

Classroom News 4s



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February News

We begin the month by dedicating an entire week to introducing the fine works of Vincent Van Gogh, Pablo Picasso, Piet Mondrian and Henri Matisse. Our master painter art unit will culminate with a school wide Gallery Art Show on March 26th. All artwork we create will be sent home after the spring art show.

We will have a classroom Valentine party on Feb. 13th. If you would like to contribute a snack please look at the sign-up sheet. Each child will be making a Valentine mailbox during class time. When choosing cards please include your child in the process in some way. For example, your child can choose the cards, sign his/her name on the cards or put a sticker on each card. Please do **NOT** put classmates' names on the cards. The children will distribute their cards during class. Individually addressed cards makes the distribution process difficult and takes away from the fun. If you choose "boy/girl" cards we have 6 girls and 12 boys.

I am looking forward to meeting with you individually on March 7th or 8th to discuss the progress of your child. There will be no school these days. You may sign up for a conference time on the schedule that will be posted soon.

Small Group / Center Time

- Sequence the events of daily routines (i.e. grocery shopping and getting ready for bed)
- Paint at the easel on a vertical surface; core strength, posture, hand stabilization, crossing the midline.
- Identify friends' names when delivering cards (letter recognition)

Learning Standard Highlight

We are providing learning experiences to support the development of fine motor skills. Writing, cutting, stacking small blocks, squeezing tweezers and clipping mittens with clothespins require controlling the small muscles in the hands. We are helping your children work those muscles and use appropriate hand position with tools.

Reminders, upcoming events, etc.

- Miss Regina returns on February 20th for library day.
- Parent/teacher conferences, March 7th and 8th. No school these days. Please make child care arrangements.
- Dad/Special Buddy day on March 15th. Mark your calendars!

