



Dear Families,

This week we will have a few special activities to celebrate Valentine's day. Please remember to send in your preschoolers valentine mailbox on Monday the 11th! You are also encouraged to send in valentines that your child can pass out to each of his or her friends. Candy and treats are okay! Everything will be sent home so you can decide what your child can eat. We have 11 AM class friends and 7 PM class friends.

***Please have your child write their name ONLY on all valentines. Do not write other children's names, or write "my friend."**



Valentine Mailbox Homework

Materials: 1 large box (cereal box or adult shoebox), paper, stickers, markers, paint, stamps, or other items to decorate the box.

Directions: Create a festive valentine mailbox to hold valentine cards from friends!

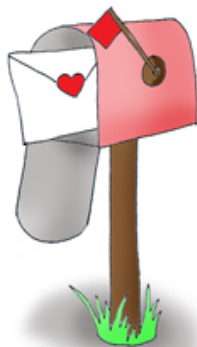
Please include your child's name in large print on the front of the box!

Valentine mailboxes are due Monday, February 11th but feel free to send them in earlier as you finish them. Have fun!

We will be exchanging valentines in school on Thursday, February 14th.

Please write ONLY YOUR CHILD'S NAME on each valentine card.

This will help greatly with delivering all the valentines.



March Parent-Teacher Conferences!

Our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20th and 21st. Please save the date. We will have 30-minute time slots available to each family. We will review your child's progress report and any questions that you have!

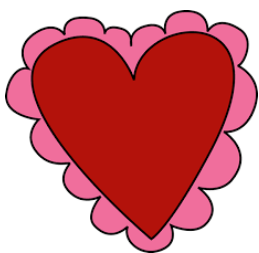


Winter Field Trip: Kohl Children's Museum

Our winter field trip is coming up soon! Remember that on Thursday, February 28th, we will be meeting at the Kohl Children's museum. Please send in permission slips ASAP! We hope everybody can attend!

CENTERS AND REMINDERS

Center	Activities	Why are these activities so important?
Blocks	Large white blocks Blue glass gems Arctic animals and wooden blocks	Creative play; turn taking; strengthening fine and gross motor skills; task persistence and problem solving
Table Toys and Games	Cupcake math puzzles Count and clip heart math Compound word puzzles	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Pretend	Chinese Restaurant -Tables and food -Cash register -Drinks	Developing language and social skills; socialization and building friendships; imaginative and pretend play; sharing materials and turn taking
Writing	Scissors and cutting guides Valentine materials and word wall	Fine motor skills; early literacy; language development
Library	Class-made books Valentine's Day vocabulary Books Magnetic letters and flip books	Book-handling skills; social interactions; imaginative and pretend play; early literacy
Sensory	Colorful chick peas with shovels and scoops Love letters to match Play dough, rolling pins letter stamps and cookie cutters	Sensory; fine motor development; volume and measurement; science concepts- sink/float, solid/liquid, hard/soft; sharing materials with peers
Snack	Full Group snack	Self-help; language development and social skills
Art	Valentine heart collages	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	Cosmic Kids Yoga in the gym	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Conversation hearts, baking soda and vinegar	Exploring cause and effect; making observations; turn taking with peers



Important Dates:

- 2/18: President's Day (No School)
- 2/28: Field Trip to Kohl Children's Museum
- 3/20-3/21: Parent-teacher conferences (No School)
- 3/23-4/1: Spring Break (No School)
- 4/1: Preschool Screenings (No School)

