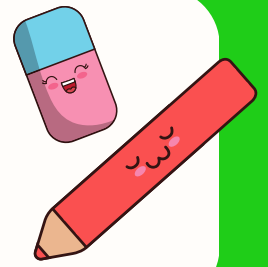


Pre-K Press

March 2022



March Celebrations & Observances

I don't know about you, but I thoroughly enjoyed finding out about the different celebrations last month that I had no idea about! Guess what, Friends? The same is true for March! We have Dr. Seuss's Birthday, which is also National Read Across America Day, Johnny Appleseed Day, Absolutely Incredible Kid Day, Celebrate Your Name Week, National Bubble Week, and many more that – to be honest – just made me giggle! I hope you can find some fun days/weeks to celebrate in cognitive, hands-on, developmentally appropriate ways by tying real events to activities in the classroom. In fact, I would LOVE to hear about how you did celebrate these events! First, click on the March calendar icon to see the list of celebrations and observances for March. Then, click on this [Google Form](#) to tell me about your favorite day and how you observed/celebrated with your class!



PD Opportunities

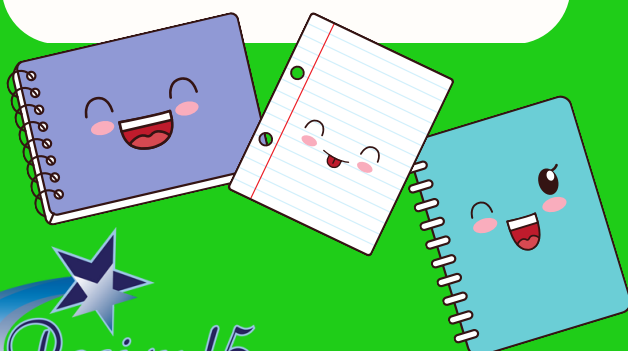
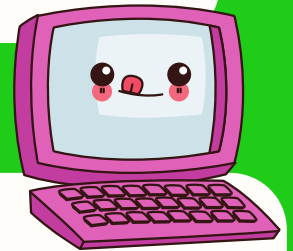
Behavior Bites: Evidence-Based Practices

2-hour virtual training sessions March – May. See the ECSE page below for dates and topics. (Choose one, choose all! These are open to everyone!)

MOY Resources

You've completed MOY assessments, data is available... now what?

- Check out the [How-To Guides](#) for all types of reporting features to make good use of all of that data!
- Make the data work for you and your students by utilizing the [Small Grouping Tool](#) that links directly to the [CIRCLE Activity Collection: Pre-K – 2nd](#).



Inside every child
is a rainbow
waiting to shine.

DAP CENTRAL

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

Writing/Class Book Sensory Table

"If I had a wish..."

Journal prompt? Class-made book? You decide! During Small Group, have children think of what they would wish for if they caught a leprechaun and could have one wish. Have them illustrate that thought and encourage them to write as much of their wish as they can. ("Scribbles," letter-like forms, letter strings are PERFECT!) Write their dictation is written at the bottom of the paper, "If I had one wish, I would wish for" They draw a picture of their wish.



Rainbow Rock Salt Discovery

Create rainbow rock salt ([recipe here](#)) for your sensory bin. Place stickers with letters, numbers, shapes, etc. on the sides of play gold coins and add to bin. Provide tools for digging, and have students name the treasures they found! Extend the activity by adding clipboards, paper, and writing utensils so they can write/draw the treasures they find. Want to up the ante even more? Add graphing pages ([example](#)), and show them how to color in the squares to graph their treasures. Talk about bang for your buck... er, I mean coin!



Math

Pots of Gold

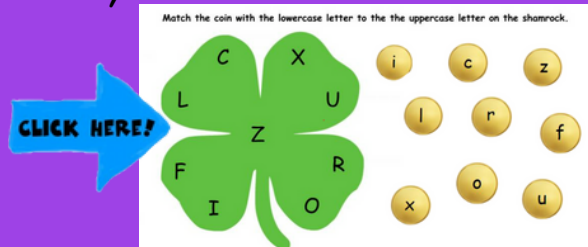
Snag some small cauldrons, dice, and coins (pennies). Have students roll a die, count the dots, and put that many coins in their pot. You can also use a chalk marker to write numerals on the side of the pots and have children to count the correct number of coins to put in each pot.



