

# MONTESSORI ACADEMY OF ARCADIA

**MARCH 2026**

## IT'S SPRINGTIME!

The children have been excited about the warmer weather and are asking for outdoor time as soon as they arrive! You may notice them talking more about bugs, flowers, and the changing trees — signs they are observing the environment closely. Teachers are extending lessons outdoors with gardening, nature walks, and movement activities so students can learn through real experiences while building cooperation and independence.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2 – National Read Across America Day – Create & Celebrate a Nation of Diverse Readers
- March 8 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17 – Saint Patrick's Day
- March 27 – Spring Pictures

### READ ACROSS AMERICA A MONTH OF SHARING STORIES

Reading is strong when it becomes personal. Throughout March and April, children may bring a favorite book from home to share with classmates. Listening to friends' read builds confidence and encourages reluctant readers to participate. On designated free-dress days, students may wear book-themed or Dr. Seuss clothing. Our goal is simple: to help every child feel that books belong to them.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY - CULTURE & COMMUNITY

Students will explore Ireland's traditions, symbols, and stories as part of our cultural studies. We will talk about why people celebrate, how traditions travel across countries, and how cultures express identity. Children are invited to wear green, and we will share a small class celebration together.



## ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

As we embrace the new season, students will engage in various enriching activities that celebrate music, art, food, and nature.

### Art & Creativity: Inspired by Matisse

Children will explore how artists express feelings through color and shape by painting, cutting, and arranging bright papers into pictures and stories. They will also create collages using natural materials, building creativity, planning skills, and fine motor coordination while connecting art to the real world.

### Preschool Cooking: Veggie Faces

Preschoolers will design fun “veggie faces” with crackers, hummus, and colorful vegetables, building creativity, independence, and healthy eating habits — then enjoy their tasty creations!

### Plant Life Cycle

Students will learn how a seed grows into a plant through stories and observation, practicing key vocabulary and retelling the process to connect language with real-life experience.

### STEAM Exploration – Understanding Technology

Students explore how everyday devices work and practice basic coding by guiding Andy the Robot step-by-step. From Primary through Elementary, these activities build logic, patience, and problem-solving skills they’ll use beyond the classroom.



# LOOKING BACK: DAY OF HEARTS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

