



Ms. Kristin's February 2012 Newsletter

Happy February!

January was a fun month in our classes. We welcomed 3 new friends to the morning class: Madeline Smith, David Harris, and Alexis Kuskie. We also welcomed 2 new friends to the afternoon class: Vincent Juarez and Lila DeJager. The children had a good time learning about space, winter, dinosaurs, and nursery rhymes. We did a few experiments and learned some science words like "extinct" and "hypothesis." In case you haven't heard, Linus got a new cage (very exciting).

Ms. Jamie's class now joins our afternoon class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for enrichment time. Together, Jamie and I are able to include more science time and targeted work with the children on focus areas where they may need extra help. We really like having more friends to play with in class and on the playground.

Thank you so much for your cooperation with sending lunches that don't need to be heated up. New health department regulations make it necessary for us to discontinue heating the kid's lunches. Some parents have mentioned that they aren't sure how to send a hot dog or corn dog which their children really like to eat. My child takes his lunch to school as well and I found a nice thermos bottle that fits in his lunch bag. I fill it with hot water while I prepare the food I put in it (usually a cut-up hot dog). I heat the food to full temperature (at least 160 degrees), empty the water out of the thermos and put the food in while it is still hot. He reports to me that it is still hot when he gets to lunch at 11:45.

Our class has been hit hard by the respiratory viruses and illnesses going around. Before sending your child back to school after an illness, they must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Motrin (ibuprofen). We are encouraging the children to "put their coughs in their elbows" and to wash their hands after they use a tissue or touch their nose.

I have included a February calendar on the back of the letter as well as a Scholastic book order. The order will be due Monday, February 13. Don't forget to use your gift certificate if you haven't already.

We will have a special craft activity for Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 14 and a Valentine exchange. Each child in the morning class should bring 28 signed Valentine's by February 13. Please send them in a bag with your child's name on it. Each child in the afternoon class should bring 8 signed Valentine's on February 14.

All for now...

Peace,
Kristin