



Discovery Zone Gazette

Love is in the Air in the Toddler Room

The Toddler Room would like to start the month of February off by congratulating Rebecca and Mason on starting the potty training process! They are both doing a wonderful job!

During the first week the Toddlers will learn about Groundhog Day (2/2) and explore the color red. The children will make a groundhog puppet, play a groundhog shadow game, decorate a red stop sign and play "I

Spy" with the color red. For the second week in February the Toddlers will celebrate Valentine's Day. The children will make a valentine bear, heart fold overs and make our own waffle heart snack.

Next, the Toddler Room will explore a Healthy Hearts and Nutrition theme. The children will put together



a food pyramid, make a healthy snack, do a measuring activity, and a heart jump.

Lastly, we will do a theme on mail. The Toddlers will learn about and make a stamp, decorate a mailbox, and read and write a letter.

Just a reminder, please bring in your child's snow gear everyday. Also please remember to label all your child's belongings.

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Important Dates:

- 2/11 Fun Day permission slips due
- 2/16-2/20 Fun Days for School Agers



Preschool B is All Smiles About Dental Health

The first month of 2009 has come and gone so quickly! Preschool B has many new and exciting things planned for the month of February.

The first week, we will continue our theme on storytelling. We will use all of the classroom centers to take apart the story and really get a better understanding of it.

Next, Preschool B will have a week on Love and Valentine's Day. We will work on symmetry with hearts and play 2 different Valentine's games that build gross mo-

tor skills. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on 2/13 by passing out cards to friends and let them know how much we care. If your child does not attend on Fridays, feel free to leave cards ahead of time.



For the third week of February, Preschool B will have a Dental week.

Senses will be tested as the children touch, smell, and taste toothpaste. The children will learn about teeth and the tools at the dentist to help alleviate

fears and build confidence for real dentist visits.

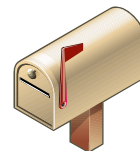
Finally, Preschoolers end the month with a unit on Mail that continues into March. The children will make a classroom mailbox to receive letters from other classrooms and parent. We will talk about what mail centers do and what a person needs to do to mail a letter. On Wed. 2/25, we will take a field trip to the Post Office to learn more about it.

We would like to welcome Emily M., Mason L. and families to our class.



- 2/19 "Birds on the Run" entertain and educate the children about a variety of birds native to CT

- 2/25 Preschool B field trip to the Post Office.



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Infants Enjoy a Colorful Month

The theme for the month of February is Valentine's Day. We will decorate the classroom with a variety of projects including heart hand prints and foot prints. The children will build language skills through the song, "I

Love You" and stories such as "Lilly's Chocolate Heart" and "My Special Valentines."

Throughout the month the Infants will focus on colors. The children will be introduced to many red items since red is the color of love. The children will enjoy a sensory experience as they play with

snow.

The children will also enjoy games that promote cognitive growth. The younger infants will work on hand eye coordination as the older children practice waving, blowing kisses and fun games like "patty cake."

Please remember to pack extra clothes in your child's cubby that reflect the days weather.



Preschool A Explores the Wonders of Weather

During the month of February, Preschool A will continue learning the alphabet. V, W, X, and Y will be the featured letters this month. We start with the letter V during the first week of February along with the theme of Groundhog Day and it's significance to the end of winter. The children will enjoy stories about the day and it's star, Punxatawny Phil.

The next week brings the letter W and the theme of Valentine's Day. The children will build creative and social skills as they paint pictures and have their friends describe how the paintings make them feel. Preschoolers will enjoy a sensory experience as the dig in the sand table to find

hearts. Math skills will also be built as the children attempt to seriate the hearts by size. The children will build fine motor skills as they use string to lace hearts.

The letter X is next with the theme of Dental Hygiene. The children will sort foods into "healthy" and "unhealthy" groups while learning about good nutrition. Fine motor skills will be enhanced as the children paint with dental floss. Preschool A ends the week with cooperation and scientific inquiry as the children make toothpaste with baking soda, salt and coloring.

Preschool A ends the month with the

letter Y and the theme of weather. The children will be encouraged to learn the scientific process by predicting the next days weather then checking their hypotheses. Artistic development and fine motor skills will be engaged as the children choose a weather situation and then decide what they should do when its rainy, sunny, etc. Finally, the children will enjoy creating their own weather on a piece of paper with cloud patterns on it.



Happy Birthday to Nicholas M. on 2/18 and Caleb F. on 2/6.

Center News

DZLC is going GREEN! Please remember to pack your child's lunch with *everything* s/he will need to eat with including silverware, cups, napkins etc. We are attempting to reduce waste



and to teach the children to reduce, reuse, and recycle!

If you would like your child to eat breakfast at DZLC, please make sure your child arrives by 8:30 in order to have time to eat before the structured part of the day begins. We would hate for your child to miss out on any of the daily activities.



Please make sure that you clean out your child's cubby weekly. When the cubbys get too full it is difficult for the children to get or store items in-



