

EMCDC Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day!!



2010 Tax Receipts:

We do not automatically prepare tax receipts for all children, however we will be happy to do so if you need one. Just let us know and we can put a receipt on your child's cubby, or we can fax, mail, or email it to you. If you already know your total for 2010 and just need our Federal tax ID #, it is: 56-1289858-231700.

Picture Day:

Individual and class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Mittens:

Please send your child with mittens, rather than gloves, so that they can put them on themselves.

Paper:

We could use any type of extra (or old) paper, forms, envelopes, etc. for our children to create with in their art & writing centers.

Dog Safety Training:

One of our parents, who is a dog training instructor, offered to do a small workshop for our children on dog safety. She would go over what to do when approaching a dog with its owner, and also what to do if they see a loose dog. She would be using a dog for the training that she is familiar with, and the children would have the option of petting the dog appropriately. Please let us know if you have any concerns about this before we schedule a date with her. Thanks!

February is Dental Health Month:

Make good dental care a family habit! Brush at least two times a day, floss everyday, and get regular dental check-ups.

“Brrrrr...It's COLD!”

(Excerpts from Dec/Jan NC Child Care Health & Safety Bulletin)

Oh, the weather outside might be frightful, but young children find it so delightful! Outdoor conditions provide lots of hands-on learning, even when it is cold out.

Bundle up with extra layers, mittens, hats, & boots. Zipping coats, buttoning sweaters, and pulling on warm socks are valuable self-help skills children can practice.

Take a winter walk in a natural setting. Have children collect objects and look closely at buds on trees and shrubs. Talk with them about what they see and hear.

Movement generates body warmth when outside on a chilly day. Exercise boosts a child's immune system, which helps the body fight infections. Sing or play music and give children a prop to incorporate into their movement. Toddlers and preschoolers can become a whirling wind, winter rabbits hopping, falling snowflakes, birds flying back to their nest, deer bounding across a field, or trees swaying back and forth slowly.

2's Class

Wow, it's already February and it's going to be a great month to talk about hearts, the colors red and pink, and recognizing the number 2.

We will also be working on following 2-step commands to keep them safe and able to play with their friends. We will work on cleaning up after ourselves, which teaches good stewardship of their things and others.

We are happy to say that all of our 2's know how to put their coats on by themselves and some want to learn to zip their coats up too!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call between 1-3 pm.

Happy Birthday to Olivia and Ms. JoAnna this month!

Ms. Sheron & Ms. Ashley

3's Class:

This month the class will be very busy with lots of activities planned for them.

Topics this month: Valentine's Day, Colors-white & purple, Shape-heart, Number 2, Letters R,S,T, & U, Dental Health. This month is Dental Health month, so if your child has not had their first dental check, this would be a good time since we are discussing it in class.

Since love is in the air, we will be sharing lots of it by making a Valentine's Day Trail Mix! This will be our special snack for Valentine's Day. I will be putting up a sign-up sheet for this snack, so be on the lookout for it! ☺

Independent Skills: At the age of 3, your child should be able to dress themselves, put their coat and shoes on, use the bathroom without assistance, button and zip, etc. These are a few examples of things they should be trying and learning to do. We work on these skills at school, so please work on them at home as well. Keep in mind that it is important to allow your child to experience doing things on their own to help them feel confident and learn life skills.

In the upcoming weeks, I will be posting a phone conference sign-up sheet for those interested in discussing your child's progress. Be on the lookout for this if you would like a phone conference with me.

The class welcomes Greyson Cooper and Morgan Ferrell! Happy Birthday to Ms. JoAnna this month! Happy Valentine's Day!

Ms. Renee

3's and 4's Class:

February is here and there is love in the air! We look forward to this month because we will be busy making Valentine's, learning about dental health, community helpers, and the letters R, S, & T.

Our class would like to decorate shoe boxes for our Valentine's boxes, so if anyone has any extras at home, please bring them in for us. I will be making a list of the kids in the classroom for you to use to make Valentine's at home with your child. We will be having a Valentine's treat on the 14th. Please watch for the sign-up sheet.

I know you have probably noticed a lot of drawings and creative art in your child's cubby. They have really been enjoying our writing center where they are free to explore and expand their minds with creativity. This center also really helps strengthen their fine motor skills.

We would like to welcome Danica and Kate to our room this month!

Happy Birthday to Ms. JoAnna on the 21st!

Ms. Jennifer

4's and 5's Class:

We are celebrating the colors red, pink, and white this month!

The topics for the month of February are: Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Dental Health, and Transportation. The letters for this month are Cc, Bb, & Dd.

The children are having a great time using many types of art materials in our room. If you have any paper or other items you would like to recycle for our art center, please let us know!

The art center promotes many learning skills such as recognizing different shapes, colors, sizes, & textures, eye-hand coordination, fine motor skills, and the pride they have in completing work for our classroom. Please take a look around the room at your child's work.

Happy Birthday to Lauren (4th), Meghan (4th), Alan (27th), and Ms. JoAnna (21st)!

We hope everyone has a Happy Valentine's Day!

Ms. Sheila & Ms. Debbie