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## Celebrating March

**Entertainer Eddie's Guitar**  
**1:00, 400 Building**  
*March 2*

**Entertainer Jack's Keyboard**  
**1:00, 394 Building**  
*March 8*

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**  
*March 13*

**Entertainer Chaplin Ron**  
**10:00, 1350 Building**  
*March 16*

**St. Patrick's Day**  
*March 17*

**Entertainer Bob's Keyboard**  
**1:00, 1350 Building**  
*March 23*

**Good Friday**  
*March 25*

**Easter**  
*March 27*

## Lions and Lambs

The weather of March is likely to keep us ever on our toes. As the old saying goes, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb," traditionally meaning that the start of March is still in the harsh throes of winter, while the end of March brings a soft spring thaw. Meteorologist Ashley Kaepplinger explains that this oft-uttered proverb does ring with some truth. March is a transition month, bridging the seasons and bringing variable weather events for much of the world.

The *Farmers' Almanac* offers another take. In olden days, before the advent of meteorology, people believed that weather was closely related to the spirit world. Bad weather was the doing of bad spirits, and it meant that the community needed to change its ways for the good. This shift in behavior from bad to good often resulted in good spirits bringing improved weather by the end of the month.

Still others point out that March's lions and lambs come not from heavenly spirits but from the stars in the sky. James Albury, director of the Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Gainesville, Florida, explains how at the beginning of March, the constellation Leo, the Lion, rises first in the night sky. By the end of March, the stars have shifted, and the constellation Aries, the Ram (lamb), is observed setting on the horizon. So, throughout March, at least in terms of the night sky, lions do come in and lambs do go out. Albury's guess is that perhaps someone "decided to poetically link" the stars to March's turbulent weather.

With Easter falling on March 27 this year, bunnies are added to the menagerie. Then again, Jesus was termed the "Lamb of God," as he was sacrificed to save sinners. And Jesus was also called the "Lion of Judah," a strong and fierce leader. Perhaps it is fitting when Easter falls in the month of March, as it does this year.

## The Doctor Is In

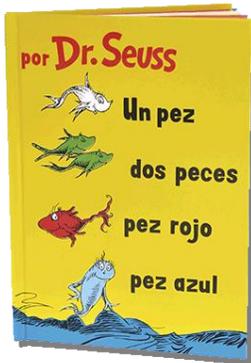
On March 2, don't just wish Dr. Seuss a "Happy Birthday." Do as they do in Dr. Seuss' fictional land of Katroo and let loose a "big blast on the big Birthday Horn!"

Theodore Seuss Geisel, known around the world as Dr. Seuss, was never a doctor of anything. He called himself "doctor" because his father wanted him to study medicine. Thankfully, he pursued children's literature and wrote his first book in 1937, *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street*, debuting the pen name Dr. Seuss. The idea for the book struck Geisel while on an ocean voyage. The rhythm of the ship's engines inspired him to write the lines:

*And that is a story that no one can beat.  
And to think that I saw it on Mulberry Street.*

No less than 20 publishers rejected the book before Geisel showed it to an old college classmate, who was editor of children's books at the publishing house Vanguard Press. Dr. Seuss went on to write 44 children's books, selling over 600 million copies in over 20 different languages.

What makes Dr. Seuss' books so enduring? Children's literature expert Ann Neely believes it is the books' readability. "Children can read Dr. Seuss books many, many times without tiring of the rhythms, the plot, or the art." Furthermore, Seuss' moral lessons appeal to young and old alike. Journalist Melissa Breyer believes adults have plenty to learn from Dr. Seuss. *Did I Ever Tell You How Lucky You Are?* Teaches us that self pity is an unnecessary indulgence. *The Lorax* preaches how it's up to us to give voice to the voiceless. Truly, Dr. Seuss' children's books may be more valuable to adults than his odd adult work, a humorous and slightly scandalous take on the legend of Lady Godiva, chock full of illustrations of the seven nudist Godiva sisters. That book, perhaps understandably, was Seuss' only major flop.



## March Birthdays

In astrology, those born between March 1st and 20th are Pisces. These Fish are spiritual types who feel comfortable in their introspective natures. As passionate, romantic, creative dreamers, they are charitable helpers who "go with the flow." Those born between March 21st and 31st are Rams of Aries. As the first sign of the zodiac, Arians charge out of the gate with energy, confidence, power, and zeal. As pioneers, Arians are unafraid of the unknown. For these eternal optimists, no odds are ever considered insurmountable.

Lou Costello (comedian) – March 6, 1906  
Liza Minnelli (entertainer) – March 12, 1946  
Ozzie Nelson (TV dad) – March 20, 1906  
Fred Rogers (neighbor) – March 20, 1928  
Fannie Farmer (cook) – March 23, 1857  
Vincent van Gogh (painter) – March 30, 1853  
Shirley Jones (actress) – March 31, 1934

## Residents Birthdays

Judy K. – March 14  
Billie Jean B. – March 15  
Bill N. – March 22

## From the Activity Directors Desk

The date for our annual Gambler's Hockey Game is set for April 3. This year we would like to invite you to join us. The game starts at 3:20 and you will need to provide your own transportation to and from the game. Please contact Lena with your reservation so we know how many tickets to purchase by March 21. Call or text to 920-680-2420 or email at [arlena\\_leurquin@yahoo.com](mailto:arlena_leurquin@yahoo.com), if leaving a message please include your family members name. We can only accommodate 6 people in wheelchairs who are unable to transfer to a bus seat on the bus so if you plan on attending with your loved one in a wheelchair please reply promptly as space is limited and may fill up fast.

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