



Important Dates

February 2010 Newsletter

Enrollment for Summer and Fall

Thank you so much for your prompt return of enrollment forms for both summer and fall school sessions.

We have recently completed the process of student placement for both sessions. Your child's summer classroom placement depends upon the number of children leaving for kindergarten.



Soon you will receive your child's enrollment confirmation form. This form will notify you of your child's classroom, days you signed up for, tuition rate per month, as well as any additional forms needed to complete your child's registration process.

If you have any questions please see Ms. Jean or Ms. Laura. Also, please return any and all requested forms promptly. Thank you for your diligence in making this process run smoothly.

February 9th & 10th: Button pictures – 9:00 am

February 12: Valentine's Day parties – individual classrooms

February 16 & 17: Curtis Wright Photography – candid portraits 9:15 am

March 11: Spring Luncheon

March 15-19: Spring Break – WDS **CLOSED**

April 2: WDS **Closed**—Good Friday

March 30-April 8: Parent teacher conferences 3's, 4's, preK

From the Director

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the preschool for our 3 star assessment on January 28th. As parents, you played an integral role in our assessment; from packing your child a healthy lunch, to your words of encouragement! We will not know the results of the visit for 6-8 weeks and will notify you of the results as soon as we receive them.

Save the date for the spring luncheon on March 11. The children always have a great time preparing a musical program as well an art show for their families.

— Jean

Need of the Month:

Valentine's day brings on all kind of creative ways to say I love YOU!

February's need is **Construction Paper and Glue sticks.**

February is Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, our teachers will expose your children to age appropriate history. We welcome any parental participation in educating and introducing our children to any racial, ethnic and cultural diversity, keeping in mind that the Weekday School has, and respects families from many different cultures. Diversity is an important aspect of our school. We are fortunate to be located close to Universities that attract parents from around the world who are seeking higher education in our city.

Classroom News: Infants

This month we will be creating Valentine's Day artwork. And we will be learning all about the color red! Thank you for making sure your child has a proper lunch everyday. We appreciate your help!

Teaching consists of causing people to go into situations from which they cannot escape, except by thinking. Do not handicap your children by making their lives easy."

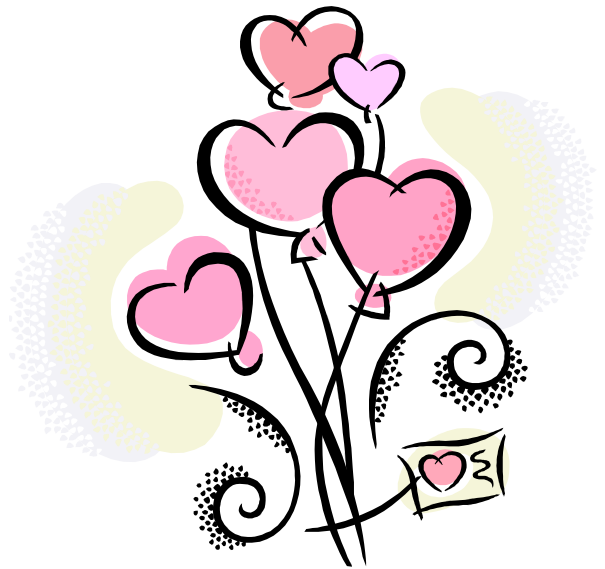
Robert Heinlein

Just a few reminders:

- 1) The weather is constantly changing so please be sure that your child has the appropriate clothes for indoors and outdoors. When it is warm enough to go outside we will and shoes are a definite must for outside play!
- 2) It is important that you look at your child's daily report everyday. We always include your child's sleeping and eating habits as well as fill you in on the daily happenings in the classroom. If you don't read the sheet you could miss some important information.

Thanks,

Ms. Jade and Ms. Ashlee



Classroom News: Toddlers



February is a busy month for us in the toddler room. Our shape of the month is the heart. We will be making several art projects involving hearts using glue to make pictures with different sizes of hearts, and even explore mixing red and white paints to create different shades of pink. All of these activities will help us as we create Valentine cards for those we love. Our book selections this month include topics such as love, friendship and respect, which we will read together and talk about.

As a reminder, please check your child's folder and read the daily report every day. Label all items that come into the classroom. Please do not leave anything in your child's bag that can be hazardous to small, exploring hands. Also, please cut food into small bites, including carrots and grapes.

Thank you for your cooperation, your partnership, and your trust in us. We love our toddlers!

— Ms. Karina, Ms. Kim, and Ms. Meaghan

Classroom News: Twos

Love! Love! Love! Our 2's class is full of love!

Our children are having so many break-through moments on the potty. It is fantastic! Parents, we are glad to help and support you in any way.

This month we will be talking about friendships and how to be a good friend to others. Being kind, gentle, and sharing with friends and siblings will be emphasized as well. We will also be studying how red and white make the color pink with paint and homemade play dough. Parties will be February 11 and 12 so look for information about those.



