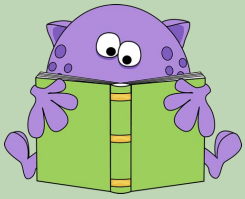
March 2023

IXL Learning Center Scribbles

March is Reading Month!

During the month of March, we will be sharing weekly reading activities via Tadpoles each Sunday. 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 Dr. Seuss's birthday, St. Patrick's Day, Leprechaun traps for our older friends, March Madness and much more! Look for more details regarding these events sent home in separate correspondence. See the March 2023 Calendar page in this newsletter for special "what to wear or bring" days during this month.

Bringing Food from Home

IXL provides two daily snacks, as well as a lunch. There are some circumstances where children bring food from home, such as our breakfast time frame, infant food or children who have other special dietary needs/allergies.

Any food from home should require minimal teacher assistance and be:

- Pre-made and ready-to-eat
- Nut-Free and Allergy Aware
- Prepared or cut food to the appropriate shape, size and texture for your child's development
- Stored in a food storage container (lunch box) labeled with first/last name and date (can include an ice pack if needed)

IXL Assessments

Assessments were completed in February for our Smart Start classrooms (ages 2 ½ and older). A copy of each assessment will be provided to parents for review by early March. If you have any questions about your child's assessment, feel free to reach out to a director.

IXL Portfolios

Starting in our Infant classroom, IXL maintains a portfolio of each child's work throughout their time with us. This portfolio houses a variety of different types of their work at all different ages. Some items that we collect include handprint artwork, self portraits, demonstrating cutting skills, unique art pieces, and much more! Keeping a portfolio is a fantastic visual tool to see the growth and progression of each child. Parents receive this portfolio when their child graduates from IXL.

Upcoming Dates:

March What to Wear/Bring
See March 2023 Calendar Page

Daylight & Donuts Pajama Party
Monday, March 13th

St. Patrick's Day
Wear Green
Friday, March 17th

March Madness
Wear your favorite College Team
Monday, March 27th

Detroit Tigers Opening Day
Wear your Tigers gear, orange or blue
Thursday, March 30th

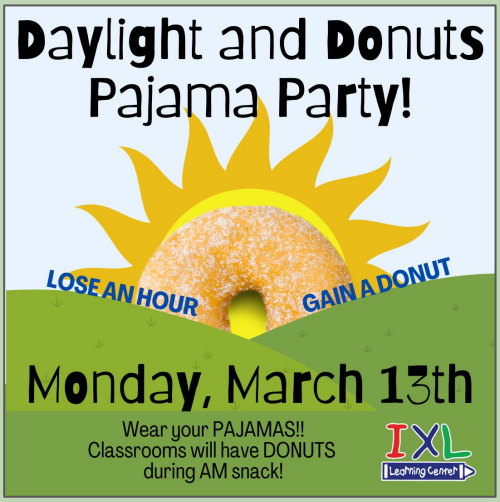
IXL Spring Fling
Saturday, April 15th
@ IXL Berkley

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



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

Saturday, April 15th 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!

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.

Summer Enrollment Status:

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

Homemade Shamrock Shakes

IXL at home

For ALL ages

Ingredients & Supplies:

- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups vanilla ice cream
- 5-7 drops of green food coloring
- ½ teaspoon mint extract
- whipped cream
- AirHeads rainbow candy
- cup & straw
- blender

Instructions:

- Add milk, ice cream, green food coloring and mint extract into a blender.
- Mix ingredients in blender until blended to desired consistency.
- Pour the shamrock shake into your cup and top with whipped cream and some rainbow candy.
- Enjoy a yummy shamrock shake on St. Patrick's Day!

IXL CURRICULUM

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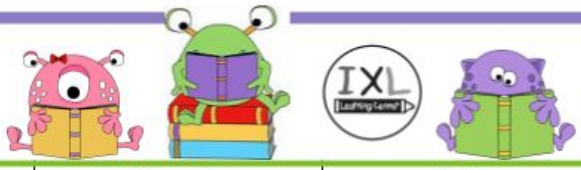
IXL Smart Start Curriculum

MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

What to bring for "March is Reading Month" and other special activity days this month!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Kick Off March is Reading Month- WEAR A HAT WITH WORDS	2 Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday! WEAR RED & WHITE OR SEUSS GEAR	3
6	7 GOODNIGHT MOON: BRING A STUFFY TO READ WITH	8	9 CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM- WEAR HAWAIIAN GEAR TO THE COCONUT TREE!	10
13 If You Give a Kid a Donut & Pajama Day! WEAR PAJAMAS & ENJOY A DONUT AT IXL	14	15	16	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day! WEAR ALL YOUR GREEN
20	21	22 Harold and the Purple Crayon: WEAR PURPLE	23 Ocean Day with The Rainbow Fish! BRING A BEACH TOWEL & OCEAN/BEACH BOOK	24
27 March Madness Day! WEAR YOUR FAVORITE COLLEGE TEAM	28	29 BRING IN YOUR VERY FAVORITE BOOK!	30 Detroit Tiger's Opening Day! WEAR YOUR TIGERS GEAR, ORANGE OR BLUE	31

