



February 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Creative Corner School Families,

We hope everyone's new year is off to a great start. As we move into the upcoming months we will have lots of exciting events to look forward. Some events we would like to highlight are Friendship week, Evening of Excellence, and Opening Day celebration.

We would like to welcome all the new families that are starting this month at Creative Corner School. Several of the families are new to the area so as you see new faces in the building, please reach out and introduce yourself to them.

As the winter weather is just getting started we ask that you ensure your child is dressed warmly for the days we will be heading outside. If your child wears winter boots to school, please have them change into sneakers before they enter the classroom. This will help eliminate the tracking in of all the snow, salt, sand and dirt that will be in abundance on the roads and the parking lot.

We wish you and your family a healthy and happy New Year!!!

Warm regards,
Jeanne and Sam



Upcoming Events

Friday, February 2 -Please help us celebrate the Patriots making it into the Super Bowl. Send your child in wearing Patriots (or Eagles) gear or team colors.

Wednesday, February 14 – Please send your child in wearing red in celebration of our Friendship Day.

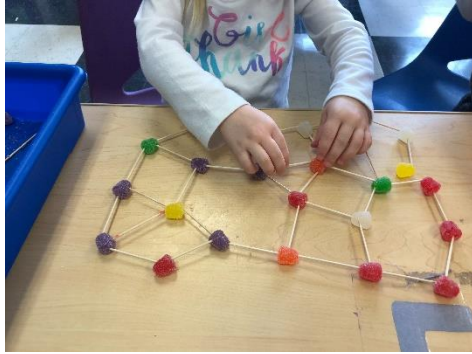
Monday, February 19 – The center will be closed in observance of Presidents Day.

Classroom Highlights

Infants: During the month of January the children in Yellow 1 and Green 1 had a lot of fun doing arts and crafts such as creating their own blizzard with paint, finger painting and decorating snowflakes. In the month of February, the infants will be decorating foam shaped hearts, painting with heart shaped cookie cutters, finger painting with Valentine's Day colors and exploring with pink and red colored cool whip. We look forward to the continued Winter fun!

Toddlers: Happy New Year!! The toddlers have started the new year off with some fun. We started the month off exploring shapes, colors and the alphabet. Friends had a great time during art making colorful collages and textured shape art. Then we studied children around the world and discussed some of the traditions from other countries. We painted koala bears and glued pom-poms together to make festive sombreros. Owls were the theme that ended the month. We discussed some fun facts about owls such as how they sleep all day and play at night, that they make a fun sound "whooot" and how they have very big eyes. Since we had such chilly weather and were unable to play outdoors, we had our own fun in play space running, jumping and crawling around. Friends continue to enjoy storytelling using books and felt stories. We look forward to February when we will explore themes such as Friendship, Dr. Seuss and arctic animals.

Preschool: What an exciting month preschool has had! During our winter sports week the classes froze large buckets of water to create an ice rink for the animals and dolls to ice skate on. The children had fun designing and engineering buildings using materials like gum drops and toothpicks. After we built different height buildings we used our Unifex cubes to measure and compare the various heights. We had fun exploring our similarities and differences with magnifying glasses during the Martin Luther King Jr. week. We practiced



Purple 2 STEAM

giving compliments to our friends and came up with ideas on how to spread peace like being nice, sharing, and helping someone who may be angry or sad. We played a fun matching game during our opposites week where the children matched pictures like day/night, happy/sad, big/small. Finally, we learned exciting facts about arctic animals. We got to take a nature walk around the neighborhood where we got to look for and investigate various animal tracks in the snow. We look forward to the month of February when we will learn about pets, friendship, healthy bodies, and Dr. Seuss!

Pre-K and Kindergarten. Pre-K and Kindergarten classes were rewarded with lots of snow to start off the new year to play in. We discovered and experimented with the properties of liquids and solids both outside and in the classrooms. During our polar bear unit, the children discovered how arctic animals keep warm when we used gloves, Crisco (assimilating their blubber) and ice water. They were excited to see as the ice melted, the hidden animals emerge. On our penguin unit, they were surprised to learn the Emperor father penguins stay back and take care of the baby eggs on their feet while the mothers go hunting for food.

In honor of MLK, Jr. we showed kindness to one another and made peace doves. For our next author study, we concentrated on the beloved Jan Brett and her winter stories. With the upcoming Winter Olympics, each class focused on different winter sports and good sportsmanship conduct. Next Month, we will be celebrating 100 days in school, friendship week and dental health month

Home Learning Connection

This is a fun activity to do at home that covers many learning domains such as, fine motor and cognitive development and is appreciated by our feathered friends!

Homemade Heart Bird Feeder

Supplies

Piece of toasted bread
Heart shaped cookie cutter
Peanut butter/Lard (does not hold up in warm weather)
Bird Seed

Instructions

- Cut heart shape out of piece of toast
- Spread both sides with peanut butter/lard
- Press into a bowl of bird seed
- Before it dries make a hole in the corner and thread a string or twine
- Dry overnight or in low heat oven



Reminders

Keep Children with you

During Drop Off and Pick Up please keep your child with you at all times. *Do not let children run ahead or wonder.*

Boots and Extra Shoes

Please remember to bring your child in their boots with extra sneakers to put on before they enter their classrooms. There are designated areas to put your wet boots before you enter your classrooms to prevent slipping.

Toys from home

Please remember do not bring in home toys to school. We worry that these toys will get lost or broken.

Drop Off

Drop off is by 9:30 am unless your child has a Doctor/Dentist appointment. Please inform administrative team and the classroom the day before.

Music Enrichment

In January, your children enjoyed acting out winter songs with lots of dramatic and eurhythmic movement. In addition, we chanted "Peter Penguin" and sang "Snowy Owl", "I Have a Little Snowman" and many other pieces. In February, we plan to sing songs about friendship, pets, St. Valentine's Day, and patriotism (for Presidents Day). Finally, we look forward to playing on the Music House musical staff with various activities and doing more finger play chants. Here are the words for a playful chant that can be done the **first time with finger movement** for Fine Motor Skills development and **repeated with whole body movement** for Gross Motor Skills development!

Ten Little Teddy Bears

(Adapted Children's Chant. Author unknown)

Ten little teddy bears standing up straight

(first time: hold fingers up in front of chest, pinkies touching; second time: stand up straight)

Ten little teddy bears open the gate

(turn hands to open the gate; open arms to open the gate)

Ten little teddy bears turn round and round

(hold one hand above the other and roll hands around; turn body gently around)

Ten little teddy bears touch the ground

(move

hands down; touch hands to the floor)

Ten little teddy bears dance and sing

(hold fingers up and wiggle them point index fingers in the air and dance and "sing")

Ten little teddy bears bow to the king

(hold fingers up, then bend fingers down to palms)



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