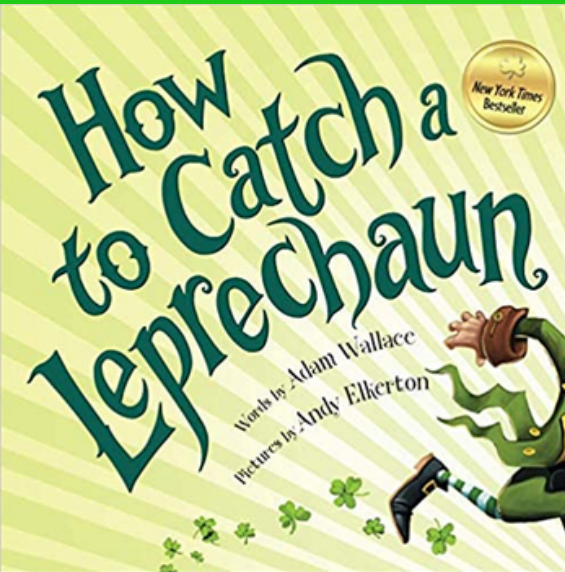
Letter Knowledge

Shamrock Letters

All you need for this tech-based letter knowledge activity is [this file](#) and a Smart Board/TV, tablet/iPad, or laptop/PC. Simply drag the gold coin with the lowercase letter to match the uppercase letter on the shamrock. Can be used as a whole group, small group, or individual activity.

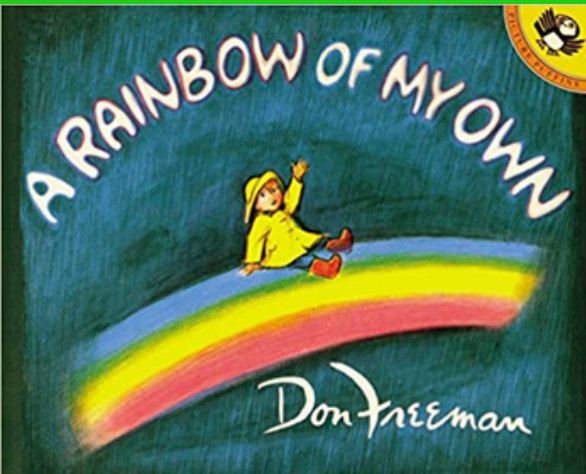


PRE-K BOOK NOOK



How to Catch a Leprechaun

You've been planning night and day, and finally you've created the perfect trap with shamrocks, pots of gold, and rainbows galore! Now all you need to do is wait. Laugh along in this zany story for kids that blends STEAM concepts with hilarious rhymes and vibrant illustrations! As an extension, see if your students can build a leprechaun trap to catch a leprechaun.



A Rainbow of My Own

A small boy imagines what it would be like to have his own rainbow to play with. With color, fun, and wonder, Don Freeman captures the remarkable, evanescent magic of a rainbow. The colors jump, shine, and pull readers into this little boy's imagination and day of play with that beautiful band of color!

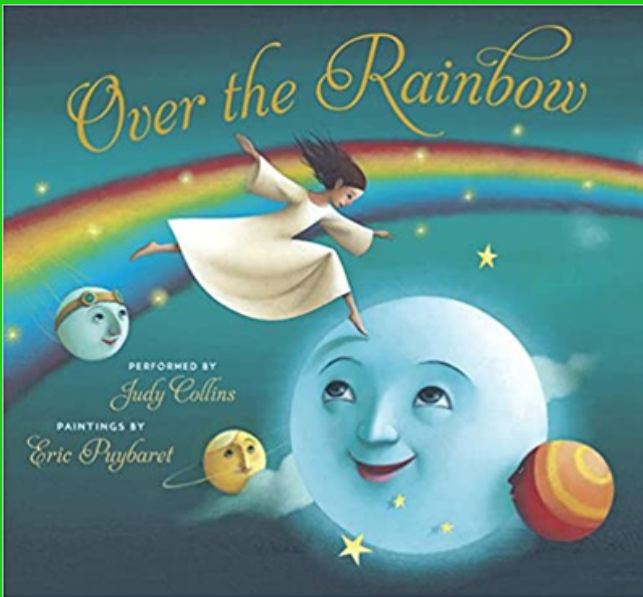


Rainbow Stew

It's a rainy summer day, but the vegetables in Grandpa's garden are just waiting to be picked. Yellow peppers, purple cabbage, red tomatoes, green zucchini, orange carrots, and more. So many colors! So many delicious ingredients to slice, chop, peel, and dice for a great big pot of mouthwatering Rainbow Stew.

