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### Echo's Message

It's this time of year when spring can't come fast enough! We have had several cold days in the last few weeks. Hopefully, we will have spring-like temperatures soon! With unpredictable weather, it's best to dress your child in layers. Take home winter gear and bring Muddy-Buddy which is great for spring weather. Walmart is a good place to start if you are looking for an affordable option. Also, when switching from winter boots to running shoes, do make sure that your child can get them on and off independently.

### Important Dates

- Daylight saving on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- St. Patrick's day on March 17<sup>th</sup>
- First day of spring on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- We are open during spring breaks!

### Change of Classrooms

Echo Academy now offers 2 multiage classrooms. There are 8 children in each multiage class. Teacher Siriya is a primary teacher for Multiage Red class while Teacher Amy and Teacher Brianna are the main teachers for the Yellow class. Check out our staff information page on our website if you would like to know more about our teachers.

A multiage group is an enriching learning environment. This class is constructed based on the inquiry-based approach. This means it is a child-centered environment that focuses on both developmentally and individually appropriate practice. In this classroom, your child will have more time to "blossom," without "performance" pressure. Due to our smaller class size, your child will develop a sense of family with their peers. They will become a family of learners who lead, follow, support, and care for each other.

### Learning Focus

**Multiage Red** will continue working on phonics and handwriting. We do math every Thursday and Friday. We have been working on number sense. Our children learn to print and recognize numbers and quantity. We will also talk about the rain, clouds, storms, and thunder.

**Multiage Yellow's** main focus is peer-to-peer support. Older children in this class will work on teaching and guiding their younger friends. Older children will gain a sense of competence while our younger ones will learn how to work with others.

**3-5 (Green)** are focusing on spring and St. Patrick's Day. Preschool has always been at the heart of learning for this class. Children will continue working on printing their names and tracing letters.

**Play is the highest form of research – Albert Einstein**

*Life is an echo. What you send out, you get back.*