Lunch Menu

IXL Learning Center eats

March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Macaroni, Beef, Tomatoes Corn Fruit	2 Hickory Ham Mashed Potatoes Fruit	3 French Toast Sausage Fruit
6 Chicken Tacos Green Beans Fruit	7 Chef's Choice Veggie Fruit	8 Chicken & Rice Mixed Veggies Fruit	9 Tortellini Peas Fruit	10 Popcorn Chicken Carrots Fruit
13 Pulled Pork Broccoli Fruit	14 Waffles Yogurt Fruit	15 Vegetable Soup Biscuit Fruit	16 Hot Dogs Tater Tots Fruit	17 Green Macaroni & Cheese Peas Fruit
20 Chicken Nuggets Cauliflower Fruit	21 Taquitos Mixed Veggies Fruit	22 Grilled Chicken Alfredo Green Beans Fruit	23 Pizza Rolls Broccoli Fruit	24 Chef's Choice Veggie Fruit
27 Lasagna Peas Fruit	28 Chicken Quesadillas Corn Fruit	29 Soy Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Green Beans Fruit	30 Tacos Carrots Fruit	31 Grilled Chicken Nuggets Broccoli Fruit

HOWELL 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 Friday, March 17th. Remember to wear your green in case any Leprechauns pass by! Please keep an eye out for classroom party sign ups if you would like to donate an item for our party.

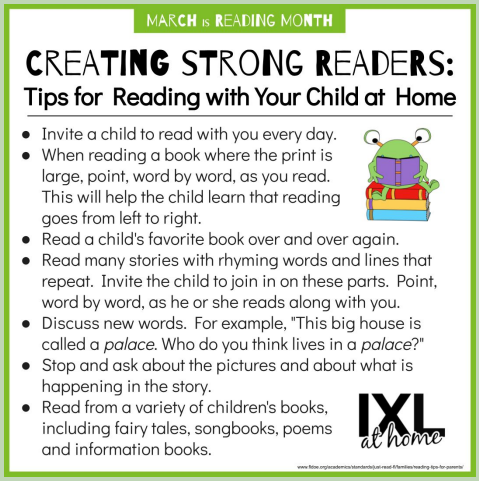
Our older friends may get a visitor from Sean the Leprechaun. We have tried catching him in the past, but he is such a fast little guy! Once again this year, we will make Leprechaun traps to try and catch him. Look for a Leprechaun parent letter to be sent via Tadpoles with more details on how to create this trap. Please have your child bring their trap prior to the holiday, 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.

Classroom Egg Hunt Details

Spring is coming! Please bring in 12 pre-filled eggs by Monday, April 3rd for our Egg Hunt on Friday, April 7th. Our Egg Hunt is for classrooms in Toddler Green & up. This is for teachers & students only, no parents in attendance.



MARCH is READING MONTH

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.

IXL at home

Monthly Supplies

Please bring your labeled supplies to the office by the end of each month. The monthly supplies needed PER FAMILY are listed below:

All Classrooms:
1 roll of paper towel & 1 package of unscented baby wipes

Scholastic Book Orders

You can choose to have your books shipped to your home or delivered to IXL with our class order.

With a $25 order, you can pick a FREE $5 Book (use code: READS).

clubs.scholastic.com
Class code: **XN3G8**
Order Due Date: **3/17/23**

All orders also earn FREE books for our center. Thank you for your support!

Classroom Corner:

- **Infant Too-** Please remember to input your child's first bottle and diaper change into Tadpoles each morning. Also, reminder to check your child's mailbox for artwork.
- **Toddler Red** - Reminder that breakfast ends at 8:30. Please label all belongings, including breakfast containers with your child's first/last name. Please make sure your child's cubby has weather appropriate extra clothes in it!
- **Toddler Green -** Please make sure to label any food items or food containers you bring in with your child's first/last name.
- **Young Preschool -** Please check your child's mailbox and label all belongings, including breakfast containers with your child's first/last name
- **Preschool** - Reminder to label all of your child's belongings with first/last name.

IXL Quick Links:

Click on the icons below to access these links.

IXL Website

Parent Request Forms

Lunch Menu