



Palmetto Press

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March Events

Haircuts

Tues. March 1 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Wed. March 9 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Tues. March 15 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Wed. March 23 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Tues. March 29 1:00 - 5:00 pm
Cost is \$15.00 for a full haircut; \$6.00 for a bang trim. Sign up at the front desk.

Tuesday, March 8

Palmetto Prep Night at Pizza Inn

5:00 - 8:00 pm (drop-in)
Palmetto Prep students receive a free buffet (drink not included).
Be sure your child has a Palmetto Prep sticker!

Saturday, March 12

Parents' Night Out

5:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Note time change)

\$25 for one child; \$10 per sibling
Please be prepared to pay with cash when you drop off your child(ren).

Sign up at the front desk or e-mail cweathers@palmettoprep.com

Monday, March 14

Love & Logic (Session 3)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
SAM Group Conference Room
11 Smith Hines Rd, Greenville 29607
This course, which is limited to 10 families, is already full. Another series will be scheduled soon.

Infant/Child CPR Class

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Palmetto Prep Gymnasium
Cost: \$25.00 per person
(we will bill your account)
Feel free to extend the invitation to friends, co-workers, grandparents, etc.
Babysitting will be available at \$10.00 per child; please pay in cash that night.
Sign up at the front desk or e-mail cweathers@palmettoprep.com

Only 16 spaces left in Palmetto Prep's Summer Adventures!

Our summer day camp program is filling up quickly! Students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade are eligible to attend these weekly sessions which will be held June 6 through August 19. The hours are 6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

In addition to daily field trips, each week features a different "adventure" -- a one to two hour daily session that focuses on a particular topic of interest. Weekly adventures include karate, the arts, sports, career week, cooking, dance, nature week, safety week and animal camp. The daily field trips include excursions to Roper Mountain Science Center, the Greenville Zoo, Roller Sports, Kids Planet Park and more.

The tuition for Palmetto Prep's Summer Adventures is \$225.00 per week and includes all field trips, snacks and lunch. Brochures/registration forms are available at the front desk.



Corporate Babysitting Service

If your company is having an evening or weekend event that would require a number of employees to secure babysitters, Palmetto Prep would like to help! We would be willing to offer a "Parents' Night Out" specifically for your company's event. Our teachers will provide babysitting at Palmetto Prep and snacks and/or meals will be provided as necessary. Your co-workers will have peace of mind knowing their children are being well-cared for in a safe, secure environment, and we would welcome the opportunity to let others see the caliber of our faculty and facilities. (Please note that we do not strictly adhere to our regular teacher:student ratios for events like these.) Fees will be based on the number of hours needed for each event. To schedule a "Parents' Night Out" for your company, please call Cindy Weathers at 675-1002.

Welcome to Our New Students

Welcome to the following students who have joined us since the last publication of *Palmetto Press*:

Max Barr (Pre-K)
Andrew Check (Infant 1)
Katie Durrell (Prepper 3)
Madeline Durrell (After School)
Sophie Evans (Infant 2)
Ellison Floyd (Infant 1)
Tristan Noel (Pre-Prepper 2)
Jamison White (Toddler)

Did you know....

At Palmetto Prep, we serve only 100% apple juice, and we dilute it (50:50) with water. We begin serving juice in our Toddler Room (15 months and older) unless parents request it sooner. The American Academy of Pediatrics suggests that fruit juice not be given to children younger than 6 months, and says there is no nutritional reason to give it to them before their first birthday.

Classroom Highlights

Infants



With ages ranging from 8 weeks to 14 months, the babies in our three infant rooms are amazing us with their ever-increasing abilities! Those six months old and up are being introduced to Infant/Toddler Sign Language and, according to studies, should begin signing back to us when they are around 9 months old.

The babies in Infant 2 recently had fun on the swings outside on the Infant playground. They also enjoyed watching Miss Mair blow bubbles!

Our friends in Infant 3 are going to be introduced to colors during the month of March. Their colorful art projects will include finger painting, making a Fruit Loop rainbow, and piecing together a tissue paper collage. We are excited to announce that our friends who have turned one are expanding their horizons by "trekking" to the theatre and gym! We would like to welcome Neha Bhatnagar back to school. She recently traveled to India to visit her grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Welcome back, Neha! We missed you!

