



WCA Preschool Times



March 20, 2023

Last week seemed to go by quickly! The weather was nice most days so we took advantage of the fresh air and sunshine peeking through the clouds both in the mornings and afternoons. I truly look forward to spring days when our time outside becomes extended and lesson plans are enjoyed in nature more often! We did enjoy diving into Eric Carle and his many colorful and fun books last week. The various activities and projects we did during the week all related to one of his books. For example, after I read *The Grouchy Ladybug*, we made clocks. I worked with each child as they sorted out the numbers and pasted them on the pre-dotted clock face. They had painted their paper plates red the day before and I dotted them for easier understanding of where the numbers went. You can use the clock at home to help your child with number recognition and telling time on the hour and half hour. When planning my week's lessons there are always academic and developmental sides to them. Our cadet teacher, Ms. Hannah, did a lesson with the kids after reading the book, *The Hungry Caterpillar*. She incorporated math and letter recognition with the art project. I can say, without a doubt, the highlight of the week was the new giant building blocks. They are made of a sturdy plastic and fit together like Legos. There was so much creativity, cooperation, teamwork, problem solving and fun had with them! This week we will focus on Leo Lionni. His books are fun and he uses interesting artistic illustrations and many of his characters are mice. **A friendly reminder that next week, March 27th, we have half days on Thursday and Friday. Then the first week of April we have the week off for spring break. I sure hope the warm weather starts moving our way!**

Areas of Focus

Children Authors:
Leo Lionni



Literacy and Language



- Books: *Mr. McMouse*, *It's Mine*, *Little Blue and Little Yellow*, *Mathew's Dream*, *A Color of His Own*, *Fish is Fish*, *Frederick*, *Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse*, *Tico*, *Inch by Inch*, *Pezzettino*
- Focus Words: author, illustrator, character
- Beginning Sounds Match
- Rhyming Bingo

March is
Reading Month!

Math, Science, Sensory

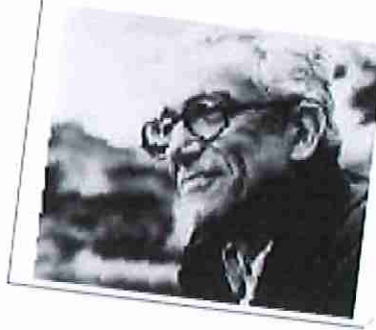
- * Inch by Inch Measuring
- * Art: Rock Mouse
- * Making Homemade Playdough
(flour, salt, vegetable oil, warm water, food coloring)
- * Watercolor Chameleon



Important News

- ➔ Friday pizza orders are due.
- ➔ Saturday, March 25th will be WCA's 25th 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!

❑ Leo Lionni is the well known author/illustrator of over 40 picture books.
❑ He lived in Tuscany, Italy until he died in 1999 at the age of 89.
❑ His first picture book was "Little Blue and Little Yellow."



Read magazines and newspapers.

Talk about the photos and illustrations. Find an article by using the table of contents page. Discuss the different sections, such as sports, local news, and advertising.

Write a letter together.

Use it to say "Thank you," "I hope you feel better soon," or just "Hello." Explain why you write the date and include the name of the person whom you are writing to. Sign it and have your child sign her name too.

Follow a recipe in a book or instructions on a food container.

Work as a team to gather the ingredients. Then follow the directions step-by-step. Ask your child to help you figure out what comes next.

Read a variety of books.

At the library, help your child pick storybooks, nonfiction books, and books to read together. Your child might choose a book of poems or a book with lots of detailed pictures to look at together.