



# WCA Preschool Times



March 13, 2023

Last week went by fast with all the fun we had with Dr. Seuss! Children absolutely love rhyming and Dr. Seuss books never disappoint. Rhyming is not only fun, but it is one of the important foundations for understanding the printed word. After reading *The Lorax* the class made truffula trees by using paint in eyedroppers and then a straw to blow the drop of paint out in the middle. Everyone was able to explore various instruments after we read *Horton Hears a Who*. Once they played the instruments, they made their own instrument using various materials I collected. There were paper plate drums, plastic cups with beads, popsicle stick maracas, and cardboard/rubber band guitars. The children put their instrument creations together, told me how they wanted it done and I used a hot glue gun to make their ideas come together. I loved watching the creativity at work! We did this activity several days in row because some children wanted to make more than one instrument. The Friday snow was exciting and fun for all! The class got to sled until their hearts were content, and legs pretty tired after trudging up the hill over and over. Our focus this week will be on Eric Carle and his awesome use of colors and textures. I will also be taking advantage of the many counting and number recognition opportunities in his books. We will plant seeds, use water, shaving cream, and food coloring in our cloud experiment and make our own paper plate clock, just to name a few of the activities I have planned. The meanings of author, illustrator, narrator and characters will be pointed out and talked about each day at large group time. I'll read many of Eric Carle's books and the class will get to retell, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, stories using the felt board characters and foods. It's going to be a great week!

## Areas of Focus

Children's Authors:  
*Eric Carle*



## Literacy and Language



- Books: *The Grouchy Ladybug*, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?*, *Does a Kangaroo Have A Mother, Too?*, *Mister Seahorse*, *The Rabbit and The Turtle*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Little Cloud*, *Pancakes, Pancakes!*, *Dragon, Dragon*, *1,2,3 to the Zoo*
- Alphabet Matching - Upper & Lower Case
- Letter Sound Animal Matching

## Math, Science, Sensory

- \* Rain Cloud Experiment
- \* Making a Grouchy Ladybug Clock
- \* Tissue Paper Seahorse
- \* Counting Peg Board Math
- \* Wooden Shape Clock



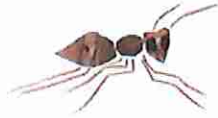
## Important News

- ➔ Friday is a half day. We will dismiss at 11:40 A.M. Please, still send snacks.
- ➔ Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> will be WCA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the Dawn Theater! Details can be found on our Facebook page. I hope to see you all there for the great celebration!

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## Poem

Eric Carle's Animals Animals



### The Ant

The ant is knowing and wise; but  
he doesn't know enough to take a vacation.

*Clarence Day*



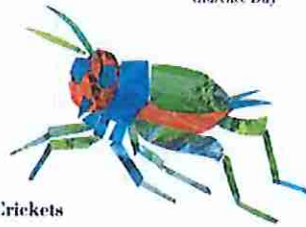
### Bee! I'm Expecting You

Bee! I'm expecting you!  
Was saying Yesterday  
To Somebody you know  
That you were due—

The Frogs got Home last Week—  
And settled, and at work—  
Birds, mostly back—  
The Clover warm and thick—

You'll get my Letter by  
The seventeenth; Reply,  
Or better, be with me—  
Yours, Fly.

*Emily Dickinson*



### Crickets

We cannot say that crickets sing  
Since all they do is twang a wing.

Especially when the wind is still  
They orchestrate a sunlit hill.

And in the evening blue above  
They weave the stars and moon with love.

Then peacefully they chirp all night  
Remembering delight, delight . . .

*Harry Behn*

### My Opinion

Is a caterpillar ticklish?  
Well, it's always my belief  
That he giggles as he wiggles  
Across a hairy leaf.

*Monica Shannon*