Toddlers

After exploring Valentine's Day and having a blast with the circus theme, the Toddlers are ready to jump into March! This month we will be discussing the weather, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter. The toddler teachers have many fun and exciting activities planned for the weather theme. We will be planting, tracing our silhouettes outside, and exploring wind using a blow dryer and paint!



We would like to send a special thank you to all of our parents who participated in the Valentine's Day party. Also, we would like to thank Dr. Lisa Ravenel for discussing dental hygiene with our children. They really enjoyed brushing the teeth of the puppet (and their own teeth) with the giant toothbrush. We appreciate all that you do! Be on the lookout for our parent gathering for the month of March. We will be having an egg hunt and would love for you to join us!

Pre-Preppers

As the children keep growing and changing, so does the need to open doors to new projects. At the end of February, Miss Quinn and Miss Kennedy's groups started discussing dinosaurs and will continue "dinosaurs" for the beginning of March. The kids loved investigating dinosaur eggs and searching for lost dinosaur bones. If you have any books or educational movies on dinosaurs, feel free to share them with the class!

The Pre-Preppers are discovering themselves and the interests that they have. We try to incorporate all of their interests through projects and sensory activities. It is important that we explore the topics the kids are interested and we base our projects around those interests. Remember, children learn through play...the messier the project is, the more the kids enjoy it. Be prepared for these activities and make sure that your child has at least one extra pair of clothes.



Miss Neal and Mrs. McKinney's group really enjoyed talking about colors and opposites in February. One of their favorite activities was playing with the big and little Mr. Potato Heads. In March they will be talking about pets and nature. If your child has a pet, please have him or her bring in a picture of it.

The children in Mrs. Roache's group, along with those in Mrs. Thompson and Miss Raiti's group, have been busy talking about friendship. They have done a lot of activities that have allowed the children the opportunity to work cooperatively and appreciate the work of their friends. They had a blast working together to make cookies. The children measured, poured, and stirred the ingredients, then took the cookies to the kitchen and baked them. The groups turned into quite the little bakers; the cookies were delicious! The children also painted with friends at the easel and worked on group collages. In March, they will be studying farm animals.



Preppers

The Preppers just finished studying transportation. They went on a field trip to the Greenville Downtown Jetport where they watched the planes take off and land. Along with their study of transportation, Mr. Steve Quinn brought his motorcycle to show our class. The Preppers were able to sit on the motorcycle and put on his helmet. Mr. Steve rode his motorcycle around for them to see. The Preppers enjoyed learning about transportation and road signs.

The Preppers recently began studying community helpers this week. A few community helpers came in to visit our class. We were very excited to have Jimmy's dad, Dr. Jim Cook, come talk to us about going to the doctor. He brought in X-rays and face masks for us to see. As a special treat, firemen from the Mauldin Fire Department, brought their fire truck to Palmetto Prep. The Preppers got to see the fire hose and listen to the siren. The Preppers also had a visit from a police officer and his K-9.

The Preppers will start having "mail day" on Fridays. Every Friday the children will have a piece of mail to open. Parents will be able to send mail to their children and the Preppers will also write letters and send them to their own homes.

Pre-K

The Pre-K classes had a lot of fun with learning in February! We especially loved the emphasis on Friendship.

Pre-K 1 worked with the letters V and L and can write both uppercase and lowercase letters. They now understand why we use uppercase letters in both the beginning of the sentence and at the beginning of a name. They are currently reading an eight-page book called "Hat". They can read all of the words in the book and will be taking it home to read to their families soon.

Pre-K 2 learned the letters H, S, and M and love to practice writing these letters on "big-kid writing paper" and singing the letter sounds song! They really enjoyed learning about rain and clouds and can tell each step of the water cycle using the special bracelets that they made.

Both Pre-k groups have been working on patterns as well as the + and - signs in Math. Next month we will be learning about rabbits since we have a new pet in our room!

