

Dear Families,

Wow, what a week we've had! Thanks to everyone who shared pictures of your child completing the preschool lesson plans for remote learning day! Unfortunately, since we had no school on Thursday, we weren't able to have our pajama day. Fear not, we have rescheduled it to Monday, February 4th! Please send your preschooler to school in their warmest coziest pajamas on Monday, February 4th. We will read an extra story, make some hot cocoa, and each child can bring a stuffed animal for show and tell. Please, no action figures or other types of toys!



February Family Homework:

Create a Valentine Mailbox

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

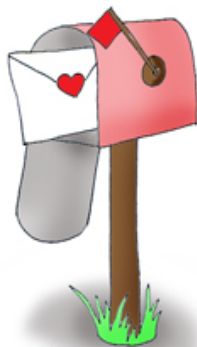
Directions: Create a festive valentine mailbox to hold valentine cards from friends!

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.



Highlights from this Week

This week we have taken out all of our valentine centers! The kids will still be able to pretend play in the restaurant. At the writing center, they will be able to use markers, stickers and our word wall to make their own valentines. For our sensory table, we have dyed chick peas red, pink, purple and white. We will hide "love letters" for the kids to match!



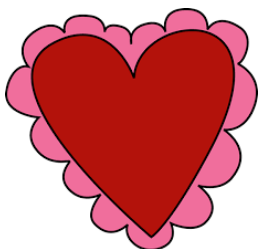
March Parent-Teacher Conferences!

Our Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 20th and 21st. Please save the date.

Pajama Day is rescheduled to Monday, February 4th!

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	Valentine math and literacy file fold games Patterning cards and snap blocks	Visual discrimination; measurement and size; turn taking with a peer; hand-eye coordination
Pretend	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	February coloring mural Paint at the easel	Expressing creativity; developing fine motor skills; Applying new knowledge
Tech	iPads	Turn taking; developing hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills; practicing various cognitive skills (literacy, math, science concepts)
Science	Salt and sprinkles- fine motor activity	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)

