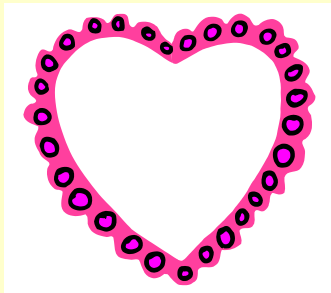


Milestones Child Development Center Monthly Newsletter

February 2012

Kelly Mertes-Director; Beth Straubel-Asst. Director
Director's Corner



*With the up and down of the weather in January it seems as though winter should be winding to an end very quickly here!
*Your child's teacher will be scheduling parent teacher conferences in the month of March or April please watch for a sign up sheet outside their classroom door. This is a great way to get an update on your child's development and progress.
*Hearing & vision screening for children 3 years and older will be held February 13th & 16th.

*As always if you have questions please do not hesitate to email Kelly at belmontdirector@milestonescdc.com or Beth at belmontad@milestonescdc.com

Up Coming Events:

February 14th
Valentine's Day

February 17th
Comstock Park
½ Day

February 20th
Comstock Park
No School

February 23rd
Chandler Woods
½ day

February 24th
No School Rockford
Chandler Woods
Assumption

Forest Hills
2 hour early release

Employee of the Month

Miss Amaila

Thank you Amaila for being flexible and having a great attitude when on the spot changes happen in your classroom & around the center.
We appreciate you!

Kids Say the Funniest Things...

Overheard on the bus to Meadow Ridge Elementary...

The children were riding to school one day when a discussion started up on the sequence of events, it went something like this.

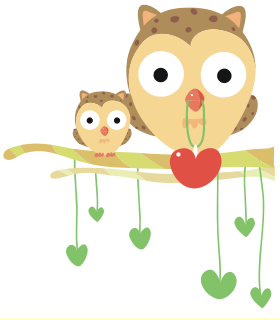
"God came first, and then Adam & Eve, then our mom's, dad's & grandparents and then us last. God was around before the world was built.

That sounds right, right?"

Parent Corner:

The importance of outdoor play...even in the winter!

1. Fresh air does the body good! Getting outside and away from the stagnant air can help our bodies stay health!
2. Outdoor play is a great time for children to work on developing their large motor skills set. Kids can practice running, jumping, leaping and skipping.
3. It stretches the imagination. Children are often more creative in their play when they are outside.
4. It helps children gain an appreciation for nature and care for the world around them.



Infant Room A News

February is a big month for our class! We are getting a brand new baby and we are transitioning two of our older infants to the Wobbler room! Reid and Carson both turn one and will be on to the “big kid” room by March. Aubree is our newest addition; we can’t wait to watch her grow! We have some cool projects planned for February. You will love your Valentine’s Day cards from the kids; they have been working very hard on them. We are going to do some snow play this month and even experiment with changing the snow different colors. It will be fun to see the baby’s different reactions as the snow changes & melts.

~Ms. Michelle V., Ms. Cheri & Ms. Sarah K.



February Birthdays

Tanner M. 2/3
 Miss Angela 2/4
 Brayden E. 2/5
 Abby L. 2/8
 Natalie 2/8
 Elle N. 2/10
 Reid G. 2/10
 Nolan L. 2/12
 Miss Joanna R.
 2/13
 Carson A. 2/15
 Amanda S. 2/17
 Sydney W. 2/20
 Mia P. 2/20
 Miss Sarah K.
 2/21
 Katherine S.
 2/23
 Abby W. 2/24

Infant Room B News

In January we made snowflakes with paint. We also played with bubbles and had some different sensory experiences with food and other materials. In February will be creating a Valentine’s project.

~Ms. Kelly, Ms. Becky & Ms. Michelle H.

Wobbler Room News

This month is going to be lots of fun. We are going to work on some new sign language words and post them in the room for you to see. We will also continue to do lots of singing, talking and rhyming to help with your child’s verbal skills. This month we will be focusing on fine motor activities. The kids will paint using a paint brush, color with crayons and picking up objects and placing them in buckets and cups. We will also do a Valentine’s Day project! Have a great month.

~Miss Melissa, Ms. Christi, Miss Tricia & Ms. Nicole

Toddler A News

My, oh my, January was a crazy month for weather. We started the month with just hats, mittens & coats. Then along came the frigid weather. We spent a lot of time inside. We practiced climbing, balancing, running and jumping. We learned about snow, ice, arctic animals and snow activities. We built snowmen and went sledding. In February, we will learn about Fairy Tales, Dinosaurs, Pets, Transportation and then the Farm. We are hoping for some pet visits and possibly a field trip out the parking lot to see one of the Milestones busses! On Tuesday, February 14th at 2:45 we will have our classroom Valentine’s party. I encourage you to join the fun! Hope to see you there.

