

SCOTTY'S NEWS

March 2025



DIRECTOR'S KORNER

We have made it to March! Winter is coming to an end, and the weather is showing us new life is on its way.

If you haven't done so already, please review your Child and Family Information Record we sent home in January. Even if no changes occurred, we need to know. Having the most up to date information for your child will help us keep them safe. If you need a new copy, feel free to send us an email and we will make sure you get one.

On the back of this Newsletter, you will see a snapshot of a flier shared with us by the Director of Ellington Youth Services. The Town of Ellington, along with Village Voices Speech Therapy, are offering a free language development information session on March 19th. Please direct any questions to the email and phone number on the flier.

Lastly, if your child is going to be absent, please call or email us to let us know (especially if we are closed or delayed due to weather). That way we can plan staffing accordingly.

I hope everyone has a lucky month!

Lillian

This & That

ALLERGY ALERT!

Please refrain from sending any foods with peanuts or other nuts in them. We have severe allergies throughout the center. **This includes Nutella and Nut Milks!!** Thank you!

EXTRA CLOTHING FOR EMERGENCIES

With the change of seasons, it is time to make sure that there are 2-complete sets of extra clothes for emergency changes in your child's cubby and that they are seasonally appropriate.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

From time to time you may have a question on how things happen here at Scotty's.

From policies, procedures, curriculum, daily activities to other happenings, we are here to answer your questions.

You can talk with us at anytime and we will happily address your questions or concerns. Simply let us know what you would like to know and we will provide you with answers.

Just for Fun

Q: What do you call a big Irish spider?

A: Paddy Long Legs!

March Highlights

Week 1 we roar on into learning about **DINOSAURS**. This week we travel back in time to learn about different dinosaurs and why they are so important in the history of Planet Earth.

Week 2 kicks off with activities focusing on **ST. PATRICK'S DAY** which includes rainbows, pots of gold and of course leprechauns! The following Monday, we have a fun **St. Patrick's Day Dance Party on March 17th!** Help your child participate in the festivities of the day by encouraging them to dress in **GREEN** and show their Irish spirit.

Week 3 we swing our way into learning about **SPORTS**. Not only will we be doing some super fun art projects, but we will be sure to get the children moving with some fun physical activity.

Week 4 we fly on into learning about the **RETURN OF SPRING**. Buds are starting to sprout on trees and animals are waking up and returning to us. And hopefully the weather will start warming up for some fun outdoor adventures.

Week 5 we venture into the world of **Bugs and Insects**. Not only will we be busy bees making some fun art projects, but we will also go on a **Bug Hunt!** Oh and we'll get plenty of practice pretending to be different bugs.



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2025 HOLIDAY and VACATION CALENDAR

Good Friday - Apr 18th

Scotty's is closed
Friday, April 18th
in observance of Easter
Full tuition is due the week of Apr 14

There is NO Summer Vacation Shutdown!!!

Christmas Observance - Dec 24th

Scotty's will have a half day and close at **1:00pm** on
Wednesday, December 24th
In observance of Christmas
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 22

Memorial Day - May 26th

Scotty's is closed
Monday, May 26th
in observance of Memorial Day
Full tuition is due the week of May 26

Labor Day - Sept 1st

Scotty's is closed
Monday, Sept 1st
in observance of Labor Day
Full tuition is due the week of Sept 1

Christmas Observance - Dec 25-26

Scotty's will be closed
Thu, Dec 25th & Fri, Dec 26th
In observance of Christmas
Full tuition is due the week of Dec 22

Independence Day - Jul 4th

Scotty's is closed on
Friday, July 4th
In observance of Independence Day
Full tuition is due the week of June 30

Thanksgiving - Nov 27-28

Scotty's is closed on
Thu, Nov 27th & Fri, Nov 28th
in observance of Thanksgiving
Full tuition is due the week of Nov 24

Winter Vacation Shutdown

Scotty's will be closed the week of
December 29th thru January 2nd
for our
Winter Vacation Shutdown
No tuition is due the week of December 29



Health & Wellness

THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Department of Public Health requires that all children who attend day care be immunized. This includes their annual flu shot. CT State Day Care Licensing Regulation mandates that a complete and current health assessment record be in your child's day care file.



