

February Newsletter

Pre-Kindergarten 2012



Important Dates

Feb 2: Groundhog day

Feb 2-6: Ms. Amy Off

Feb 14: Valentine's Day Party!

Wear RED or PINK!

Feb 15: Happy birthday Abigail!!!

Feb 17: Bring in a stuffed toy for
the children to share

Feb 20: Presidents Day - Center Closed!

Jan 30 - Feb 6: Dental & Nutrition

Feb 6 - Feb 10: Hearts

Feb 13 - Feb 17: Sharing & Caring

Feb 20 - Feb 24: Community Helpers

*The first week of February we will be focusing on Dental Health and Nutrition. We will do experiments by soaking one egg in vinegar to show decay and one in coca-cola to show discoloration in teeth. After soaking them we will try to brush them clean with our homemade toothpaste to see what happens. We will talk about what foods are healthy and unhealthy for our teeth, and make a collaborative poster sorting foods for the "Charlie Chew" happy tooth and the "Tommy Toothache" sad tooth to sort, categorize, or classify objects by more than one attribute. This week we will also discuss Groundhog's Day (Feb. 2) and do a fun Groundhog art activity! We'll read books like Andrew's Loose Tooth and Going to the Dentist throughout the week. The letter O will be introduced this week and we'll think of O words for our chart.

*Hearts hearts hearts! During this week we will learn all there is to learn about hearts. We will discuss symmetry and learn how to fold a paper and make our own symmetrical heart. We will begin working on our own Valentines and work on our Valentines Mailbags. We'll make a long "Valen-pillar" out of hearts and do heart collages. We'll also have class discussions on what we think a heart represents and the difference between a real and a fake heart. This week the letter P will be introduced, we'll practice writing it to develop familiarity with the forms of alphabet letters and think of lots of P words for our letter of the week chart!

*During sharing and caring week we will talk a lot about qualities we value in a person's character such as honesty, courage, courtesy, willingness to work hard, kindness, fairness, trustworthiness, self-discipline, loyalty and

personal responsibility. On Tuesday we will celebrate Valentine's Day by having a lunch party! Keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet if you'd like to bring something in. **On this day we ask that all the children wear either pink or red!** Throughout the week we will be encouraging the children to work together to create teamwork art projects like marble painting and making pictures for a friend. We'll be passing out kindness hearts throughout the week as well if your child is "caught being kind." We'll read stories such as The Hating Book, Annie Bananie, Fox Makes Friends and My Bossy Dolly. **On Friday Feb. 17 please bring in a stuffed toy for your child to share with the class (please mark your childs name on the toy so it doesn't get lost!)**

* The last week of February will be spent learning about Community helpers! We will learn about firefighters, police, postal workers, teachers, construction workers, doctors and more! We will work together to make cards for our cafeteria and maintenance for all of the hard work they do for us all year long. We'll do art projects like making our own doctors bags and talk about what the children would like to be when they grow up. We will also be our own librarians by making & sorting our own books, and we'll be postal workers with a giant "mailbox" and delivery system!

If anyone is interested in coming in to talk about their profession we'd be glad to have you!

Italics: Department of Education Standards

February's wish list:

(also posted next to the daily board in the classroom)

White packing peanuts

Shaving cream

Hot glue gun

Extra snow gloves & boots

Lysol/Clorox Wipes

Floss

Scotch tape refills

Computer ink

(HP 61/61 XL, black and color)

Spring Stickers

Holiday Items (St. Patty's & Valentines)

Photo Paper

Ultra Fine Point Sharpies

Post-its & List Pad Paper

Seasonal Scrapbook Paper

Egg cartons

Community helper week volunteers

Thank You's:

We would like to thank the following families for their kind donations to our classroom:

Higgins: Lysol wipes & New Year's Party Kits

Burke: Plates & markers

Petion: Electric pencil sharpener

Swanson: Sharpies

Virvilis: Mini marshmallows, markers, socks, plates, foam stickers

Gartaganis: Electric pencil sharpener

Jacobsen: Plates

Kennedy: Clorox wipes

Wu: Coming in to teach the Chipmunks about Chinese New Year and bringing in Chinese New Year decorations