~Miss Trisha

Toddler B News

In the month of February we are going to be learning about Black History, Valentine's, Bears and Fire Prevention. We will be having a little party in the morning. Please bring in Valentine's cards for your child to pass out to their friends. We will decorate bags earlier in the week for them to put their goodies and cards in. I will be providing the treats for our Valentine's Day party. I will send a list home of all the children in the class the first week in February.

-Miss Becca, Miss Chelsea & Miss Andrea

Older Toddler News

During the month of February we will be starting a unit on health. Through this unit the children will develop an awareness of how we keep our bodies healthy. We will be exploring foods that are good for us, important personal habits, and exercise. The class will participate in art activities and many other centers that allow your child to expand their understanding of their own physical body. Vocabulary will also be an important part of this unit. The children will have an opportunity to learn words such as check-up, cleanliness, exercise and much more.

-Mrs. Sarah, Mrs. Cari, Mrs. Emily & Ms. Skye

Early Preschool News

February will be full of fun in Early Preschool! We'll focus on the following ideas during the month. The children will learn about taking care of their teeth during Dental Health week, enjoy a class party for Valentine's Day, learn about all different kinds of Feelings, discover the "roar" in Dinosaurs and read many of Dr. Seuss' great books! Special events for February are: a field trip to the post office, bring in a Valentine's book on February 10th and a small class party on February 14th.

-Ms. Joanna, Ms. Jillian, Ms. Kayla, Ms. Hannah & Ms. Elise



Preschool News

Preschool will be busy in February. They'll be having a Valentine's Day party on February 14th please watch the information board for sign up sheets. The preschoolers will be working on letter recognition, specifically the letters in their own name. Dental Health will be a fun week to learn all about the importance of brushing. Lastly, the kids will be focusing on numbers and counting. We are looking forward to a great month!

~Ms. Nicole, Ms. Kari & Ms. Elizabeth

Pre-K News

We will be starting the month off taking a trip Java Gym. Then on February 13th and 16th the kids will be having their hearing & vision checked. The rest of the month we will be talking about Ground Hogs Day, Valentine's Day, and the post office. I have scheduled a tour at the Belmont Post office this month. We will also learn a little about the 1st president and the 16th president of the United States. February is Dental Health month, so we will talk about what foods are good for your teeth. We will be walking to Dr. English's office for a tour.

~Ms. Rhonda, Ms. Darcy & Ms. Danielle

Pre-K B/AM Preschool News

Welcome Back Miss Katie! We are so very excited for Katie's return to the center. Everyone has truly missed her these past 8 weeks. We would also like to welcome her daughter Aubree to the Milestones Family. Miss Katie as always has some wonderful activities planned for the children in her class. She'll be talking about Dental Health this month, Valentine's Day, Dr. Seuss.

~Ms. Katie, Miss Desirae, Miss Patti & Miss Angela

Kindergarten Enrichment News

We cannot believe January has come and gone. During the month of February we have many exciting activities planned. The following themes will be explored this month. Ground Hog Day, 100th Day of School, Valentine's Day, Dental Health & Dr. Seuss. We will also continue to work on counting by 5's & 10's as well as rhyming words, "at" word family, and introducing the sight word "the" and "at". Please stay tuned into our classroom door for Valentine's Day party sign up sheets.

~Ms. Jenny, Ms. Amalia, Miss Leah & Ms. Sarah

New Students (February)

Tate W. ~ Infant B
Addie P. ~ Preschool
Aubree D. ~ Infant A



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New Staff: (February)
Miss Jessica ~ Sub
Miss Andrea ~ Preschool Assistant

We're on the Web!
www.milestonescdc.com

REMINDERS AND NOTES :

CREDIT TOWARD TUITION FOR REFFERALS!!

TUITION EXPRESS IS NOW AVAILABLE. NEVER GET A LATE FEE!!! THERE WILL BE A \$5 MONTHLY PROCESSING CHARGE FOR CREDIT CARD CHARGES AND CHECKING ACCOUNT WITHDRAWLS. MANY FAMILIES ARE USING IT AND IS A GREAT CONVENIENCE FOR THEM.

WINTER IS HERE! PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OUT YOUR CHILD'S EXTRA CLOTHING FOR WARMER WEAR! REMEMBER THE MORNINGS ARE OFTEN CHILLY BUT BY THE AFTERNOON THE SUN GETS WARM...LAYER, LAYER, LAYER!!! PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL YOUR CHILD'S GLOVES, HATS, BOOTS & SNOWPANTS!

Please remember to pay your tuition on time. Tuition is due by TUESDAY at NOON or the FIRST day of the week your child attends the center. A \$20 late fee will be added to your account if payment is not made on time.

Thanks!

Reminder any returned checks will require us to charge you a \$30 fee.