

Mrs. Schubloom's Preschool News

February 2018



Happy Valentine's Day! I love this time of year with young children as they are so excited about the new friends they have been making at preschool. It is a joy to watch the friendships grow in room 102 and see how caring and concerned they are for one another.

February Learning Themes: (Valentine's Day, Solar System)

We will be focusing on shapes, letters and numbers in a variety of themes this month. We will begin with a Friendship, Love and Valentine's Day theme. This will end with our classroom Valentine's party on Wednesday, February 14th (more details under Valentine's Day Party). We will then zoom into outer space and have a science unit where we will learn about our solar system. We will learn about light and dark. We will learn fun facts and details about the sun, moon and stars. We will also take a look at the differences between dwarf, rock and gas planets. It will truly be a unit that is... out of this world!!

Valentine's Day Party:

We will be having a Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14th. The children will be exchanging Valentine's with their classmates. Please send a Valentine card for each child in the class with names printed boldly on the envelopes. This will help the children match names when they deliver their cards. You will find a class list at the bottom of this newsletter. Please encourage your child to participate at whatever level he/she can in the project (writing names independently, counting out supplies, picking out a special sticker for each friend, etc.) so that they are proud and

excited to share their cards with their friends! We will be making Valentine bags in class for the children to put their Valentines in.

Richardson Nature Center Fieldtrip:

On Thursday, February 1st, we will be taking a fieldtrip to Richardson Nature Center. Please come to preschool at 8:45 am as the buses will leave shortly after. We will be hiking outside with a naturalist for part of the fieldtrip, so please have your child dressed in snow pants, winter boots, coat, mittens and hat when they arrive at preschool. We will arrive back at school by 11:30 am. Pick up times will be as usual, 11:30 am or 1:00 pm. Let me know if you have any questions.

Volunteer Opportunities:

A big thanks goes out to the many volunteers this month! Lynsey (Oliver's mom) and Lauren (Max's mom) will be coming along on our Nature Center Fieldtrip on February 1st. Angie (Elliot's mom), Jeff (Noelle's dad) and Angie (Graham's mom) will be helping at our Valentine's Day party on February 14th. I may also need some volunteers for other special projects we will be doing throughout the month (papier-mache anyone 😊). Keep your eye on the parent information board for all volunteer opportunities or email me if you are unable to come in and would like to volunteer. Thanks!

Spring Conferences:

It's hard to believe that we are getting ready for our second conference. They will be held on Wednesday, March 28th and Thursday, March 29th. To prepare for this conference I will be assessing the children during the months of February and March. We will be playing fun games with numbers, letters, story cards and doing many other exciting activities. Let me know if you have any questions or special concerns you would like addressed **before** conferences. This will enable a thorough observation in the classroom prior to our conference. Thanks!

Letter of the Week:

Week of February 5th- T, t
Week of February 12th- S, s
Week of February 19th- R, r
Week of February 26th- Z, z

Dates to Remember:

- February 1- Fieldtrip to Richardson Nature Center
- February 1- Coffee & Book Orders Due
- February 6- T-shirt Tuesday
(wear green preschool t-shirt to school)
- February 13- Singing and Visiting The Waters Senior Living
(across the parking lot from preschool)
- February 14- Valentine's Day Party
- February 19- No School (Presidents' Day)

Looking Ahead:

- March 1- Fieldtrip to MacPhail Center for Music
(Volunteers Needed)
- March 28 & 29- Spring Conferences (No Preschool)
- April 2 - April 5- Spring Break (No Preschool)
- April 9- Preschool Resumes

Classroom Lists for Valentines Cards:

Stella
Lucy
Sadie
Elliot
Olivia
Noelle
Graham
Elena
Oliver
Max

As always, let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Have a happy February!

~Suzy Schubloom