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Our door is always open.

— Ms. Emily and Ms. Rachel

**“You are a
child of the
universe, no
less than the
trees and the
stars”**

— Desiderata

Classroom News: Nearly Threes

We had a great time learning about snow during the month of January. We had real life experiences with the snow which is unusual for the timing of the weather to coincide with our school activity calendar! We took full advantage.

February promises to be full of learning. Our activities will include groundhogs and their habitats as well as how the mail works. Our Valentine exchange will be on Thursday, February 11th and Friday, February 12th. Don't forget to send in an empty rectangular tissue box by Wednesday, February 3rd, the children can begin making their "mailboxes" for our Valentine exchange.



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— Ms. Kelly and Ms. Claire

When children are treated with respect, they conclude that they deserve respect and hence develop self-respect. When children are treated with acceptance, they develop self-acceptance; when they are cherished, they conclude that they deserve to be loved, and they develop self-esteem."

Stephanie Martson

Classroom News: Younger Threes

It is hard to believe we are already a month into 2010! January brought plenty of snow activities and helped us welcome a new fish named Bubbles and two frogs. A special thank you to all our parents who cooperated with us to make our yearly assessment as stress-free as possible!

This class is looking forward to learning about the Presidents of the United States, Black History Month, and dental hygiene. We, of course, are very excited to prepare for and celebrate Valentine's Day. We will be talking about being good friends and how we can tell people we care about them or love them. Some special activities will include making Valentine's Day Cards and decorating some sweets.

Ms. Diane and Ms. Ashley have enjoyed watching the children branch out and play with all of their classmates!

Have a safe and blessed February, Ms. Diane and Ms. Ashley



Classroom News: Older Threes

January was a month full of snow, both outside and inside the classroom. We built snowmen, read books about snow and even played in fake snow.

Thank you to everyone who brought their nature bags in. Our science center is full of things our friends found outside. Everyone has enjoyed sharing and telling about their items during circle time.

February will bring groundhogs, presidents, black history, dental hygiene, and of course Valentine's. Please watch for our sign up sheet for our special day full of hearts. We will cover the letters: Q, R, S, and T. Thank you for sending in items from home that start with these letters.



Special dates for February: 2/2 Groundhog's Day; 2/12 Aidan's birthday, 2/11 & 2/12 Valentine's party; 2/14 Valentine's Day; and 2/16 Ms. Emily from the library will visit.

— Ms. Maria and Ms. Christy

Classroom News: Pre-K Fours

The Arctic, Antarctica, North Pole, South Pole, penguins, glaciers, the letters Q, G, S, J, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., snowmen, winter...are just a snippet of what we learned in January. Your child has learned to recognize his/her last name. Some children in the class are working on writing his/her last name and are learning to spell it too.

Although the weather is still cold in our region, February's topic will focus on a part of the world that has a tropical climate. In our classroom, we will learn about the tropical rainforest.



Salute your little one and share how proud you are of him/her. Each and every child continues to grow and mature in many ways that help make our class a truly unique and special place. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

— Ms. Val, Ms. Liz, and Ms. Michelle

**“Lose yourself
in nature and
find peace”**

— Unknown

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Fun Dates in February ...

Celebrated all month long: Children's Dental Health Month; Black History Month; International Friendship Month

February 2: Groundhog Day

February 8: Boy Scout's Day -Founded in 1910.

February 11, 1847 : Thomas Edison's birthday

February 12, 1809: Abraham Lincoln's birthday

February 15, 1820: Susan B. Anthony's birthday

February 16: President's Day

February 17: Random Acts of Kindness Day

February 20: John Glenn orbits the Earth. He was the first American to orbit the Earth on this date in 1962 in the Friendship 7 space capsule.

Classroom News: Pre-K Fives

Hello from the Pre- K.

We had a wonderful January filled with many exciting activities. We talked about snowy weather, the New Year, five senses, the solar system, Martin Luther King, pizza, and our telephone numbers. We conducted many science experiments as well as some cooking activities.

We are gearing up for a fantastic February. We are going on a field trip on Wednesday, February 3 to Papa Johns to make our own pizzas. We will be having a 100th day celebration to mark our 100th day of school together. We will talk about ground hogs and shadows as well as presidents for Presidents Day. On February 12 we will have a Valentines exchange. Candid Portraits will be taken February 16 and 17. Our letters this month are B, R, and K.

We are beginning to see the children in Pre-k use their words to resolve their differences. They now understand that the best way to handle a situation is not by crying or hitting, but using their verbal skills. We are observing them taking the next step in emotional maturity, and improving their skills in cooperative play. This will be very helpful when they go to kindergarten.

Thanks,

Ms. Carol and Ms. Elizabeth

