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as we get ready for our Patriotic Day parade and sing-a long on February 23.

Winter break is February 15-19. Cheryl and I will also be having conferences this month to discuss your child's future plans.

Kristin and Cheryl

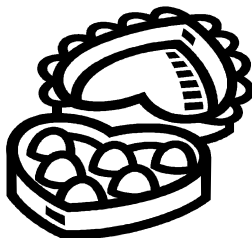


MRS. SHOEMAKER'S 5-DAY 4-YEAR-OLD CLASS

We're well into the New Year and we are busy filling it with fun. We enjoyed lots of winter crafts and activities this past month, especially hibernating and our snowball fight!

In the next couple of months, we will be working on a unit "Around the World". We would like to explore several countries/regions such as the Arctic and Antarctica, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Africa. We have many international parents and would welcome any ideas that you can share. Please let us know if you would like to help.

February will be a busy month as we celebrate the 100th day of school, Valentine's Day and Patriotic Day. We will have a valentine exchange and party on February 12. During our patriotic unit, we will talk about our wonderful country



and learn about a few of our past presidents. Please join us for our parade and sing-a long on Tuesday, February 23, starting at 9:30.

Have a great month!
Ann and Errin

MRS. PERRY'S K-TOWN KINDERGARTEN CLASS

January has flown by with the letters S, W, I and G. We learned about winter and celebrated a New Year!

In February, we will learn Letters L, K, and V. Our Valentine's party will be on February 12. from 11:00 - 12:00. Our party Moms are Tina Haynes, Melissa Mullins, and Sarah Killmeier.

Winter break is February 15 through February 19. Patriotic Day is Wednesday, February 24. We will have a parade at 9:30 followed by a sing-a-long in Smith Hall.

Our units this month will be Valentines and Presidents!



Our conferences will begin in March. Keep a look out for the conference form and sign and return them ASAP.

Thanks for letting us have your children each day!

Anne and Mary Carol

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MRS. LANDIS' 3-DAY 4-YEAR-OLD CLASS

The children returned in New Year ready to learn and play.

February will be a busy month as we celebrate Valentine's Day and Patriotic Day. We will talk about the gift of friends and family. At the end of the month, we will talk about our country, the United States. Our Patriotic Day parade and sing-a-long will be on February 24, at 9:30. Please join us!



The children's Valentine's Day party will be on Friday, February 12. Please have your child send in 12 Valentine cards, one for each child in the class. If possible, have your child print his or her name on the back of the cards using an initial uppercase letter followed by the lowercase letters. To avoid confusion I feel it would be best not to address the envelopes.

One final note, please remember to label your child's outerwear. We try to go outside everyday unless it is raining.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Sue and Hilary



MRS. NACKE'S 4-DAY 4-YEAR OLD CLASS

Our class is off to a wonderful start in 2010. We enjoyed getting back into the swing of things after the holidays with very enthusiastic and happy children. January was filled with Snowmen, snowflakes, penguins, and a trip around the world, which we will continue into February.

February will be filled with Valentine's Day, (card exchange and party), our unit on the Wonderful USA, Winter Break, and followed with a parade on Patriotic Day.

Have a great month & enjoy your winter break,

Chris & Anne

MS. CHERYL AND MRS. VANO'S 4 DAY 4-YEAR-OLD CLASS

We've had a great start to the New Year. The children are happy to be back at school playing with friends and learning.

February will be a busy month. We will learn about the letter 'R' and 'K' and about loving one another. Our Bible verse will be "love is patient, love is kind" 1 Corinthians 13:4

Our Valentine's Day party will be on Thursday, February 11 and the children will exchange valentines. We will talk about the United States and a couple of presidents,

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MRS. DRESSEL'S 3-DAY 3-YEAR-OLD CLASS

We are well into the New Year and it is off to a good start. We are all getting back into our routine, which seems comforting to the children. We have discussed the New Year and the winter season. This has included some fun with snowmen. We have also talked about where we live and our community helpers. As always, we are painting at the easel and having fun with art projects.

The month of February brings Ground Hog Day and Valentine's Day. Our Valentine party will be on Friday, February 12th. Remember Winter Break will be February 15-19. We will celebrate Patriotic Day February 24.

Sylvia and Mary Kay

MRS. GRAW'S 4-DAY 3-YEAR-OLD CLASS

I hope you all know about hibernating and camouflage now. We will wrap up our hibernating unit with Ground Hog Day. Please ask about the hibernating song. - Bears are sleeping.

February is fun - again! Besides Valentine's Day, we prepare for Patriotic Day on Feb. 24. We will parade at 9:30 and sing at 9:40. Please join us. We will talk a lot about George Washington and his horse and Abe Lincoln with his tall hat - please ask your child about them after we are done with the bears.



