



# School of Imagination<sup>sm</sup>

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## Parent Newsletter

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### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

**Saturday,  
March 14  
9:30am**



City of Dublin Parade officials require ALL participants of the parade must wear some sort of uniform. You must be with your child if you would like your child to march in the parade with School of Imagination. Parents can either buy a shirt for \$5 or provide a white T-shirt for the children to decorate for you. Please see your teacher for more details. *Parking or parade route information, go to [www.dublinstpats.com/parade.htm](http://www.dublinstpats.com/parade.htm)*

### School Calendar Now ONLINE

Go to the School of Imagination website at [www.schoolofimagination.org](http://www.schoolofimagination.org)

Click on **School** , then

**School Calendar**

Keep updated on important news, school events and schedule changes.



### News from Your SOI Classrooms

#### Ms. Debbie's Bridge Kindergarten

The last few weeks has been very busy as usual! The 100 day projects were fabulous! The student's were very proud of their projects! They couldn't wait to share their projects and tell all of their friends how they made them. We did many activities of counting to 100 including fruit loop necklaces, headbands, stamping books, and block trains of 100 blocks. That same week we talked about the ground hog who did see his shadow. We are definitely getting that winter now! We have been working on two word chunks in the last few weeks. We have covered the word family -ug and are currently studying -in. The last couple of days, the kids have to make up a -in word in order to get out of classroom. It has to be one that no one else has said. They are doing great! We are working on the 5 packet. The beginning addition skills are coming along. It gets tricky as the numbers get higher. We will continue to work on the 5 packet and then take a little break before starting on the 6 packet. We will continue counting, writing, and recognizing numbers to 30. This week we will continue the -in chunk before starting another word chunk. We will also be working on opposites.

This month I have scheduled everyone for one volunteer slot. March 2nd is Dr. Seuss's Birthday as well as National Read Across America Day. For the month of March I would like all of my Volunteers to come in and read a book to the class. I love to read month!! Please pick out a picture book of your choice. You can have your child help you choose a book or you choose a book that you enjoy reading to your child. To go with your book, I would like you to do a little project as well. If you want help

planning the project I can help you or plan it for you. It can be as simple as writing and drawing a picture to go along with the story, painting a picture to go with the story, some sort of art project, etc. Please let me know if you want help. This is not to stress you out. This was fun last year and the kids loved helping their parents pick out a story and help plan a project!

#### Questions or concerns?

debbie@schoolofimagination.org  
Or call 925-829-9555

#### Ms. Chrissy's Preschool 2-3 Class

In the month of March, we will be talking about the farm. We will explore the different animals that live on the farm, the sounds that they make and the foods that they eat.

The morning 2's class with continue to work on colors, shapes and numbers up to 5. We are slowly introducing simple patterning like "red turtle, blue turtle, red turtle, blue turtle" or "boy, girl, boy, girl." The morning class has a great dynamic and we are excited to see all the progress in every child.

The afternoon 3's and 4's are doing great with they letter and number recognition. I am impressed by the conversations that we have as a group. You can tell that all the children care about each other and are interested in what other children do on their personal time. We are going to be working more on understanding where they live, for instance, Pleasanton, Dublin, Castro Valley, San Ramon and also the month and day they were born.

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(Continued from Ms. Chrissy's classroom)

For sharing in the afternoon, I want you to start bringing the item in a bag so that the child can give clues to their friends. You can also help them with the clues if it is too hard. As you all know the children are completely ecstatic about clue Fridays :)

**Questions or concerns?** [chissy@schoolofimagination.org](mailto:chissy@schoolofimagination.org)  
Or call 925-829-9552

### ***Ms. Azi's Stepping Stones Class***

Stepping Stones just wrapped up its unit on Community Helpers. Using last month's theme we were able to continue to work on our imaginary play skills, social interactions with our peers and professionals in our community as well as work on more abstract thinking with our students. Last Thursday the sun came out just long enough for our group to take a short field trip to the store to practice purchasing. When eating out at a restaurant or making a purchase at your local store please encourage your children to order for themselves as well as purchase items on their own. This will help to reiterate what we learned last month as well as encourage appropriate social interaction with professionals out in our community.

**Monthly Theme.** For this month we will be focusing on "The House". We will use this common environment to help our students practice word recall, learn functions, build vocabulary as well as practice following 2-3 step directions. When at home please encourage your children to learn new vocabulary for items around the house that they normally are not exposed to. Also encourage your child to help with chores around the house to help them work on following 2-3 step directions and to help learn functions of items hands on.

**Questions or concerns?** [azi@schoolofimagination.org](mailto:azi@schoolofimagination.org)  
Or call 925-829-9552 x 712

### ***Did You Know***

Did you know that, in addition to School of Imagination's school calendar, you can access your child's classroom online?

Go to [www.schoolofimagination.org](http://www.schoolofimagination.org) and click **School** then on **Classes** . Select your child's **Class Website**

You will be redirected to your child's classroom website powered by Google Sites. Stay up to date with the weekly lesson or theme, volunteer opportunities, and get important news from your teacher.

## ***Important Dates for your Calendar***

### **Wednesday, March 4—Round Table Pizza Fundraiser Night**

We will be there from 5-6pm. Hope to see you there! Make sure you bring your flier with you when you purchase your pizza and 20% of your total purchase will be donated to SOI. Round Table is located at 7841 Amador Valley Blvd. (between Regional and Starward Dr.)

### **Friday, March 13—School Spirit Day**

Everyone wear green in honor of St. Patrick's day.

**Saturday, March 14—St. Patrick's Day Parade,** Dublin Parade Officials require that ALL participants associated with our school need to have a uniform. Parents marching with SOI must either buy a shirt for \$5 or provide a shirt for the children to decorate.

Please see your teacher for more details, and when and where to meet up on the morning of the Parade.

### **Tuesday, March 17—St. Patrick's Day**

**Monday, March 23—Teacher Enrichment Day** SOI will be CLOSED. Happy Talkers will be OPEN.

## ***Parent Advisory Council Meeting***

The Parent Advisory Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Happy Talkers offices. We invite new and returning parents to attend.

**Happy Talkers Offices**  
**7567 Amador Valley Blvd. Suite 101**  
**Dublin, CA 94568**

**(925) 829-9552 ext. 705**  
**[parents@schoolofimagination.org](mailto:parents@schoolofimagination.org)**

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

Classroom doors open 5 min. before class so teachers can prep their classrooms. Please wait outside the classroom if you arrive too early.

After class, there is a 5 min. Grace Period for parents to pick up their children. After the Grace Period, parents will be charged \$1/min.