

March 2024



March is Reading Month!

During the month of March, we will be sharing weekly reading activities via Tadpoles each Saturday before the week begins. Most of these will be done in the classroom throughout the week with friends and teachers, but the boxes highlighted in green on the flyers suggest participation from home.



There is great fun to be had in March with reading month activities, St. Patrick's Day, Leprechaun traps for our older friends, March Madness and much more! See the March 2024 Special Activities Calendar below for "what to wear or bring" days during this month.

Keep an eye out on our social media pages for our March Readers! Throughout the month, IXL will share videos of teachers and admin reading your favorite children's books. Grab a blanket, get cozy and enjoy each story!

March is Reading Month 2024 Special Activities Calendar				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4	5 CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM: WEAR HAWAIIAN GEAR TO THE COCONUT TREE!		7 GOODNIGHT MOON: BRING A STUFFY TO READ WITH	8
11 IF YOU GIVE A DOG A DONUT: WEAR PAJAMAS & ENJOY A DONUT AT IXL	12 	13 	14	15 Happy St. Patrick's Day! WEAR ALL YOUR GREEN
18 	19 HAROLD AND THE PURPLE CRAYON: WEAR PURPLE	20 	21 PETE THE CAT: WEAR A SHIRT WITH SOME GROOVY BUTTONS	22
25	26 	27 BRING IN YOUR VERY FAVORITE BOOK!	28	29 March Madness Day! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE TEAM

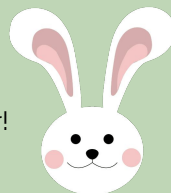
IXL Spring Fling

Save the date for some springtime FUN for children of ALL ages! Over 30 different games, crafts and activities throughout the center!

Saturday, March 16th from 10am-12pm

IXL Berkley: 15600 West 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076

This free event is for our IXL families and friends. It is also open to the public, so feel free to bring some guests. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

Upcoming Dates:

March is Reading Month Special Activities

See Calendar on this Page

**Wear Pajamas &
Enjoy a Donut at IXL**
Monday, March 11th



Happy St. Patrick's Day
Wear Green
Friday, March 15th

IXL Spring Fling
Saturday, March 16th
10am-12pm @ IXL Berkley



March Madness
Wear your favorite College Team
Friday, March 29th

CREATING STRONG READERS:


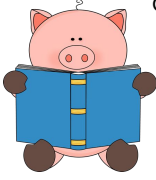

Tips for Reading with Your Child at Home



- Invite a child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point, word by word, as you read. This will help the child learn that reading goes from left to right.
- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a *palace*. Who do you think lives in a *palace*?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, songbooks, poems and information books.

READING TO INFANTS & TODDLERS:

Tips to Engage our Youngest Learners

 <p>CUDDLE UP</p> <p>Cuddling with your infant or toddler as you read helps them feel safe, warm, and connected to you.</p>	<p>USE REPETITION</p> <p>Infants and toddlers love — and learn from — repetition, so don't be afraid of reading the same books over and over. When you do, repeat the same emphasis each time as you would with a familiar song.</p>	<p>READ WITH EXPRESSION</p> <p>Make your voice higher and lower as you read or use different voices for different characters.</p> 
<p>STOP TO ASK QUESTIONS OR MAKE COMMENTS</p> <p>Don't worry about following the text exactly. Stop once in a while to ask questions or make comments on the pictures or text. ("Where's the kitty? There he is! What a cute black kitty.") Your child might not be able to respond yet, but this lays the groundwork for doing so later.</p>	<p>MAKE READING FUN</p> <p>Sing nursery rhymes, make funny animal sounds, dress like the character or bounce your child on your knee — anything that shows that reading is fun.</p> 	<p>LEARNING ABOUT BOOKS</p> <p>As your baby gets older, encourage your little one to touch the book or hold sturdier vinyl, cloth, or board books. Infants & young toddlers like putting books in their mouth. They are learning about them—finding out how books feel (and sometimes taste).</p>

Important Reminders:



- Tuition payments are due in full on or before 10:00am Friday for the following week of attendance.
- IXL Learning Center's hours are from 7am-6pm. Drop off is not permitted before 7am, and a late pick up fee will be applied to your account for any pick ups after 6pm. Any pick up between 6:01-6:10pm will be applied a \$10 fee and \$2/minute will be added for any pick up after 6:10pm.