The children are doing well - you all know by now four is a very rambunctious age - laugh a lot, it makes it all easier.

For our Valentine party please send in 12 valentines signed by your child with no name on the outside. Party moms are Heather, Tracy, and Jackie.

Nancy and CJ

MRS. HUEMPFNER'S 4-DAY 3-YEAR-OLD CLASS

January was a fun month to talk about cold weather, make snowmen, play with ice in the water table, pretend to be one of the three little kittens and play with glittery white play dough.



February highlights will be Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day and getting ready for Patriotic Day after

Winter Break. We will talk about how special it is to have friends and the importance of being a good friend. For our Valentine party please send in a valentine for each child with your child's name written on the card, but please DO NOT put any names on the outside of the envelope. Please send these in before the day of our party. Valentine party moms are Heike (Ava) and JoAnn (Kimmy).

Barb and Marianne

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each bringing something unique and wonderful to our class. We hope you have a happy Valentine's Day.
Joy and Tracey

MRS. McMILLIN'S 3- DAY 2 -YEAR-OLD CLASS

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday. We cannot believe it is already February. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month by having a party on February 12 at 11:00. Please have your child bring in 10 valentine cards to pass out to their friends. It is best not to put individual names on each of them.

Along with our Valentine's Day celebration, we will also celebrate Patriotic Day. This will be on February 24. I will be sending our information on the upcoming events as they are planned out.

Lastly, our school will be closed for Winter Break from February 15-19. We hope you enjoy the time with your family. We are truly enjoying the children and love watching them grow each month. Thanks for sharing them with us.

Cindy and Henrietta



MRS. MEDEIROS' 2-DAY and 3-DAY 3-YEAR-OLD CLASSES

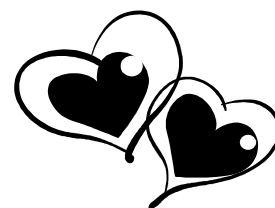
Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is 2010! We started January off by looking for Frosty the Snowman. Since Old Man Winter was taking a break, we decided to make our own Frosty the Snowman. As we searched for our mittens, we enjoyed classic stories such as The Three Little Kittens. After reading Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear? by Eric Carle, the children enjoyed making their own polar bear. Also, we enjoyed The Mitten by Alvin Tresselt. We hope you got a chance to hear their version of the story.



February brings us into a lot of different events. We started off with dental hygiene for healthy and happy smiles. Then, Valentine's Day we discuss God's love and our love for each other. Also, we will express our love for our great country with Patriotic Day on February 23. and February 24. It will consist of a parade and sing-a-long at 9:30.

Starting in February, I will begin conferences. Valentine parties will be February 11 and 12 at 11:00.

XOXO
Sandra, Barb, and Cathy



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MRS. OWENS' 2-DAY 2-YEAR-OLD CLASS

Wow! It's February already. February will be lots of fun because we celebrate Valentine's Day and Patriotic Day. February 11th is the Valentine party at 11:00. The children may bring valentines, but please, only sign the valentine cards; DO NOT address them. It is too hard for the kids to deliver the cards if they are addressed.



School is closed February 15-19 for Fayette County's Mid Winter Break.

February 23th is Patriotic Day with a parade and a sing-a-long. Please feel free to come and participate.

Remember to read the Director's Notes for school information pertaining to the upcoming registration for next year.

Bonnie and I feel very blessed to be working with your children. They are truly a joy.

Betsy & Bonnie



MRS. SMITH'S 3-DAY 2-YEAR-OLD CLASS

January was a fun month. We played with "snow" (shaving cream) and ice. We cooked gingerbread and we enjoyed a unit with M & M's - great for counting, learning colors and eating!

In February, we will be busy with Groundhogs, Valentine's Day, and Patriotic Day.

We will have a Valentine party on Friday, February 12. Please send in 10 valentine cards for the party. Sign your child's name on the cards but please do not address the envelopes - delivery of the cards is much easier this way.

We will have Patriotic Day on Wednesday, February 24. Please join us for a parade and a sing-a-long. We will be making hats and T-shirts to wear for this special day.

Happy Valentine's Day.
Tracey and Wendy

MRS. McILWRAITH'S 2-DAY 2-YEAR-OLD CLASS

In February, we will be celebrating all kinds of love, our love for our family and friends, and our love for our country. Please check our class calendar for details on our Valentines Party and our Patriotic Day parade and sing-along, both coming up this month.

With our weeklong winter break coming up on the week of the 15th we will have to get very busy to be ready for all our February events!

