lolipop!

World Down Syndrome Day: Read *Up and Adam* by Debbie Zapata, inspired by the author's very own son and illustrated by Yong Ling Kang.

Ramadan Begins at Sunset: From this evening through April 21, Muslims around the world will celebrate this holy month of fasting, introspection, and prayer. Read *Zahra's Blessings: A Ramadan Story* by Sharin Shamsi.

On this day in 1743, George Frideric Handel's oratorio “Messiah” premiered at the Royal Opera House in London. Play this masterpiece throughout the day.

Harry Houdini's Birthday: Born in 1874, Houdini went on to become a world-famous magician and escape artist. Read *Houdini and Me* by Dan Gutman.

Waffle Day: Who loves waffles? Set out some simple waffle toppings and gather around to read a book from the *A Waffle Lot of Hatched and Jelly* series by Ben Clanton.

Make Up Your Own Holiday Day: Ask kids to pick a day to celebrate their unique made-up holiday.

Ame Dyckman's Birthday: Host a party with the *You Don't Want a Unicorn? Storytime Kit*.

Happy Book Birthday to *Animals in Surprising Shades: Pevens About Earth's Colorful Creatures* by Susan Johnston, illustrated by Annie Bakst.

International Mermaid Day: Read your favorite mermaid book and pair it with one of Kids Activities Blog's 22 Adorable Mermaid Crafts.

Virtual Vacation Day: Inspire kids to make a presentation to share about a dream vacation destination. Have them add video, audio, and narration as they present.

Crayon Day: Celebrate this colorful day with activity ideas from librarian Shannon McClintock Miller.

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A WAFFLE LOT OF NARWHAL AND JELLY

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