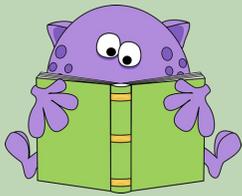


March 2023



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.



Happy
St. Patrick's Day

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

Spring Forward!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 12th
Set your clocks one hour forward.




Daylight and Donuts Pajama Party!



LOSE AN HOUR GAIN A DONUT

Monday, March 13th

Wear your PAJAMAS!!
Classrooms will have DONUTS during AM snack!



IXL'S ANNUAL **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, 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

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





MARCH 2023 CALENDAR

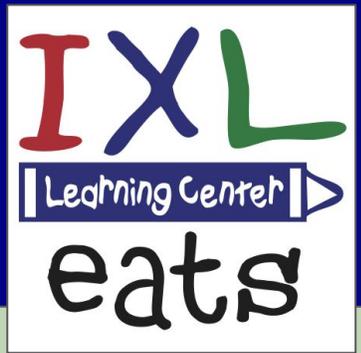
What to bring for "March is Reading Month" and other special activity days this month!



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



Lunch Menu



March 2023

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | | 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 |





NORTHVILLE 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 17th. Remember to wear your green in case any Leprechauns pass by!



As St. Patrick's Day approaches, you will find party sign-ups posted if you are interested in donating an item for the party. Please remember that we are an ALLERGY AWARE facility when bringing food from home or 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. 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.

Kindergarten, here we come!

Save the date! To celebrate our graduating Pre-K friends, we host a Pre-K Graduation that will be held on **June 8th at 6:30pm** for all children heading to Kindergarten in the Fall of 2023.

Classroom Egg Hunt in April

Spring is coming! Please bring in 12 pre-filled eggs by Friday, March 31st for our Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 6th at 4:30pm on the playgrounds. Our Egg Hunt is for classrooms Toddler & up. Parents are welcome!



Monthly Supplies

The monthly supplies drop-box is located in the office (a large black bin labeled "Family Supplies"). On the form above the drop-box, please be sure to check off the applicable month you've turned in for. Please bring your supplies to the office by the end of each month.

2 ½ & Younger:

1 packages of unscented baby wipes & 1 box of facial tissue

2 ½ & Older:

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

Scholastic Book Orders

All orders earn FREE books for our center!

clubs.scholastic.com

Class Code: **m3hc7**

Order Due Date: **3/6/23**

We are sending a HUGE thank you to Dr. Ken, from Novi Dentist, for his visit during Dental Health Week!



IXL Quick Links:

Click on the icons below to access these links.



IXL Website



Parent Request Forms



Lunch Menu

Classroom Corner:

- **Preschool** - For March is Reading Month, you are welcome to bring in your child's favorite book from home to read as a class throughout the month. Bring your Favorite Book Day is also on Wednesday, March 29th!
- **ALL classrooms** - We'd love extra grocery bags!