This means that a new **Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** form must be filled out and turned in to us each time your child visits the doctor for his/her wellness visits/physicals. You can find this form on our website www.scottyskiddykorner.com under the Parent Korner tab.

OUTDOOR PLAY:

It is important that the children have the proper clothing for outdoor play. **Each child must have sneakers or winter boots, gloves/mittens, a coat and hat.** When there is snow on the ground, boots and snow pants are required. Children will not be allowed to play outside if they cannot be properly dressed.



Outdoor Temperature Policy

We will be able to enjoy outdoor play when the temperature is between 30' and 85' Fahrenheit. For cold temperatures we will factor in wind chill and for hot temperatures we will factor in the heat index. For temperatures in the lower and upper ranges of our policy we will adjust play times and hydration requirements.



Outdoor play may be cancelled when inclement weather conditions are forecast.



FREE Language Development Info Session

Hall Memorial Library
93 Main Street Ellington, CT 06029
March 19, 2025
5:30-6:30 pm

PRESENTED BY:
Village VOICES
Speech Therapy

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Quick Tips for Little Voices

<p>CONTENT</p> <p>Learn practical tips and strategies to help your child develop effective communication skills</p>	<p>AUGMENTATIVE & ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION</p> <p>Access resources that can support your child's use of different forms of communication, such as picture symbols and sign language</p>
<p>APPLICATION</p> <p>Information appropriate for children ages 6 mos - 2 years, including those following typical development patterns and those with unique needs</p>	<p>AUDIENCE</p> <p>Tailored for parents, guardians, grandparents, and other caregivers; applicable for daycare providers and early childhood professionals, too!</p>

BONUS: Participants can enter to win a FREE 30 minute video consultation to focus on one child's specific speech and language development journey!

Register: <https://bit.ly/3EFC162>
More info: www.villagevoices-slp-at.com/events

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We offer a warm welcome to the newest additions to Scotty's family.

Maya Martioski
Leeam O'Bara

2025 FAMILY INFORMATION FILE UPDATE:



THANK YOU to all of the families who have reviewed and returned their updated child's CHILD and FAMILY INFORMATION and EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORMs.

Many families still need to review and return them. We will be sending out a 3rd notice in March to those families that haven't returned theirs yet.



What is Process Art?

Do you ever look at your child's artwork and wonder, what exactly am I looking at? Didn't the calendar say "Musical Fingerpainting"? This is what we call Process Art.

So what is Process Art? By definition, process art emphasizes the act and process of making art over the product produced. It is open-ended, self-motivated and based on experience and experimenting. Characteristics of process art include:

- No specific outcome
- No step-by-step directions
- No sample for children to follow
- Work is entirely of the children's own choice, both in product and whether or not to participate.

True process art is simply allowing children a range of materials to use and allowing them to create at their own cares and whims. Ideas for inspiration can be posted, however process art is not about the outcome, but rather the intent of the creator.

So why is process art important for toddlers and preschoolers? The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) touts Process Art as highly developmentally appropriate for the toddler and preschool classrooms. Some benefits of process art includes:

- Nurturing social and emotional health
- Reinforcing skills like focus, relaxation and emotional sharing
- Inspiring creativity and problem solving
- Builds cognitive skills like comparison, planning and problem solving
- Encourages vocabulary development and verbal expression of language

So what may seem like a jumbled mess to you is actually quite crucial in the development of your child.

! SAFETY FIRST !

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please drive slowly and carefully when entering and leaving our parking lot.

Please be aware that Children are loading and unloading from cars and buses all day long.



Q: What's a leprechaun's favorite cereal?

A: Lucky Charms!