St. Patrick’s Day

**Books:**

St. Patrick’s Day in the Morning by Eve Bunting  
Mary McLean and the St. Patrick’s Day Parade by Stephen Kroll  
Jamie O’Rourke and the Big Potato by Tomie DePaola  
Jamie O’Rourke and the Pooka by Tomie DePaola  
Patrick by Tomie DePaola  
Fin M’coul: The Giant of Knockmany Hill by Tomie DePaola  
St. Patrick’s Day Alphabet by Beverly Barras Vidrine  
St. Patrick’s Day by Gail Gibbons  
The Irish Cinderlad by Shirley Climo  
Daniel O’Rourke: An Irish Tale by Gerald McDermott

**Poems:**

**St. Patrick’s Day**
Author Unknown  
Leprechauns peeking,  
Around a willow tree,  
Pussy willows waking,  
Longing to be free.  
Colleens and shamrocks  
And castles old and gray,  
Put them all together  
To make St. Patrick’s Day.

**St. Patrick’s Day**
Author Unknown  
St. Patrick came from Ireland  
A country trimmed with green  
It has the shamrocks and the pipes  
Those leprechauns you’ve seen  
Those leprechauns will trip you  
You’ll fall flat on your face  
They’ll tickle your nose and sour the milk  
Then find a hiding place!
I'm a Little Leprechaun
Author Unknown (tune: I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm a little leprechaun
Dressed in green
The tiniest man that you have ever seen.
If you ever catch me,
So it's told, I'll give to you my pot of gold.

Five Little Eensy Weensy Leprechaun
Author Unknown
An eensy, weensy leprechaun
Came out on St. Patrick's Day.
To look for the gold
That was hidden far away.
Over the rainbow
Was where he was told.
So, with a wink of his green eye,
He ran to get the gold.

Leprechauns
Author Unknown
Five little leprechauns scurrying by my door,
One jumped away, then there were four.
Four little leprechauns climbing in my tree,
One hid in the green leaves, then there were three.
Three little leprechauns, just a busy few,
One went for a pot of gold, then there were two.
Two little leprechauns, having lots of fun,
One hopped over the rainbow, then there was one.
One little leprechaun, with all his work done.
He slipped off for a nap, then there were none.

Language Arts Activities:

After reading one of the St. Patrick's Day books write the word "Green" Ask your child to think of other words that start with the "gr" sound. Have your child draw a picture of two things that start with the sound.
Using magazines have your child cut out things that are green and make into a “Things That Are Green” book.

Talk about all of the places that a leprechaun can hide his gold. Then have your child draw pictures of where their leprechaun hid his gold. Make a book with your child entitled “Leprechaun, Leprechaun, Where is the Gold?”

Teach your child the “One Potato” song. Make a potato stamp but cutting a small potato in half. Make a book with the following words. Have your child stamp the appropriate number of potatoes on each page using the potato stamp.

**The Pages:**

- One potato
- Two potato
- Three potato
- Four
- Five potato
- Six potato
- Seven potato
- More!

**Math Activities:**

**Gold Measuring**
Spray milk jug lids with gold spray paint. Have your child measure things in the house with the gold coins. How many coins long are the things in the house.

**Potato Measuring**
Get a 5lb bag of potatoes. Let your child count the potatoes in the bag. If your child can count higher let him/her count the eyes on the potatoes. Show your child how to arrange the potatoes from the smallest to the largest.

**Art Activities:**

**Finger Painting:**
Dye shaving cream green with food coloring and let your child put it on piece of wax paper. Let them practice writing the letters in their name or drawing shapes.
**Rice Rainbows**
Dye rice 6 different colors and give the children an outline of a rainbow. The children put on the glue, dump on the rice, and add cotton balls for clouds.

**Shamrock Prints**
Cut bell pepper in half and clean out the seeds. The children can dip the cross sections of the pepper into some green paint and press the shamrock print onto paper.

**Cooking:**
During the week let your child help you cook potatoes different ways.

"**Magic Powder**" (Pudding)

Materials: Jell-O brand instant pistachio pudding Milk
Use the pistachio pudding as "magic powder" that has been left by a leprechaun with directions to add milk and see what happens. (Jell-O brand instant pistachio pudding mix appears white until milk is added and then, it turns green!)

**Lime Chocolate Smoothies**

Ingredients

1 (3-oz) pkg. lime gelatin
1 (8-oz.) container whipped topping
1 Cup chopped nuts
1/2 Cup chocolate pieces
1/2 Cup cookie crumbs or toasted coconut

Prepare gelatin with water as directed on package. When thickened add 1 Cup of whipped topping. Beat until smooth. Blend in remaining whipped topping. Stir in nuts and chocolate pieces. Refrigerate 15 minutes. Serve in a dish sprinkled with cookie crumbs or toasted coconut. Or when firm enough, roll into balls and roll balls in cookie or coconut mixture. Makes 16 to 18 balls.
St. Patrick’s Day Arts and Crafts:

St. Patrick’s Day Wreath Craft
http://www.dltk-holidays.com/patrick/mwreath.htm

Leprechaun Paper Bag Puppet

St. Patrick’s Day Coloring Pages
http://www.coloring.ws/patrick.htm
http://www.first-school.ws/theme/cp_h_stpatricks.htm

   Color the Rainbow
http://www.bry-backmanor.org/actpag31.html

St. Patrick’s Day Crafts and Activities
http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/stpatrick/

Online St. Patrick’s Day Games:

Jigsaw Puzzles

St. Patrick’s Tic Tac Toe

St. Patrick’s Pot O Gold Game
http://www.billybear4kids.com/holidays/stpatty/potogold/game.htm