



Dear Families,

Our class will be making leprechaun traps. Please work with your child to complete this project.

A Leprechaun is an Irish "elf". Leprechauns are small in size, and some say they look like a tiny, old man in a top hat and red beard. They are tricky fellows and like to play pranks on people. Last year we had one come through our classroom and it created quite a stir! This year, our class has decided that we should try to catch him if he returns. Students will need to make some sort of trap to catch him. Remember, Leprechauns are tricky fellows, so you must be creative and tricky when deciding on how to try to catch him.

The first thing you need to do is build a trap. There is no right or wrong way to build a Leprechaun trap. You can make a contraption with a net, boxes, a clean can, or anything else you can think of such as paper towel rolls, empty containers, tin foil, paper, string or yarn, sandwich bags, etc; or, how about using an old shoe since they are said to be cobblers? You have to be very creative to catch a Leprechaun!

Once you build your trap, don't forget to add bait to help lure the Leprechaun. Since Leprechauns are very greedy, one of the best things you can use for bait is coins! If you don't want to use real coins, you can easily substitute candy coins or make your own gold coins by cutting circles out of cardboard and painting them gold. Gold nuggets made by painting small rocks are another option.

Here are some other examples of what you can use for bait: - Rainbows are good to use on or around your trap. - Color your trap green and decorate it with green items (stickers, glitter, etc) - Leprechauns like Lucky Charms cereal! - Leprechauns are also attracted to four leaf clovers.

Your child will present their trap to the class as part of our speaking and listening outcomes for Kindergarten and Grade One. Please practice what your child will say. They can talk about the materials they chose, the design, and how exactly the trap will work.

I can't guarantee we will catch one of these little creatures, but we will sure have fun trying. These projects are due Thursday, March 15th, so we might get the opportunity to do presentations and maybe even catch one the night before Saint Patrick's Day.

Thank you for all your classroom support!

Have fun!

Ms. Good and Ms. Spin ☺

