

# St. Patrick's Day Week PK4

The learning objectives for this week are:

- Colors of the Rainbow, how rainbows work, and leprechauns
- Learn why we celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- Celebrating the holiday



## Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- 5 day leprechaun gold hunt (<http://www.funathomewithkids.com/2013/02/help-leprechaun-find-his-gold-older.html>)
- Rainbow colored pasta bin (or any of these)  
<http://livingmontessorinow.com/montessori-monday-40-plus-st-patricks-day-sensory-tubs/>
- Fine Motor Shamrocks  
<http://www.pre-kpages.com/fine-motor-shamrock-craft/>
- St. Patrick's Day rice box fun with items from the dollar store (allows smaller children to join in the fun)
- Find Ireland on a ball game- blow up a globe ball and toss it around. Find Ireland each time you catch the ball
- St. Patrick's Day sensory soup (<http://www.andnextcomes1.com/2016/02/st-patricks-day-sensory-soup.html>)
- Leprechaun Fairy Garden: filled our bin with green pebbles, green sand, green glass stones, split peas from dollar store. Added a few fairy garden accessories (rainbow, bridge, slide etc) and a tiny gnome leprechaun with gold coins to hide.

## Math Element

- Stacking/counting/adding gold coins on a number mat  
<http://www.pre-kpages.com/st-patricks-day-math-activities/comment-page-1/>
- STEM building a leprechaun trap from Duplos (we put a gold treasure box in middle and allowed child to freely build and explain how the trap would work) Counting/sorting/adding lucky charms cereal
- Shamrock Sticker matching  
<http://iheartcraftythings.com/alphabet-and-number-st-patricks-day.html>
- Roll and color St. Patrick's Day activity- ([http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/roll-color-st-patricks-day-math.html?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm\\_campaign=20170228\\_m137829292\\_St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm\\_term=Free+Printable+Roll+and+Color+St+Patrick+27s+Day+One+More+Activity](http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/roll-color-st-patricks-day-math.html?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm_campaign=20170228_m137829292_St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm_term=Free+Printable+Roll+and+Color+St+Patrick+27s+Day+One+More+Activity))- Make sure to pick up some gold coins ahead of the week for this activity.
- Race to the gold rainbow counting game. Takes some preparation but a really fun way to practice numbers and learn colors of the rainbow. We used hair bands rather than buy plastic colored circles- ([http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/race-to-gold-counting-game.html?utm\\_source=MadMimi&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm\\_campaign=20170228\\_m137829292\\_St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm\\_term=Race+to+Gold+Counting+Game](http://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/race-to-gold-counting-game.html?utm_source=MadMimi&utm_medium=email&utm_content=St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm_campaign=20170228_m137829292_St+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm_term=Race+to+Gold+Counting+Game) ).
- Counting/sorting/graphing lucky charms cereal  
<http://kentuckykindergartenkorner.blogspot.ca/2012/02/as-promised-a-freebie.html?m=1>

### Literacy Element

- Gold coin letter hunt (I wrote letters on 26 gold coins and made a master checklist of all the letters for kids to match up the ones they find and know which still need to be "hunted")
- St. Patrick's Day sight word coloring activity- (<https://www.sightandsoundreading.com/st-patricks-day-worksheets/>)
- St. Patrick's Day name coin activity (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/ATfp--JNbalyyEaqJvOxIXBtKXz5rX6us8cP6sccSjwrDJGqjf3mvY/>)
- Shamrock pin poking (for improving penmanship )  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/OB7HUODcVrlesWXU3aEV4YTLydkU/view>
- Beginning Sounds Rainbow Matchup  
<https://www.playdoughtoplato.com/beginning-sound-rainbows/>
- Shamrock Seek a Sight Word  
<https://thelettersofliteracy.com/editable-st-patricks-day-sight-word-game/>
- Name Stamping in green playdough (use tiny letter stamps to have kids write their name on playdough)

### Science Element

- Skittles Rainbow Experiment (with bible lesson element)  
[http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/10/the-power-of-prayer-skittles-experiment\\_37.html?spref=pi&m=!](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/10/the-power-of-prayer-skittles-experiment_37.html?spref=pi&m=!)
- Color Changing Flowers  
<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2012/02/transform-those-valentines-day-flowers.html?m=!>
- Walking rainbow ([https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/walking-rainbow-thou-shall-not-pass-edition/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=pinterest&utm\\_campaign=tailwind\\_tribes&utm\\_content=tribes](https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/walking-rainbow-thou-shall-not-pass-edition/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=pinterest&utm_campaign=tailwind_tribes&utm_content=tribes))
- Make magic leprechaun rocks ([https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/magic-leprechaun-rocks-st-patricks-activity/#\\_a5y\\_p=3315560](https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/magic-leprechaun-rocks-st-patricks-activity/#_a5y_p=3315560))
- Make St. Patrick's Day Playdough (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/194780752608082485/>)
- Magic School Bus: the mysteries of Rainbows science kit  
<https://www.amazon.com/Magic-School-Bus-Mysteries-Rainbows/dp/B000MAKA44>

