

Happy February Preschool Families!



January Recap



The preschoolers had a great time in January learning all about the **winter** and comparing and contrasting the special season with the other three seasons. We painted with **icy blue** shades and created many **snow people** in various **mediums**. The weather afforded us multiple opportunities to bring **snow** and **ice** into our science center; and perform hands-on experiments with **water**, in both its **liquid**, and **frozen solid** form. The **polar habitats** came alive within the classroom as preschoolers discovered the **arctic** and **antarctic** landscapes and the many animals who flourish there. “**Hot soup**” was served daily in our dramatic play area!



Upcoming in February

We have begun the month of February learning about and discussing various **emotions**. The preschoolers have thoroughly enjoyed **The Color Monster by Anna Llenas**; a story about emotions with a reassuring and validating message regarding and acknowledging that all emotions are ok. The color monster is filled with many colors symbolizing happy, calm, angry for example, and it needs to try “**sort them out**” in separate jars in order to effectively work through and familiarize itself with each emotion. The preschoolers have contributed in coloring a **life sized monster** and have each begun to create their own “**monster design**”.



Additionally in February preschoolers will learn about their **bodies**, their **skeletal system**, **muscular system** and **organs**. We will learn about **dental health** and the **dentist**, and the **doctors’ office**. Preschoolers will experiment brushing a **giant set of teeth** as well as giving check ups in the dramatic play area. Also we will review what it means to be a **good friend** as our **writing center** transforms into a “**valentine**” **making post office**. We will celebrate all things **pink**, and mix white and red paint for an exciting surprise!

Additional Announcements

- It is optional for preschoolers to bring in **small valentine cards** for their friends, we do ask that if your child chooses to send in cards, that they include one per each child in their class (the first names are included below). We would prefer non edible items if possible. Each child will have their own small gift bag with their name on it (provided by us) and we can assist them in placing each card in the bag. Please send them in as soon as possible so that we can begin the process of putting them in the bags as soon as they come into the classroom. We will send them all home on either **T 2/14** or **W 2/15. (Happy to have Valentines Cards come in this week anytime!)**
- On **T 2/14 and/or W2/15** preschoolers are encouraged to wear pink or red
- There is a half-day **Wednesday, February 8**, for a district wide professional development day. All preschoolers will be dismissed between 11:45 and 12:00 at the back circle drop off/pick up door. We will serve a morning snack/ **lunch will not be served, preschoolers will each lunch at home, after dismissal. (no afternoon snack is needed)**
- **Helper of the Day will resume in March** (there is no Helper of the Day schedule for February)
- School will be closed for Winter Vacation **Monday February 20th-Friday February 24th**, we hope that you have a restful and joyful vacation!

MWF Valentines

Caleb
Naomi
Wesley
Rosalie
Erin
Collin
Ozzy
Gavin
Reed
Ruby
Connor
Alia
Muriel
Lizzie
Alisha

TTH Valentines

Camille
Braley
Aria
Naomi
Lila
Cru
Oliver
Collin
Ozzy
Gavin
Ruth
Reed
Connor
Alia
Alisha