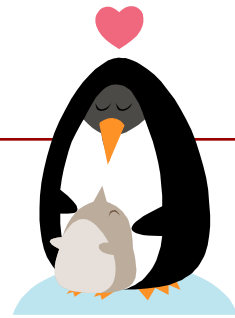


February Newsletter

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SPECIAL DATES

- February 10th
Ms. Kathyanne's
Birthday
- February 14th
Valentine's Day Party
- February 20th
No School -P resident's
Day
- March 9th
Ice Cream Social -close
at noon
- March 12th-16th
Spring Break-No School
- March 20th
VPK Roundup

FROM THE DIRECTOR:

This month is all about loving those around you and cherishing the people who mean the most to you. I'm proud to say that my school-family is included in that! Thank you all so much for everything that you do, and I truly enjoy coming to work.

Valentine's Day

Our party is February 14th, and we will be putting out a sign-up sheet, so please make sure you check with your child's teacher to see what needs to be brought in! Remember that everything must be **NUT FREE**. This is not a preference, this is a requirement. Food will be turned away if it contains any traces of nuts.

Spring Supper Spectaculaire

We're beginning to collect donations for our annual Auction. We would be honored if you or someone you know would be kind enough to donate goods or services to our annual fundraiser. We know you know people!

School Choice

February 6th through February 24th is the window available to select school choice for elementary school. If your child is moving up to Kindergarten, please make yourself informed about the school choices available. Flyers will be in the Parent Information Board and information will be available in our office.

VPK Roundup

On March 20th, our school is holding a VPK Roundup to inform parents of children moving up to the Red Room of the responsibilities and rules of the VPK classroom. Please make an effort to attend! Childcare will be available for the meeting.

Summer Camp

Soon we will be handing out flyers for our Summer Camp. We offer Camp for children ages 2-10 and offer discounts for siblings! Be on the lookout for early registration so you don't miss out on some great deals.

With love, Miss Janet



Red Room

In January we began writing in our journals. The journals help them practice their phonics skills, writing skills, and creative expression. They are doing such a great job! We are now working on word families _at and _en. It's important that you keep practicing letter sounds at home so that they can get the most out of their class time.

Our field trip to Mote was amazing. Pictures will be on Facebook so everyone who couldn't chaperone this time around can feel like they were part of the trip.

Evaluations have been handed out and if you would like to request a conference please sign up! As a

reminder, parents have forgotten snack lately and the children have had to eat what we call "leftovers". While still nutritious, the kids have all agreed that they're pretty boring. Check your snack calendar!!!

February 14th is Valentine's Day, and as it should be, we will be having a classroom party. Afternoon VPK will be from 9-12 that day to accommodate the party. A sign-up sheet will be posted, so be on the lookout for items that you can bring in! Valentine's Day is a great opportunity for children to practice their names. Have your child write their name on the Valentine's and then you can fill in "for a friend".

School Choice is February 6th

through February 24th, so make sure to plan a visit to the nearby elementary schools to visit on Kindergarten Orientation days and pick up the necessary forms. On the Parent Information Board outside of the Yellow Room, the Kindergarten Orientation schedules will be posted, so check often!

We're trying to plan a field trip to Bishop Planetarium for March—but we need plenty of chaperones!!! We cannot schedule a date until we are positive we will have the required amount of chaperones, so please contact us if you think you will be able to help.

Miss Amanda & Miss Katy

Blue Room

Hello February!

This is going to be another exciting month in the Blue Room. We will be covering topics such as the circus, Valentines, mail, and transportation. We will have a Valentine Exchange on Tuesday, February 14th. Prior to the exchange, we are asking for one shoe box per child so that we can make mail-boxes. If you don't have any shoe boxes, the next time you are out pop into Payless or K-Mart and ask for a spare for a craft and they are usually very accommodating. Also for Valentine's Day, bring in 12 Valentines labeled To & From. A class list will be given out soon; Talk about the class list and see if your child recognizes any of his or her classmates names. This can be a great conversation starter and will enrich your child's vocabulary.

The following week we will be learning about mail. Please bring in any junk mail you have so we can open and sort it. Also, old cards and envelopes would be a great donation and will help us expand our mail unit.

There will not be a field trip this month mostly

because our last field trip was difficult to plan for with parents unsure if they wanted their children on the bus, in a car, chaperoned by whom, or if they wanted to go at all. Field trips are a fun learning experience, but if you feel that the Blue Room is too early to start going on field trips, let us know so that we can find other ways to enrich our children inside the classroom.

The last theme of the month will be transportation. In this unit we will peddle, fly and zoom in every way we know how.

The end of the year will be here quickly. Only three more months! Please remember that each family is responsible for ten volunteer hours per year. You all have been doing a fantastic job bringing healthy snacks to share and getting to school by 9:15 and this has made the school days go by smoothly. Thank you for everything. See you in the Blue Room!

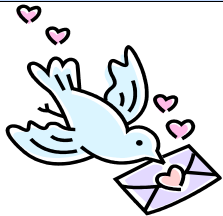
Miss Kathyanne and Miss Lindsay



SPRING SUPPER SPECTACULAIRE

Ever year, we hold a Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner. Business from all over the county (and sometimes outside of it!) donate goods and services to be auctioned off for our Educational Resources Fund. This year, we're putting a twist on the night and performing Spring-themed songs for you before the Auction begins!

With an adult ticket purchase you receive a dinner and seat for the show, with a children's ticket purchase they receive dinner and child-care for the time you are at the Auction! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



Happy Valentines Day!

YELLOW ROOM

January was packed with lots of learning! The children really enjoyed learning about their five senses. We did lots of experiments and the taste test was very fun. The field trip to Mixon's Fruit Farm was a blast! Thank you to everyone who helped out. Volunteer hours will be given to the chaperones who helped make the day a success.

February is going to be full of great things. We will be talking about Presidents both past and present and the great things they have done. We will learn about dinosaurs too! We'll be going on a dinosaur hunt to try and find dinosaur eggs. The color this month is pink and the shape is the heart. The letters

are L, M, and N.

On February 14th, the Yellow Room will be going to Paris, France. Our classroom is being transformed into a bistro in Paris. We will be celebrating Valentines in the city of love. So please dress your child in their best outfits. We will be exploring the ethnic foods from Paris and maybe do some fancy dancing. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet! If you have any suggestions or know how to cook any amazing foods from Paris, let me know.

Thanks again!

Miss Erin



PARENT'S CORNER

With Valentines Day right around the corner, I am sure if you are anything like me you have been thinking about how can you incorporate this special day with your kids.... right?

Here are some Valentine Day ideas:

- ♥ heart shaped sandwiches with a cookie cutter
- ♥ heart shaped cake (use a square pan/round pan) let the kids decorate
- ♥ homemade cards
- ♥ fondue with chocolate or caramel syrup with fresh fruit
- ♥ make a simple dinner
- ♥ cookies (we use break and bake)

Hope everyone enjoys Valentine's Day!!

Until Next Month,
Bethany