## Arts & Crafts

- Rainbow watercolor craft (<http://loveplayandlearn.com/st-patricks-day-craft/>)
- Painting with wine corks taped together to form shamrock
- Poseable paper leprechaun  
<http://learningenglish-esl.blogspot.com/au/2011/03/st-patricks-day-craft-leprechaun.html?m=!>
- Marshmallow shamrock stamping and shamrock egg cartons- (<http://thepinterestedparent.com/2015/03/st-patricks-day-crafts/>)
- Four leaf clover handprint activity, which can be done with toddler and baby and then gifted to family members- (<http://terrific2s.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2013-03-03T20:06:00-08:00&max-results=7>)
- No mess rainbow art that your preschools and smaller children can do together (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/511088257697287767/>)
- Reuse leftover skittles from the skittle science activity to fill in the rainbow (<http://www.makinglearningfun.com/t.asp?b=m&t=http://www.makinglearningfun.com/Activities/StPatricksDay/StMMrainbowPotofGold.gif>)
- St. Patrick's Day coloring book (<http://www.kidzone.ws/kindergarten/learning-letters/ib-book-stpatricksday.htm>)
- Glossy skittles paint (<http://mamapapabubba.com/2013/10/07/glossy-skittles-paint/>)
- Fork Painting Leprechaun  
<https://www.craftymorning.com/leprechaun-craft-with-a-fork-print-beard/>
- Designing a treasure box: you can buy these mini boxes in craft stores for \$1 to decorate and hold gold coins
- Construction Paper Irish Flag  
<https://web.kidsactivitiesblog.com/25103/flag-of-ireland>

## Music & Movement

- Do an Irish dance...we copied moves from this kindergarten class  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=MhxfP4KJyTc>
- Dance dance Leprechaun  
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=kZhtsFOvczw>
- Teach your child the Little Leprechaun song (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/313140980312074019/>)
- Green scavenger hunt (<http://happyhomefairy.com/green-savenger-hunt/>)
- Leprechaun Treasure Hunt (write clues on shamrocks and hide around house leading to a filled treasure box outside the front door)
- Exercise Treasure Hunt  
<https://www.thedatingdivas.com/st-patricks-day-exercise-treasure-hunt/>
- St. Patrick's Day yoga for kids  
<https://shop.pinkcoatmeal.com/product/st-patricks-day-kids-yoga/>
- Riverdance-watch a view youtube videos or get a DVD from library and put on your best imitation performance

### Books to Read

- Clever Tom and the Leprechaun Linda Shute
- The Story of Saint Patrick's Day Patricia A Pingry (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnXC9ysGAIO>)
- The Night Before St. Patrick's Day Natasha Wing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWThQzTdq4>)
- The Story of the Leprechaun- read aloud on Youtube- (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvaiQ4k5CKU>)
- Happy St. Patrick's Day, Curious George!- (<https://www.amazon.com/dp/BOOE9FYTBS/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1>)
- It's St. Patrick's Day Rebecca Gomez
- A Visit to Ireland Heinemann first Library
- Daniel O'Rourke Gerald McDermott
- A Rainbow of My Own Don Freeman
- Too Many Leprechauns Stephen Krensky
- Saint Ciaran: the tale of a saint of Ireland by Gary Schmidt

### Shows & Movies

- Veggie Tales-History of Saint Patricks Day
- Handy Manny-St Patricks Day
- Really easy, clear story of St. Patrick- (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLiD62Y-SSw>)
- Creative Galaxy- Jujú's Rainbow
- Darby O'Gill Little People (old Disney leprechaun movie)
- Magic School Bus Episode on Rainbows

### Places and Experiences

- Crayola Experience Museum (to play with the colors of the rainbow ☺)
- St. Patrick's Storytime at local library
- Watch a local bagpipe concert (often found at Irish restaurants around the holiday)
- Pittsburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade

## Snacks

- Kid-Approved Green Muffins  
<https://www.thediva-dish.com/blog/bread/green-spinach-banana-peanut-butter-blender-muffins>
- Shamrock Sandwich (use a heart cookie cutter to make four small shamrock leaves)
- Irish Colcannon
- Mint filled Brownies
- Green Power smoothies
- Shades of Green plate: green apple, grapes, kiwi, cucumber, celery, green pepper, broccoli or whatever other green fruits/veggies you have on hand (really good way to get your kids to try new vegetables)
- Make corned beef in the crockpot together
- Make Irish soda bread together- ([http://www.messforless.net/irish-soda-bread-recipe-food-fun-friday/#\\_a5y\\_p=1366949](http://www.messforless.net/irish-soda-bread-recipe-food-fun-friday/#_a5y_p=1366949))
- Make green pancakes for breakfast

## Miscellaneous

- Bible Lesson: clover and the holy trinity  
<http://showerofroses.blogspot.com/2016/03/glory-be-prayer-poster.html?m=1>
- Leprechaun Mischief for kids to find (kinda like elf on shelf)  
<http://happyhomefairy.com/leprechaun-shenanigans/>
- Sneaky Leprechaun concentration activity  
<https://www.themanylittlejoys.com/the-sneaky-leprechaun-a-st-patricks-day-game-for-preschoolers/>
- I am Lucky (count your blessings activity)  
<https://www.whatihavelearnedteaching.com/product/st-patricks-day-clover-i-am-lucky-craftivity/>
- Bible Verse Coloring Page  
<https://thecraftyclassroom.com/2015/02/19/st-patricks-day-bible-verse-coloring-pages/>