

# The Academy for Children

*Encouraging the Potential of Each Child*

# March

# 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Units:</b> Read Across America, Dr. Seuss, Botany/Spring <b>French:</b> Themes and Vocabulary</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><i>Can you draw a picture of different animals using crayons?</i></p> <p><u>Unit: Read Across America/Dr. Seuss</u></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Seuss was born on this date in 1904. What is your favorite Dr. Seuss book?</i></p> <p>Read Across America Day</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><i>Have your children help you prepare a meal – play the ‘auditory processing game’ while you work together.</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><i>Show your children you are <u>listening</u>, by looking at them</i></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><i>Teach by example – “praise even the smallest achievements”</i></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><i>Cuddle up and read a Dr. Seuss book with your child.</i></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p><i>What letters of the alphabet can you say in French?</i></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><i>Look up Claude Monet artwork in the library or on the internet.</i></p> <p><u>Unit: Read Across America</u></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><i>Read – read – read. Let your children see you read. Praise their reading.</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><i>Skip count by 2’s, 5’s, and 10’s.</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><i>Talk about the books you read together.</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><i>Play the numeral ID game.</i></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Make a difference in your community – volunteer as a family for a worthwhile project. e.g. recycle together, take food to the needy.</i></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p><i>Is it lighter or darker this AM/PM? Remember: Children have important things to say, too!</i></p> <p>Daylight Saving Times Begins: Move clocks ahead one hour</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><i>What are some foods you eat on St. Patrick’s Day?</i></p> <p><u>Unit: Botany/Spring</u></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><i>Discover colors in the rainbow. Explore the character of St. Patrick.</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><i>St. Patrick was born 1500 years ago. He is honored for being nice to his neighbors. How can you be nice to your neighbors?</i></p> <p>St. Patrick’s Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><i>What months are in the Spring?</i></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><i>What color do you see a lot of on St. Patrick’s Day? Where is Ireland? What is a Shamrock?</i></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Plan a family night this week.</i></p> <p>Vernal Equinox: Spring Begins</p>
<p><b>21</b></p> <p><i>Walk with your children – explore – teach safety.</i></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Impressive!</i></p> <p><u>Unit: Botany/Spring</u></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Give your child at least 10 hugs today, and tell him/her how special s/he is.</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>What animals hatch from eggs?</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Treat yourself with the same respect and care that you show others.</i></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><i>Plant flower seeds at home.</i></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><i>Watch family videos. Look through scrapbooks. Make this a fun event. Talk about it.</i></p>
<p><b>28</b></p> <p><i>Smile – Smile – Smile.</i></p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><i>What Season came before Spring?</i></p> <p>Passover Begins</p> <p><u>Unit: Botany/Spring</u></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><i>What do we see happening to the trees and flowers in the Spring?</i></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><i>“Live what you would have your child “do.”</i></p>	<p><u>Author:</u> Dr. Seuss, Read Across America <u>My World:</u> 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring, St. Patrick’s Day, Daylight Savings Time Begins, Passover <u>All That Music! &amp; Composer:</u> Chopin, Eye Hand Coordination <u>“What I See and Draw” Art &amp; Artists:</u> Claude Monet, Composing a picture</p>		<p><u>Positive Word:</u> Impressive <u>Calendar:</u> Birthdays, Season: Spring <u>Geography:</u> Ireland, New Jersey</p>

## Parent Curriculum Information March 2010

### Unit(s)/My World/Geography

### French

#### Read Across America & Dr. Seuss

Who is Dr. Seuss? What are some books that he wrote? When is Dr. Seuss' Birthday? What is Read Across America? When do we have Read Across America?

#### Botany/Spring

What is Botany? What are the parts of a plant? How does the root system (radical) help the plant? What do the roots take in to help the plant? What are 2 kinds of roots? What does a fibrous root look like? What does a tap root look like? How does the shoot system (plumule) help the plant? What do leaves do? What is the green food-making material in the leaves of plants called? What is the gas in the air called that is used by plants to make food? How does photosynthesis work? What is a seed? What happens after a plant makes its seeds? What helps seeds leave the plant and be dispersed or scattered around? What plants do we eat? What seed grows into an Oak Tree? What seed grows into a Pine Tree? What are the four seasons? When does Spring start? What season comes after Spring? What season comes before Spring?

