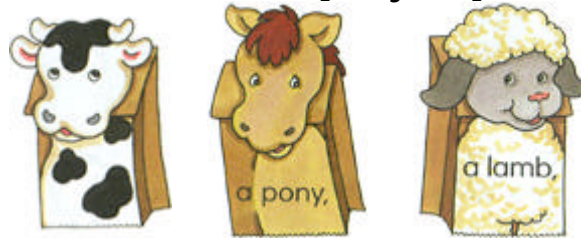


## March Parent Teachers Share-Ideas

### Away Went the Farmer's Hat

A windy March day is a perfect time to introduce young children to stories, songs, and dramatic play about the wonderful wind that is blowing all around them. The children in my class room helped create the book, *Away Went the Farmer's Hat*. That day on the playground, children kept losing their hats and caps because the wind was very strong. When we came inside, we created a funny story about the farmer's hat. The children dramatized the story by making paper bag animal puppets. You can create your own version of this windy day story.



Make your own creative kites to pull in the wind.

Children can create their very own "Pull kites" out of thin paper, crayons, scissors, tape, and strings. You will see bird shapes, butterfly shapes, circles, triangle shapes and other creative shapes. Watch how they twist and turn when a child runs and plays on a windy day.

Talk about breezy winds, strong storm winds, loud and soft winds, Wind chimes and wind instruments as children become more aware of the push and pull of the wind outside.



Have a Parade on St. Patrick's Day.

March 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day and many folks of Irish descent will have parades and celebrations.

One first grade class found the country of Ireland on the world map, discovered interesting stories about St. Patrick, planted shamrock seeds, and made leprechaun hats for a fun parade. One child's grandmother was from Ireland. She made Irish cookies for the class and told several Irish folktales. One was about a flying leprechaun.

This is the little verse the children helped to write about the flying leprechaun. You may create your own tale about the St. Patrick's Day elf.

I Think I Saw a Leprechaun

I Think I saw A Leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day.  
He was under a mushroom umbrella before he flew away.  
Up, up he went into the sky. The little elf kept very dry.  
In spite of the rain, he was not wet. Did I get wet? You bet.

