

February 2012

Director's Corner



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Lot's of work going on in the center right now in preparation for our annual state licensing visit!

Thank you for updating emergency cards and bringing in immunizations and health appraisals upon request!

February will be celebrating the wonderful teachers here at Milestones! Watch for emails and sign-up sheets at the front door if you are interested in helping out!

Thank you!

Teresa and Tracy

Happy ☺ Gram

Milestones' February Happy Gram Winner is...
Ms. Sandy!

Ms. Sandy's daily notes to the parents are much appreciated! They love how they get a personalized account of their child's day each and every day! Keep up the good work!

Quote:

*"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
- Mother Teresa*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week of the 6th-
Bring your teacher a card day. Tell them what you appreciate about them!

Week of the 13th-
Breakfast for the staff

Week of the 20th-
Potato and Salad Bar for the staff

14th -Valentine's Day

23rd - PIC Meeting @ 5:30 p.m.

Brushing Little Teeth

Establish a daily teeth-cleaning routine as soon as your child's first tooth appears. A washcloth can be used to clean the front and back of these first teeth; switch to a toothbrush once molars develop. Don't use toothpaste until your child can spit it all out, usually around age 3. You can start flossing with children once a week around the ages of 3 and 4.

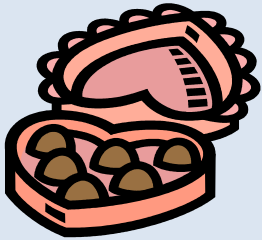


Early Preschool News



We can't believe January is over! This month we talked about our five senses, hibernation, and snowmen. We painted flowers with kool-aid, we used our noses to guess what scent was on the cotton balls, and we talked about how bears stay warm in the winter and how they sleep all winter and hibernate. For our snowmen we learned what happens to the snow when we leave it inside and then what happens when we put it in the freezer. In February, our classroom will be turned in to a work zone for our construction theme! We will also be learning our colors and shapes too!

Ms. Keysha, Ms. Jen, Ms. Lindsey



February Birthdays

Dawson (PreK) 1st

Zola (PreA) 1st

Olivia (Pre) 4th

Izzy (Kind) 5th

Elly (Inf) 8th

Ashley (SA) 9th

Laurel (SA) 12th

Matthew (EP) 12th

Averie (Pre) 15th

Charlie (Inf) 15th

Sophie (Pre) 20th

Oliver (EP) 20th

Addie (Pre) 21st

Avery (PreK) 22nd

Brock (SA) 23rd

Nate (PreK) 24th

Dante (PreK) 26th

Preschool "A" News

Love is in the air for the month of February. This month we plan on taking a closer look at some shapes, colors, opposites, and rhyming words. Of course we will take a break in there to celebrate Valentines! We would like to have a small classroom party on Valentines Day. Keep an eye out for further information and details!

PreA would like to wish a very happy birthday to Zola on the 1st! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at any time. My email is ajvb822@comcast.net and my cell is 366-3883.

Sincerely,

Ms. Amy, Ms. Heather, and Ms. Jen

Preschool "B" News

January's weather was a little disappointing as we tried to learn about Snow and the Polar animals; we were able to make the best of it though. As the end of the month has come to a close we want to welcome our new friend Maura to the classroom. February will not let us down as we learn about the Ground hog and his shadow, Love and Valentines, our Presidents, and Celebrating our Friendships/ Leap year. I will be sending out a class list along with the daily sheets for making Valentines. The daily sheets are left on the table in the Preschool B room at the end of the night for your convenience. Please also remember to empty your child's art box, located in the Pre B room next to the doorway.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sarah and Ms. Elizabeth

Infant News

This month we will be focusing on transportation and different ways we can get around. The infants will do some fun activities involving putting together the parts of an airplane and making tire tracks in the snow on paper with paint and a toy truck! We would like to wish Charlie and Elly a happy birthday this month!! Please be sure to bring in the necessary items for your child to enjoy outside time including boots, hats, mitten, and snow pants and a coat or a snow suit, without these items we cannot take your child out in the snow.

