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Dear Parents,

This week our students learned about St. Patrick's Day and the letter Nn. Here are some of the things we learned: St. Patrick's Day is observed every March 17th. It is packed with parades, good luck charms, and all things green. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it has become a celebration of Irish culture. Leprechauns are the reason you are supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day—or risk getting pinched! The tradition is tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, who like to pinch anyone they can see. Some people also think sporting the color will bring good luck, and others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. The shamrock is also an important symbol displayed on this day; it is supposed to bring good luck as well.

This week the students learned about the letter Nn. They traced, cut and colored the letter N. They practiced writing uppercase and lowercase. They wrote words and a sentence using "n" words. The children made four-leaf clover bracelets and necklaces. They strung together white and green beads in a pattern onto a pipe cleaner or string. The children made a Leprechaun with a paper plate. They pasted on a green hat and an orange beard to the Leprechaun plate. The children also made a rainbow with a pot of gold; they painted all the colors of the rainbow with colorful markers. They also made spiral decorations to hang in class with rainbow colors. We also made a St. Patrick's Day card.

Some of the books we read were:

A Leprechaun on the Loose

Looking for Leprechauns

My "N" Book.

Activities to do at home:

Finger Paint Caterpillars. Just pour a little paint into a tray and let your child dip a fingertip into the paint. Write numbers 1-10 on the left-hand side. Children will place the correct number of fingerprints, creating spots on the caterpillars. This is great for practicing number recognition and one to one correspondence. Have them count and say the number out loud while making each fingerprint. Practice writing letters "K, G, and S". Help children understand the difference between lower case letter d and b. Help children understand the difference between letter u and v. Help children identify numbers 1-20

Parenting Tips: Make Communication a Priority

You can't expect kids to do everything simply because you, as a parent, "say so." They want and deserve explanations as much as adults do. If we don't take time to explain, kids will begin to wonder about our values and motives and whether they have any basis. Parents who reason with their kids allow them to understand and learn in a nonjudgmental way.

Make your expectations clear. If there is a problem, describe it, express your feelings, and invite your child to work on a solution with you. Be sure to include consequences. Make suggestions

and offer choices. Be open to your child's suggestions as well. Negotiate. Kids who participate in decisions are more motivated to carry them out.

Have a great weekend,
Ms. Ana and Ms. Nadia
Ms. Laura and Ms. Andrea