Winter Closing Policy:

IXL Learning Center will remain open during most severe weather. In the event of extreme weather conditions, we will monitor surrounding public school district closings reported on the local news channels and social media sources. This includes, but is not limited to, closures, delayed openings and early dismissals.

If IXL deems it necessary for closure, delayed opening or closing early, families and staff will be informed in the following ways:

- Tadpoles message sent directly to families, via text or email
- Post on IXL social media

Summer Enrollment Status:

With summer around the corner, your child's enrollment status must be maintained through the summer to secure their fall spot.



IXL CURRICULUM



Lunch Menu



March 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Chicken Nuggets Peas Fruit
4 Taquitos Mixed Veggies Fruit	5 Grilled Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Fruit	6 Pizza Rolls Broccoli Fruit	7 Chef's Choice Veggie Fruit	8 Lasagna Peas Fruit
11 Chicken Quesadillas Corn Fruit	12 Soy Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Green Beans Fruit	13 Tacos Carrots Fruit	14 Grilled Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Fruit	15 Ham & Cheese Bagels Cauliflower Fruit
18 Spaghetti Mixed Veggies Fruit	19 Popcorn Chicken Peas Fruit	20 Mini Pancakes Sausage Fruit	21 Sloppy Joes Corn Fruit	22 Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans Fruit
25 Cheeseburgers Carrots Fruit	26 Chef Choice Veggie Fruit	27 Chicken Noodle Soup Breadstick Fruit	28 Ravioli Broccoli Fruit	29 Grilled Cheese Cauliflower Fruit





TROY CENTER

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Shamrocks and Shenanigans! IXL always has a blast on St. Patrick's Day! We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Thursday, March 14th during morning snack. Remember to wear your green in case any leprechauns pass by! Sign up sheets will be posted outside the classroom if you are interested in donating any items for our parties. Please remember that we are an ALLERGY AWARE facility when bringing party treats into the classroom. This includes items that may contain peanuts or tree nuts.



Our older Pre-K friends may get a visitor from Sean the Leprechaun. We have tried catching him in the past, but he is such a fast little guy! Once again this year, we will make leprechaun traps to try and catch him. Be on the lookout for a leprechaun parent letter to come home with more details on how to create this trap. Please have your child bring their trap in no later than Wednesday, March 13th, so we can set them up in the classroom.

Spring is in the air!

March brings unpredictable weather. It's a great time to look through your child's extra clothes and stock it full of winter and spring gear. We will continue to do our best to go outside each day. This could mean that snow pants, hats and mittens are needed one day and sunglasses, sunscreen the next! Help us be prepared for it all.



IXL Egg Hunt

Spring is coming! Our IXL Egg Hunt will be on Thursday, March 28th at 4pm. Please bring in 12 pre-filled eggs to your child's classroom by Thursday, March 21st. Our Egg Hunt is for classrooms Infant Too & up. Parents are welcome to attend!

School-Age Summer Camp

Enrollment for our 2024 school-age summer camp program is currently open! If you have a school-age child or know of someone who would like to enroll their school-age child(ren), please contact the office for more information!



Monthly Supplies

Please bring your labeled supplies to the office by the end of each month.

2 ½ & Younger:

1 package of unscented baby wipes
& 1 roll of paper towel

2 ½ & Older:

1 package of unscented baby wipes
& 1 box of kleenex

Scholastic Book Orders

clubs.scholastic.com

Class code: **XP72L**

Order Due Date: **3/11/24**

All orders also earn FREE Books for our center. Don't forget that you can ship books right to your doorstep!

Playground Toy Donations

Our center is in search of gently used playground toys, such as riding cars or any other walk behind toys. If you would like to donate, please contact the office.

IXL Quick Links:

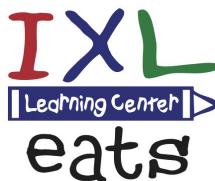
Click on the icons below to access these links.



IXL Website



Parent Request
Forms



Lunch Menu

Classroom Corner:

- **Toddler** - Please label all bedding.
- **Toddler Too** - Please remember to take your water cups home at the end of the day to be washed and brought back.
- **Preschool** - please make sure you are putting your child's belongings under the correct cubby.
- **ALL CLASSROOMS** - LABEL ITEMS! Also, checking cubbies on a weekly basis and art folders