Kindergarten

The primary students have been involved in a study of people and places in the community and the various methods of transportation. Guided reading lessons have focused on the big books To Town and Dan, the Flying Man which are part of the Story Box reading program. These stories helped the students explore different

places in the community as well as the types of transportation people use to get around the community.



The students went on many fieldtrips to enhance this study of the community. They were able to visit Holly Tree Animal Hospital, Petland, Greenville Zoo, Publix, and the Simpsonville Fire Department. These trips provided first hand experiences as well as opportunities for the students to use interviewing skills as they asked the community helpers questions.

In March, the students will begin a new unit on the human body and nutrition.

Art

The students have been busy learning about different types of collage. We have worked with yarn, rice, and dried beans to create our art. The children really enjoy using the regular and colored glue to do this.

The older students made some beautiful necklaces using beads, pasta, and glittery buttons. The Pre-Preppers even practiced making necklaces by stringing large pasta. All of the classes did a great job!

We will continue to practice collage techniques, as well as different ways to paint. We will be experimenting with various textures to mix in the paint, such as flour and sand. Continue to keep an eye out for your child's artwork as it comes home!

Music

The students waltzed away the month of February to the music of Johann Strauss, Jr. They danced in pairs and learned to recognize the *Blue Danube Waltz*. They also heard the *Radetzky March* and the *Emperor's Waltz*.

In March, the children will hear compositions by Johannes Brahms, another Romantic period composer.

Among the songs the children sang/ moved to were *Willough by Wallaby* and *The More We Get Together* (Raffi), *I Can See Clearly Now*, *A Walking We Will Go* (Greg & Steve), *Ha-Ha This-A-Way*, *The Ants Go Marching*, and *Hush Little Baby*.



They also played games called "Roll The Ball" and "Pass The Shoe" from Wiggles 'N Tunes, and drummed along to the beat of the *Fuhng Yahng Flower Drum Song*, a Chinese piece of music. Miss Meyer brought her fiddle in on several occasions, and the children made a "human train" while she played the *Orange Blossom Special*, *Turkey in the Straw*, and *Devil's Dream*.

The Primary class learned to distinguish high and low pitches through physical and vocal representations. They also discussed the term "accompaniment" and learned about how melody and harmony are inter-related.

French Highlights

Colors:

Red	rouge	(roo-je)
Yellow	jaune	(ghohn)
Green	vert	(vehr)
Blue	bleu	(bluh)
Purple	violet	(vee-oh-lay)
Pink	rose	(rose)
Orange	orange	(or-on-g)
White	blanc	(blanh)
Brown	café	(ca-fay)
Black	noir	(newar)

General—all classes

Hello	bonjour	(bonh-joor)
Goodbye	au revoir	(o-re-vware)
Heart	coeur	(cuhr)
Please	s'il vous plait	(see-voo-play)
Thank you	merci	(mear-see)

This month the children worked very hard learning their color words. They counted colors on everything from crayons to rooms around the school. They even charted the color of shirts that were worn to school one day. They have learned the *Color Song* and have been marching around the room to traditional French music as they found their colors on the color wall.

Above you will see a pronunciation guide for the main words we learned this month. There will always be other words they learn in class; this merely covers the bulk of our monthly content. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Jones at kjones@palmettoprep.com, leave a note at school, or call her at 675-1002. Thank you! Merci!

After School à la carte

After Schoolers will be celebrating several special days in the month of March. On March 2, they will celebrate the birthday of Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss. There will be special crafts and projects related to this famous author.

In the middle of the month they will learn the history of St. Patrick's Day and will celebrate it with special crafts and a scavenger hunt. They will have to follow "clues" throughout the school to find the "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

At the end of the month, they will celebrate the day that Coca-Cola was invented (March 29). Miss Belcher will bring in several special items related to Coca-Cola.

The students will also discuss Johnny Appleseed. They will read a book about him and do several crafts involving apples.

The After Schoolers really enjoyed reading *The Boxcar Children*. They are now starting *Tonight on the Titanic*, a Magic Treehouse Book.

Parents of After Schoolers, be sure to sign your child up for Holiday Camp (during Spring Break) and Palmetto Prep's Summer Adventures! We're going to have a blast!

