



St. Patrick's Day Week

The learning objectives for this week are:

- Colors of the Rainbow, how rainbows work, and leprecauns
- Historical look at St. Patrick and Ireland
- Celebrating the holiday

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- 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

Math Element

- 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+Da+y+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.twohomeschoolingmoms.com/Day+Learning+Activities&utm_campaign=20170228_m137829292_St.+Patrick%27s+Day+Learning+Activities&utm_term=Race+to+Gold+Counting+Game)).

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/>)

Science Element

- Skittles Rainbow Experiment (with bible lesson element)
<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2016/10/the-power-of-prayer-skittles-experiment-37.html?sref=pi&m=1>
- Color Changing Flowers
<http://www.growingajeweledrose.com/2012/02/transform-those-valentines-day-flowers.html?m=1>
- Sink the Pot (how many pennies to sink the leprechauns pot)
<http://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/st-patricks-day-sink-float-science-experiment-with-pennies/>

Arts & Crafts

- Painting with wine corks taped together to form shamrock
- Make a wooden peg leprechaun
- Poseable paper leprechaun
<http://learningenglish-esl.blogspot.com/au/2011/03/st-patricks-day-craft-leprechaun.html?m=1>
- 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/>)
- Draw a face on the leprechaun (<http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/print/complete-the-leprechaun-coloring-page/>)

- 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>)

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/>)
- Shamrock balance beam- easy and quick to set up- (<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/543387511271679276/>)
- Green scavenger hunt (<http://happyhomefairy.com/green-savenger-hunt/>)

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=OnXC9ysGAl0>)
- "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/B00E9FYTBS/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?encoding=UTF8&btkr=1>)

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>)

Places and Experiences

- Crayola Experience Museum (to play with the colors of the rainbow ☺)
- Find a local Irish pub for dinner during the week (I suggest perhaps not on St. Patrick's

Day when it will be super busy)

Snacks

- Shades of Green plate: green apple, grapes, kiwi, cucumber, celery, green pepper, broccoli or whatever other green fruits/veggies you have on hand
- 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)

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/>
- Learning Activities Pack
http://www.blessedbeyondadoubt.com/free-st-patricks-day-preschool-pack/#_a5y_p=3324067
- Green Tea Bath Bombs:
<http://blommi.com/matcha-green-tea-bath-bombs-recipe/>