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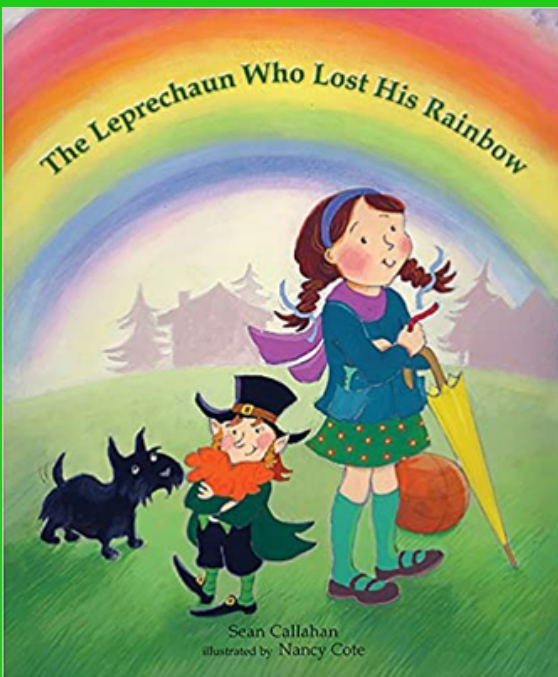
Over the Rainbow



Over the Rainbow

"When all the world is a hopeless jumble and the raindrops tumble all around, Heaven opens a magic lane. When all the clouds darken up the skyway, there's a rainbow highway to be found, Leading from your windowpane to a place behind the sun, just a step beyond the rain." The beautiful illustrations in this book highlight the lovely twist to an old, beloved song. Great as a stand-alone read aloud and is a fabulous addition to any library/listening center!

The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow



The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow

It's raining, and Colleen is sad. How can her grandfather play his bagpipes in the St. Patrick's Day parade? His music is so beautiful it makes people laugh and cry at once. Suddenly, a leprechaun appears before her. He says he can make the sun come out by creating a rainbow – but to build its colors, Colleen must give up the thing she holds most dear. A note at the end explains the science of rainbows and the Roy G. Biv naming tradition.

Rainbows



Rainbows

One of the best things about a rainy day is the possibility of seeing a rainbow, but there's more to rainbows than meets the eye! Simple text introduces readers to the science behind rainbows. Including why rainbows occur and what they are made of. A great introduction to rainbows before the exploration and experiments begin!

ECSE

Behavior Bites

Evidence Based Practices

9am - 11am



There are still 3 sessions to join!

This webinar series about evidence-based practices can help you in your classroom management, which is foundational in ECE classrooms!

Topics:

- 3/22 Reinforcement Session #218589
- 4/12 Proactive Supports Session #218592
- 5/17 Consequences Session #218599

Go to the [Region 15 website](#) to read the descriptions and register for any or ALL of them that meet your needs!

TECH FOR TOTS



Rainbow Songs on Kindu TV

I Can Sing a Rainbow is a song with a sweet, calm melody that children can easily learn to sing.

How to Make a Rainbow is a video showing how to create your own rainbow at home (or in the classroom). This could be a great opportunity to take your students through the scientific method to find out more!



ABCya - "Molly's Magic Adventure"

Join Molly the unicorn on her magical adventure in search of the rainbow! Children will get to choose what path Molly takes, as well as other fun things along the way in this interactive create-your-own adventure activity.



Discovery Ed*

Show children How Rainbows Are Made, which is a quick video to guide discussion about how rainbows are created, the 7 colors found in a rainbow, and how Roy G. Biv (whoever he is!) can help us remember the colors. 😊

*All districts within Region 15 has access to Discovery Ed.

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