



Discovery Zone Gazette

Preschool B Does "Fine" on Motor Skills

Preschool B will begin the month of February with a one week theme on Groundhog Day. During this week, the children will learn about shadows through experiments. They will work together to trace each others bodies and color them with dark colors. The children will also work on sequencing skills with a four part scene of a groundhog coming out of his hole. Preschool B will continue to work on the letter K.

Next, Preschoolers will enjoy a one week theme on Valentine's Day. The children will prepare Valentines for families and decorate

the classroom for the annual Valentine's Day PJ Party on 2/13.

Next, Preschool B will focus on the 5 senses. Throughout the week, the children will explore a different sense each day and enjoy a taste test of a variety foods on "Taste Day." The children will also be encouraged to use their senses of sight, touch, smell, and hearing while enjoying "Birds on the Run" on 2/19.

Finally, we wrap up February with a one week them on writing and fine motor skills. During this week, the children will continu-

ously practice writing their names. The class will also review all the letter in the alphabet and be encouraged to sight recognize them. The children will cut with scissors and lace with string as we continue to build fine motor skills.



Toddler B Searches for Shadows

Toddler B will chase their shadows in February as we begin the month with a week on Groundhog Day and shadows. We will captivate the children's imagination through a series of projects that target cognitive skills. The children will learn



about the groundhog seeing its shadow and attempt to sequence pictures related to that. The children will enjoy sponge painting a groundhog and vocabulary will be enhanced through a new song, "5 Little Groundhogs."

For the second week, Toddler B will see red as we celebrate

Valentine's Day. The children will enjoy a sensory experience as they make and finger paint heart shapes with red "goop." The children will continue to explore the color red with a red collage made out of felt, string, hearts and pictures. We finish the week by using senses to enjoy (Cont. pg. 2)

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Important Dates:

- 2/13 Early Dismissal School Age
- 2/6 Fun Day Permission slips are due
- 2/16-2/20 Fun Days for School Age
- 2/19 Special: Birds on the Run



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Toddler A Is on the Move

Toddlers will start the month of February with a two week theme on Mail. Children will enhance their knowledge by being introduced to the format of a letter, by "writing" their own letters and making stamps for the envelope. Children will use their sensory skill to paint a mail carrier and will learn about what s/he does. They will better develop math skills by playing a envelope matching game. Toddlers will also create their own mailbox in which they will receive mail daily. Parents will have the opportunity to send a letter to their child as well as the class. The children will begin to learn about the towns they live in

through music.

Next, Toddler A moves on to a one week theme on Transportation. Children will use fine motor and spatial awareness skill to create cars. The children will also use fine motor skills to create a stop light. We will discuss other road signs and their meanings as the children begin to understand that words and symbols have meaning. The classroom will be transformed into a roadway in which Toddlers will be able to use their gross motor skills by driving vehicles around the road.



The children end the week by using toy cars to create tracks.

Lastly, Toddler A wraps up February with a week them on Farm Animals. The children will enhance science skills as they make homemade butter and "milking a cow" using a rubber glove. The children will enjoy a sensory experience as they paint a barn 'make cotton ball sheep and cover pigs in dirt. Geometry will be the focus as they make a "Circle Pig."

Toddler A wishes everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and is happy to welcome Jordan R. and family to our class.

Preschool A Continues a City of Shapes

Have you stopped by to see our "City of Shapes?" If not, you have plenty of time since we will spend the month of February adding to it.

Preschool A begins the month with a discussion of Groundhog Day and an experiment with a flashlight to make shadows. Throughout the rest of the week, we will discuss weather. The children will be encouraged to discuss sun, rain, wind, snow and ice. The children will have many opportunities this week for scientific exploration.

We can't forget Valentine's Day, so the second week of February Pre-

school A will be busy preparing for a Valentine's Day Party. The children will make Valentines cards and holders to keep any Valentines they may receive. Preschoolers will also practice cutting heart shapes and play "I Spy" with the color red.

Next, Preschool A moves on to a week of occupations. This will be a fun week to discuss what parents do at work. The children will also be assigned to a job of their own that will be responsible for in the "City of Shapes." Look for these upcoming jobs to be posted outside the class.

This week will also add many important buildings to the "City" such as hospital, school, police station and lots more!

The last week of the month will focus on transportation. The children will learn about a variety of modes of transportation on land, sea and air. Each mode of transportation the children create will be added to the "City" so the "citizens" can move around.



Toddler B Continued

Valentine's Day cookies.

Next, let's get a handle on emotions. The children will learn to express their emotions in English, Spanish and Sign Language. Which gives the children a variety of ways to express how they are feeling. The children will make an emotion banner which will

display emotions in pictures. We will also discuss and practice ways to handle sad or angry moments.

To end the month, Toddler B will concentrate on staying healthy through proper nutrition and exercise. We will promote healthy eating by introducing a variety of foods such as

mango, kiwi and sweet peppers. We will discuss the 5 major food groups and the importance of eating them every day. Toddler B finishes the month with a relay race and yoga practice. Don't forget to dress your child in sweats on 2/27.

Love is in the Air in the Infant Room

Six more weeks of winter? To begin the month, we will read a touch and feel book about Groundhog Day and



explore a stuffed groundhog. On 2/2 the children will enjoy a game of light and shadows.

During the next week, Infants will do a sensory awareness project using red Jell-O. The children will also make cupid's arrows using hand and feet prints to celebrate Valentine's Day. The children will also have an opportunity to sponge paint hearts.

For the last two weeks of February the Infants will explore fruits and vegetables. Language skills will be built as the children enjoy songs about colors and fruit. The children will have the opportunity to build ob-

ject perception by touching and feeling a variety of fruits and veggies such as apples, bananas, and carrots.

One last note: We would like to welcome Gabriella J. and family to our class. Best wishes to Jordan as she transitions to the Toddler Room. Parents, please remember to have season appropriate extra clothes in your child's cubby. Also, don't forget to make sure the extra clothes still fit your child as the Infants are growing so fast!

Have a loveable month!

Happy Birthday

Grace Q.	2/3/05	Jeremy B	2/18/05
Megan P.	2/9/03	Jacob S. M.	2/20/01
Madison H.	2/11/05	Haley C.	2/28/03
Austin T.	2/12/03	Tammy P.	2/26/??
Anna R.	2/15/06		



