

CHICKADEE CLASS NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Dear Chickadee Families,

Looking Back...

February was a very active month in our room. We had a lot of fun learning about the letter "P" with popcorn, pasta and a pizza party. And then we jumped into our Valentine Fun Week.

The Valentine holiday provided many fun and creative opportunities for the children. Our discussions focused on friends and how to be a good friend. Art and fine motor activities produced classroom decorations, valentine bags, cards for parents and royal heart crowns. Pre-math skills focused on counting candy hearts, graphing colors of red, purple, pink and measuring the length of our hugs. Pajama days proved to be the highlight of Valentine Fun Week. What fun we all had coming to school in our pajamas and eating yummy breakfast foods. Many performances of "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" were staged by the Chickadee actors both days.

Other February highlights included a Super Bowl Pep Rally and the Chickadees picked the Packers to win! The Chickadees transformed into Queens and Kings in our "*Kingdom of Kindness*." Finally, the Chickadees have begun the big leap of printing their own names. For many months we have been working on a proper grip, forming straight & diagonal lines, and shaping curves & circles...all necessary steps for letter formation. Praise your Chickadee as he/she undertakes this new printing skill and encourage proper grip and top to bottom/left to right letter formation.

Looking Ahead...

We will begin exploring the world of transportation during the month of March. We will focus on how we move from here to there on land, water and through the air. If any parents have an interesting form of transportation to share, we would love to have you bring it in. (Example: bus, boat, RV, racecar, motorcycle etc).

Later in the month we will celebrate the luck of the Irish on St. Patrick's Day and will watch for those sneaky leprechauns!

March Concepts, Dates & Activities

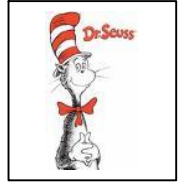
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Special Dates to Remember:

February 28

& March 1:

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss...In honor of Dr. Seuss' March 2nd birthday, the Chickadees will explore literacy through the wonderful world of his many books.



March 9:

Scholastic Book orders... due to the school office.

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Mama Baer the Storyteller comes to Wee Know

9:30 a.m. in the Wee Know gym

March 17:

Happy St. Pat's Day...Wear green today and we will be on the lookout for those mischievous leprechauns!

Thank You

A hearty thanks to our families for your support this month and year round. We appreciate the donations to our Valentine Fun Week. Without your generous support, this week would not have been possible. Likewise, the children and teachers are grateful to all the volunteers this month.

Conference Update

Recently you may have noted conference schedules in other Wee Know classrooms. Chickadee conferences will be conducted in early May due to developmental changes that generally occur the last few months of school. Signup sheets will be posted in April. In the meantime, if you have any concerns, please see a teacher.

Show 'n Share Reminder

Show 'n share continues daily in our classroom! It may help to put an item in your child's backpack at the beginning of the week. Help your child pick out something new each time or relate it to the class theme, letter or color, etc. This is a great opportunity for your child to speak in front of a group and shine!

March Birthdays

 Fatima 3/14  Dominic 3/15

Think Spring!

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