



# OP TIMES

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## Marching Into Spring

Warmer weather, butterflies and flowers! Yes spring is just around the corner, and your children can hardly wait to play outdoors. Before warmer weather arrives, we'll begin the month with lots of indoor activities based on books by our great friend Dr Seuss. As the weather warms up we'll move into fun activities with wind, butterflies, plants, and insects. Spring is truly a time of new beginnings.

### Week One:

Unit theme – A Tribute to Dr Seuss  
Bible Focus – Jesus teaches us to love

### Week two:

Unit Theme – March Winds  
Bible Focus – Jesus teaches us to pray

### Week three:

Unit Theme – Birds and Butterflies  
Bible Focus – Jesus speaks to us

### Week Four:

Unit Theme – Spring Things  
Bible Focus – Jesus wants us to speak to him

### Week Five:

Unit Theme: Interesting Insects  
Bible Focus: Jesus lives

### ONIONPATCH REMINDERS

A friendly reminder that Fees are due by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. If fees are not received by end of the day of the 5<sup>th</sup> a \$100 dollar late fee will be added to your fees.

Fees can be paid online, debit or credit or by cash. If you like to pay online our account number is HSBC # 010 836617 001

### Facebook

Please visit us on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) - Onionpatch Infant and Day Care. Like us! Friend us! Post pictures and comments.

## New Students

We welcome to the Onionpatch Family:

Hope Robinson  
Jamarion Dill

## Upcoming Birthdays

Marli Robinson March 18<sup>th</sup>



## Upcoming Events

**March 7:** World Book Day by HOTT 107.5

**March 27:** Francis Patton Leadership Day. This school is a Leader In Me School and have adopted the 7 Habits program. As you know the Onionpatch Academy has also begun to implement the 7 Habits. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for more information about this event.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Kite Flying Day and Easter Egg Hunt at Bernard Park Community Field.

**Daycare Closure:** March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday.

**Dance Class Registration:** Many of you were interested in dance lessons. We have secured the services of Ms Keya Perinchief. Dance classes will be available to children ages 18m-4 years of age. ½ hour classes will run from April 8<sup>th</sup>- June 29<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$100.00. Ms Keya she has 37 years of teaching and experience.

**April 26:** School Pictures by Edwin Smith

**May 3:** Sports Day at Bernard Park Community Field.

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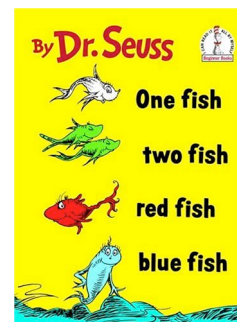
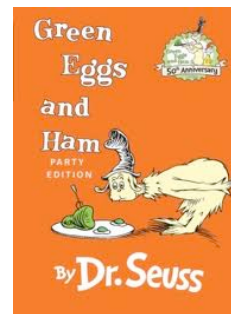
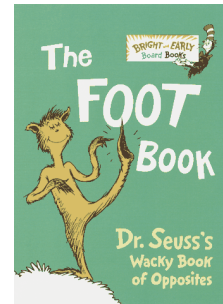
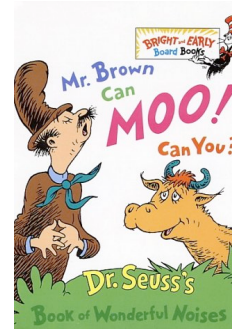
## Facilitating Friendships between Children

Before your child begins school you may want to provide him with opportunities to spend time with other children his age. This is the best way to help him develop the social skills he will need to make friends and get along with his classmates in Preschool. Children learn different things from each other than they do from adults. Think back to your childhood friendships. There is nothing like sharing a silly joke with your friends. Keep in mind that friendships are like plants. They take time to grow and require special care and effort to blossom. When helping your child make friends follow his lead and respect his comfort level. Pushing him to befriend a particular child or participate in activities he doesn't enjoy may lead to disappointment and rejection. Taking things slowly and focusing on fun are more likely to lead to success in the long run.

When your child is ready to begin school it is a good idea to meet with your child's teacher and other adults that may be working with him in the classroom. You can discuss ways to develop your child's social skills and help him make friends. Sharing information about your child's skills and interests is important. He is more likely to use his social skills at school when he is doing something he is good at and enjoys.

Sometimes children misbehave to avoid activities they dislike. You can also ask which activities and games are popular at recess and in the classroom. If possible, you can introduce your child to these games at home. It is also helpful to provide information on things that may affect your child's ability to get along with his classmates. For example, if he does not like to be touched a lot, he can be seated beside classmates that are able to keep their hands to themselves. If he is more comfortable playing with one child than a group he may be encouraged to ask one child to play rather than join in a group. It may be a good idea for you or a family member to attend a field trip or school concert with your child. This will give you a chance to get to know the other parents and children in his class.

Here are some Dr Seuss book suggestions:



**Staff Update** - Please be advised Ms. Tammy is no longer with us. We will be interviewing candidates for the Person In Charge post in the coming weeks. As part of our continuing efforts to improve communication and transparency at the Onionpatch Academy, we are trying something new. We are looking for parent volunteers to sit on an interview committee. This type of interviewing process is known as a 360 interview and includes parents as well as management. We will randomly select name to be a part of that committee. This random selection allows every parent to have an equal chance at being chosen. If your name is selected we will contact you to see if you are interested. However if you are interested, please give us a call. We will keep you posted. Thank you for your continued patronage.