Themes  
"I have" and Naming Objects  
Fruits  
Please & Thank You  
Colors and Shapes  
Pets, Farm Animals & Zoo  
Animals

Vocabulary  
J'ai, un sac, une carte, une moto  
una uva, una ciruela,  
por favor, gracias,  
rojo, azul, el rombo, la estrella  
el perro, el cerdo, el oso, la  
gallina

### Reading

Week 3/1-3/5: Review Week: Pp, Qq, Oo

Week 3/8-3/12:

Level 1: Letter ID Rr, Phonics: sounds of alphabet, Fun Sight Word

Level 2: Rosie the Robot: Robot, Races, Rr

Level 3: Rosie the Robot: Robot, Races, Runs, Rest, Rr: quick word Attack Phonics, Fun Reading Books

Levels 4, 5, 6, 7: Differentiated Readers, Writing & Phonics

Week 3/15-3/19:

Level 1: Letter ID Ss, Phonics: sounds of alphabet, Fun Sight Word

Level 2: Sizzling Sausage: Sausage, Sizzle, Ss

Level 3: Sizzling Sausage: Sausage, Sizzle, Saturday, Smell, Ss: quick word Attack Phonics, Fun Reading Books

Levels 4, 5, 6, 7: Differentiated Readers, Writing & Phonics

Week 3/22-3/26:

Level 1: Letter ID Tt, Phonics: sounds of alphabet, Fun Sight Word

Level 2: Thomas' Timer: Timer, Ticks, Tt

Level 3: Thomas' Timer: Timer, Ticks, Time, Taps, Tt: quick word Attack Phonics, Fun Reading Book

Levels 4, 5, 6, 7: Differentiated Readers, Writing & Phonics

### Differentiated Math

Review your child's "Math for Me" Book every two weeks to see what your child is doing in:

- Everyday Math
- Patterns
- Problem Solving
- Math Facts
- Unit Activities
- Computational Math

### Handwriting

Week 3/1-3/5: Letters- Pp, Qq, Oo

Week 3/8-3/12: Letters- Rr

Week 3/15-3/19: Letters- Ss

Week 3/22-3/26: Letters- Tt

### Author

Read Across America and Dr. Seuss who was an American Author and Illustrator. Dr. Seuss is also known for many of his paintings. His name is actually: Theodor Seuss Geisel. He always called himself Dr. Seuss. About fifty years ago, he decided to take 220 words and rhyme them in writing his first book, The Cat in the Hat. Children and adults everywhere loved it. His books are used in schools and libraries throughout the world. Some of his books are: The Cat in the Hat, The Cat in the Hat Comes Back, Dr. Seuss's ABC, Oh Say, Can You Say?, Fox in Socks, Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?, The Foot Book, There's a Wocket in My Pocket, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish, Green Eggs and Ham, My Book About Me, I Can Draw It Myself, Oh, the Things You Can Think!, The Cat's Quizzer, I Can Read with My Eyes Shut!, Hop on Pop, Marvin K. Mooney, Will You Please Go Now!, The Shape of Me and Other Stuff, Great Day for Up!

### All That Music! & Composer

Composer – Chopin

Where was Frederic Chopin born?

Frederic Chopin was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1810.

What nickname does Frederic Chopin have?

Frederic Chopin is referred to as "The Poet of the Piano".

What did Frederic Chopin love to do more than perform concerts?

Frederic Chopin loved to teach music to others.

Theme – Eye Hand Coordination

### Mac Computer Playground

- Different Computer Parts: Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, Speakers & Printer
- Computer Software: CD-ROM, DVD
- Components of the Operating System: Dock, Pointer, Icon, Application
- Commands in the Operating System: Open, Play, Save, Print, Quit & Exit
- Word Processor: Keys & Cursor
- Keyboarding: Backspace, Enter, Shift, Spacebar
- Internet: Email, Modem, Search engine & URL
- Printing: Text, Graphics and Printer Cartridge

### "What I See & Draw" Art and Artists

Artists: Claude Monet

Where was Claude Monet born?

*Paris, France*

What were most of Claude Monet's paintings about?

*Most of Claude Monet paintings were about nature.*

What is Claude Monet's most famous painting?

*"Water Lilies"*

"What I See & Draw" Art

Composing a picture. Main subject and background. What will be your main subject? Plan and project the size and position of the main subject. Ask questions. Where will the main subject go on your paper? How big will your main subject be? Where on the paper will you put the eyes? Will there be room for the rest of the head and the body? Drawing the main subject. First outline with dark, fine-tipped markers. Then color in with lighter or brighter colors.