

March Newsletter

Letter from the Center Manager

Dear Parents:

Hope everyone is doing well and in good spirits. Just wanted to let you know we are beginning to do something different with our monthly calendars to you. We encourage all parents, grandparents and other family members to participate in the March activities with the teachers and children. Even if you are unable to participate in all the activities, you may send someone from your family to also join the fun. We welcome you and your family with open arms and hope to build a family orientated center, this is your center please feel at home. If you have any concerns or questions my door is always open to you. Have a great month.

Requel E. Nunez, Pearsall TMC Center Mgr.



Classroom 1—D. L. Gonzales & S. Ellis

Toddler News

In the month of March we will be discussing "Spring" and "Insects".

Activities

- 3rd—Spring collage
- 5th—Spring Color Sponge Paint
- 9th—Nutrition lesson: "Lemonade"
- 10th—Plant Bean Seeds
- 11th—Parent will read the book "Spring"
- 15th—19th—Spring Break
- 22nd—Parent will read the book "The Grouchy Lady Bug"
- 24th—Egg race
- 25th—Caterpillar Butterfly Creation
- 26th—Nutrition Lesson—Mini pizzas
- 30th—Decorating boiled eggs & ant march collage

We hope you can come and join us to some of the activities we will be doing together. See you soon!!

Classroom 3—K. Tollett & S. Aguilera

This month we will be taking a trip to the Zoo on March 11th. We will be discussing with your children on different zoo animals and their habitats. Also, we be talking about different kinds of food they eat and graphing their favorite animals. If you have any other ideas that you would like to share with the class on animals please contact us and we will be glad to add it to our lesson. Take care and hopefully see you soon!!



Classroom 5—M. Gonzales & E. Gomez

During the month of March, our theme will be on "Spring". Our classroom will be doing the following activities:

- March 4th—Nutrition Lesson: Cinnamon Toast
- March 12th—Making Streamers
- March 26th—Kite Day

Please sign up which ever day you would like to participate or you can come to all three. We can't wait to see you!!!

Cesar Estrada Chavez

March 31, 1927—April 23, 1993

THE UNITED FARM WORKERS IS BORN



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“In 1962 Cesar founded the National Farm Workers Association, later to become the United Farm Workers - the UFW. He was joined by Dolores Huerta and the union was born. That same year Richard Chavez designed the UFW Eagle and Cesar chose the black and red colors. Cesar told the story of the birth of the eagle. He asked Richard to design the flag, but Richard could not make an eagle that he liked. Finally he sketched one on a piece of brown wrapping paper. He then squared off the wing edges so that the eagle would be easier for union members to draw on the handmade red flags that would give courage to the farm workers with their own powerful symbol. Cesar made reference to the flag by stating, "A symbol is an important thing. That is why we chose an Aztec eagle. It gives pride . . . When people see it they know it means dignity." For a long time in 1962, there were very few union dues paying members. By 1970 the UFW got grape growers to accept union contracts and had effectively organized most of that industry, at one point in time claiming 50,000 dues paying members. The reason was Cesar Chavez's tireless leadership and nonviolent tactics that included the Delano grape strike, his fasts that focused national attention on farm workers problems, and the 340-mile march from Delano to Sacramento in 1966. The farm workers and supporters carried banners with the black eagle with HUELGA (strike) and VIVA LA CAUSA (Long live our cause). The marchers wanted the state government to pass laws which would permit farm workers to organize into a union and allow collective bargaining agreements. Cesar made people aware of the struggles of farm workers for better pay and safer working conditions. He succeeded through nonviolent tactics (boycotts, pickets, and strikes). Cesar Chavez and the union sought recognition of the importance and dignity of all farm workers. It was the beginning of La Causa a cause that was supported by organized labor, religious groups, minorities, and students. Cesar Chavez had the foresight to train his union workers and then to send many of them into the cities where they were to use the boycott and picket as their weapon. Cesar was willing to sacrifice his own life so that the union would continue and that violence was not used. Cesar fasted many times. In 1968 Cesar went on a water only, 25 day fast. He repeated the fast in 1972 for 24 days, and again in 1988, this time for 36 days. What motivated him to do this? He said, Farm workers everywhere are angry and worried that we cannot win without violence. We have proved it before through persistence, hard work, faith and willingness to sacrifice. We can win and keep our own self-respect and build a great union that will secure the spirit of all people if we do it through a rededication and recommitment to the struggle for justice through nonviolence.”

Resources—Las Culturitas—Biography supplied by the United Farmworkers

The symbolism of the flag:

The black eagle signifies the dark situation of the farm worker. The Aztec eagle is an historic symbol for the people of Mexico. The UFW incorporated the Aztec eagle into its design in order to show the connection the union had to migrant workers of Mexican-American descent, though not all UFW workers were Mexican-American.

The white circle signified hope and aspirations.

The red background stood for the hard work and sacrifice that the union members would have to give.

The UFW also adopted an official motto, "Viva la Causa" (Long Live Our Cause).



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Rm. 2 – make paper airplanes Rm. 4 – Breakfast and Tooth brushing | Rm. 1 – Spring Collage PARENT MTG/TRAINING 12 PM AT THE CENTER | Rm. 1 – Spring Flowers Rm. 4 – lunch & story time Rm. 5 – nutrition – Cinnamon Toast | Rm. 1 – Spring Color & sponge paint Rm. 3 – Salt painting |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | Rm. 1 – parent breakfast – “lemonade” activity Rm. 3 – Parents read book on zoo animals Rm. 4 – importance of grooming/snack time | Rm. 1 – plant bean seed Rm. 2 – musical chairs Rm. 4 – lunch/importance in tooth brushing | Rm. 1 – parent spring story Rm. 3 – ZOO TRIP TO S.A. (preschool only) | Rm. 5 – Making streamer |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| SPRING STAFF IN | BREAK TRAINING | Happy St. Patrick's Day  | SPRING BREAK | Core Team Mtg. 3:15 pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| CLASSES RESUME Rm. 1 – Parents reading “The Grouch Ladybug” Rm. 2 Rm. 3 – Dye color Egg Shells | Rm. 1 – Outdoor play w/kids & lunch Rm. 2 – make paper confetti Rm. 4 – lunch & Tooth brushing | Rm. 1 – Mom & child egg race Rm. 2 – fill egg shells w/confetti Rm. 4 – Playing T-ball (outdoor) Rm. 5 – Nutrition Act. – Rainbow salad | Rm. 1 – Caterpillar/Butterfly creation Rm. 4 – tempera paint drawing | Rm. 1 – Nutrition Act. Mini pizzas Rm. 3 – making cascarones Rm. 5 – Kite day BIRTHDAY CLUB |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| Honoring Cesar Chavez Day Holiday No school | Rm. 1 – Parent/Child Activity Egg decorating & Ant Marching Rm. 2 Rm. 3 Rm. 4 – Decorating boiled eggs and eat them on the 31 st | Cesar Chavez B-Day Father of the Farm Worker  | <i>All parents are encouraged to participate in their child's classroom activities. So come and join the fun activities</i> | CORE TEAM MTG. 3:15 PM |