February seems like the perfect time to say how much we love having your children in our class. We have learned so much about each one and we are amazed, as always, at how different they all are,

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LIBRARY UPDATE

Dear Parents,

I am the new/old Librarian at First Pres Preschool and I would like to take a few minutes to tell you about myself. I was librarian at the preschool from October 2007 to May 2008. I have been a substitute teacher for the past couple years at the preschool. My daughter attended First Pres Preschool for 4½ years is now a First Grader at Braelinn Elementary. My family and I have been living in PTC for 16 years. We are members of First Presbyterian Church. I already know many of your children from my substitute days!

In February, we will be reading books about Valentine's Day and love. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read and teach your children.

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FUNTIME NEWS

It was so good to get back to school. I missed the children very much.

As we start our new year, we are trying to run for a little bit longer. We are also learning how to do sit ups and jumping jacks.

Our activities this month will include playing with our soccer balls and goals,

using the tumbling mat for forward rolls, and balancing on the balance beam and balancing cups and hoop games and playing hockey.

Have a happy and healthy month,
Mrs. O



Healthy Snack of the Month

Healthy Hearts:

Use a heart shape cookie cutter on watermelon slices. Poke a small wooden skewer through each heart, then complete the arrow with an orange slice tip and tail.

SPANISH

My Spanish students are doing such a great job learning and practicing their Spanish every week in class!

This month, we will be reviewing colors and counting to ten, and the days of the week. We will learn new vocabulary and learning about mi familia/ my family and el cuerpo/body.

Gracias/ Thank you,
Sra. Maria Algaze

"Feliz Dia De Valentin"/ "Happy Valentines Day"

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VACATION DAYS

We will be closed
February 15-19
for Winter Break.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2010-2011
school year is as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. **March 1:** Current students of
church members
- 9:00 a.m. **March 2:** Current students
- 9:00 a.m. **March 3:** Current students
- 9:00 a.m. **March 4:** Church members
with no children
currently in program
- 9:00 a.m. **March 5:** Siblings & former
students
- 8:30 a.m. **March 8:** Public registration

Registration forms will come home with your children on February 25 and 26. You are encouraged to return the completed form in your child's bucket or backpack on the appropriate date. Have the registration fee securely attached to the registration form. Please be assured your teacher will turn the forms in as soon as they are received. You will be notified if the class you are requesting has filled. If you do not hear from us, your child is registered for the class requested.

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"
I John 3:1

Susan Gilbert

CONFERENCE TIME

During the months of February, your child's teacher will be contacting you to set up a conference to explain how your child is doing in the classroom and to address any questions or concerns you may have.

Parent's Night Out!

Our wonderful PTO is sponsoring a Parent's Night Out in March. More information will be coming home with your child this month.

We are excited about our upcoming Innisbrook fundraiser! You will be receiving details in your child's bucket/backpack, so please be watching for more detailed information

Calling all Photographers!

We need pictures (regular or digital) for the end-of-year slide show. If you took some great photos at school this year, please share them! Send in your photos or disc with your name clearly marked on them so we can get them back to you. Thanks!

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is difficult for young children to recall and describe what they did during the school day. Children are active and busy for the entire time, but they sometimes lack the words to tell others about their activities- or by the time you pick them up, they have moved on to other things. Here are a few ideas to use when asking your child about his or her day.

-Keep informed of the class's planned activities so you can ask specific questions.

-For example, "Did you play on the playground today or was it too cold?"

-With most children, avoid general questions like "What happened at school today?"

-Avoid questions that produce one-word answers.

-Ask specific questions such as: "What was in the art center today?"

"Tell me about the drawing in your backpack?"

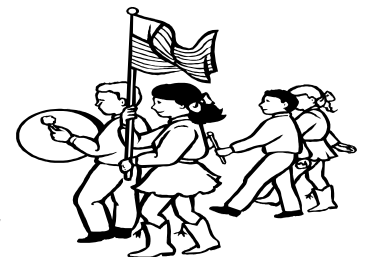
Sometimes telling the child a little something about your own day starts the ball rolling. The child may get the idea of sharing news and feelings about his or her day.



VALENTINE'S DAY

We will have our Valentine's parties on February 11 for our 2-day and 4-day classes and February 12 for our 3-day and 5-day classes. Please see your individual teachers for their party plans and valentine card instructions.

PATRIOTIC DAYS



We will be celebrating Patriotic Days on February 23 and February 24. On Tuesday, February 23, all two-day classes, and four-day classes will parade at 9:30 and sing together at 9:40 in Smith Hall. On Wednesday, February 24, the three-day and 5-day classes will parade at 9:30 and sing at 9:40 in Smith Hall. This is a fun, informal time when the children gather together to sing patriotic songs with Miss JoBeth. Parents are welcome to join us!