Ms. Megan, Ms. Tracy, Ms. Amber, and Ms. Carolyn

Pre-Kindergarten News

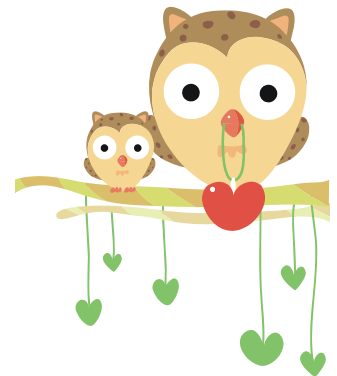
I cannot believe how time is flying and yes it finally feels like winter. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Carli and Aadi to the pre-k classroom.

In February, classes will be experiencing activities related to the themes of Black History Month, Space and Valentines. We will celebrate Valentines by exchanging cards and having special activities in the classroom. I would like to have a variety of healthy treats for our afternoon snack that day. If you are willing to donate items, please send me an e-mail. Parents please note the children may bring valentine cards to exchange with their friends.

Cold Weather Wear

Please remember to send your child in with the appropriate outer wear for the weather. This includes hats and mittens. Unless it is wet or bitter cold, we do try to get the children outside every day. Please remember to label all clothing items.

Ms. Mariam, Ms. Karla & Ms. Bev



School Age/Kindergarten News

I feel love and friendship in the air! The kids are gearing up for the upcoming holiday with lots of hearts and words of love and friendship. They are hard at work on creating great Valentine's Day mailboxes and we will have them up for display very soon. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14 with an afterschool celebration.

February is also National Dental Health Month and Black History Month, so our classroom will be taking some time to focus on great dental health and why is it important to take care of our teeth, and then move on to study some great figures related to Black History Month.

Just a quick note before next month, which is National Reading month, if you have any books at home that are no longer being read, we are always looking for donations to add to our classroom library. I would love to have a great new collection of books before March begins and we study books, books, and books!

Thanks

Ms. Becky, Ms. Kelsey, Ms. Elizabeth, and Ms. Carolyn

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Happy Valentines Month! We are looking forward to some fun Valentines activities! On Tuesday, February 14 we will be having a small party in our room! The kids will be making their own special snack to eat! Parents are welcome to come if they would like!

The kids have been hard at work learning their colors, counting to 5 and using words!!! We are going to work on ABC's a little bit this month, as well as learning more about our bodies and our teeth! We will also be helping Ms KaKa (Jessica) celebrate her 21st birthday on the 15th! Lots of fun things happening this month!
- Ms. Jill, Ms. Sandy, and Ms. Jessica

AM/PM NEws

Wow! January flew by so quickly! It was another great month in the AM/PM class. We have been learning so much and have been having fun in the process. Mrs. Shahida and I are so proud of all the kids in the class. It has been great getting to know our new families! They have been a great addition to the AM/PM family.

Our Valentine's Day party will be on the 14th at 3:00. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Mr. Bill and Ms. Shahida

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

REMINDERS AND NOTES:

- PARENT INVOLVMENT COMMITTEE MEETS THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH @ 5:30PM HERE AT THE CENTER. THE PIC SERVES VARIOUS DIFFERENT PURPOSES INCLUDING; HELPING ME WITH EVENTS, FUNDRAISING, HEALTH AND SAFETY DISCUSSIONS, AND MORE! ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T MAKE EACH MEETING.
- PARENTS, WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE MINIMIZING THE ITEMS KEPT IN YOUR CHILD'S CUBBY AREAS. WE WELCOME THE NECESSITY BUT ASK THAT ALL 'EXTRA'S' STAY HOME. THE SPACES ARE SO SMALL AND THE HALLWAYS GET SO CLUTTERED. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP!