



February 2012

We have many exciting things happening this month! **Valentine's Day** is around the corner and we are all busy preparing for this fun filled holiday! Please have your Valentines for your classmates filled out and returned to your classroom teachers by Friday, February 3rd.

- ♥ The Infant/Toddler room will have a mini celebration with their friends and teachers. Miss Lucy and Miss Wendy will be providing cupcakes and ask that your child dress up in their special Valentine outfit!
- ♥ The Two's Valentine's Day parties will all be held on Monday and Tuesday February 13th and 14th. Room mother's will be contacting you to volunteer plates, napkins, juice and a sweet treat to eat.
- ♥ The Three's, Four's and Fives/K parties will held on February 14th. Room mother's will be contacting you to volunteer plates, napkins, juice and a sweet treat to eat. If you do not attend school this day you are more than welcome to come at your regular time.

Important Reminders:

The will be no Parent Coffee this Month.

February 13th and 14th- Two's Class Valentine Parties

February 14th- Infant/Toddler Room Mini Valentine Celebration

February 14th- Threes and Fours and Fives/K Valentine's Parties

February Break- February 20th-24th. School will be closed all week.

February 27th- Staff Development Day. ALL DAY CHILDREN ONLY.

Although it may seem a distant thought now, we are preparing our summer camp schedule. Look for a hard copy of the registration form in your Friday folder. It is posted on our website already.

Just a reminder that all contracts and deposits for next year should be returned no later than February 29th to ensure your place for next year.

Two's - This month we are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day! Our art crafts include decorating heart cookies, popcorn wreaths, snowflake trees and Hershey Kisses and hand print flowers. We will be singing the songs, "I Love you" and Skid a Marink."

Threes/Fours - Our letters for this month L, V, U and Q. Our puppet for L week will be a Lady Bug Puppet. We will be making Valentine's cards for our loved ones, and will be creating a Letter Lotto game using the Foundations language. Our V week puppet is a Valentine puppet. We will also be baking Valentine Heart cookies and making our Valentine's carriers in order to deliver valentines to our friends during our party. U week will bring a lot of fun projects as well! We will be making Universe Slime, Underwater Underwear, and our puppet will be a Unicorn. We will be ending February learning about the letter Q. We will be making a Queen puppet, and creating a Class Quilt using Muslin and colorful fabric markers.

Fives/K - Our letters this month are V, G, P and preparation for the study of "QU". "V" is all about Valentine's Day. Lots of fun projects are planned, culminating in our Valentine's Day party on Tuesday February 14th. "Q and U" involves a wedding celebration that takes the month to plan, and ends with a ceremony and reception in mid March. A "Save the Date" will be sent home shortly!

Weather Reminder:

In the case of **inclement weather** we follow the Westport Public School system. If we have a two hour delay the 2's, 3's and 4's, begin at 11:00am and dismiss at 1:00. PM children follow their regular schedule. Lunch Bunch will dismiss at 1:30. Fives/Kindergarten will start at 11:00am and dismiss at 1:30pm and 2:00pm respectively. ALL DAY children dismiss at their regularly scheduled times. Early drop off will begin at 10:30 am ONLY for those who are regularly scheduled early drop off in the Infant Room. If Westport schools are closed we will also be closed. A message will be posted on our voicemail (203.454.1924) informing you of any delays or closures. You can also call the Westport Snow Line at 341-1766.

Just a quick reminder of our **SICK POLICY**. Should your child awake with a fever of any kind, they must remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines. If your child develops a fever at school, parents will be called immediately to pick them up. If your child has vomited or has loose stools, they must remain at home until vomiting and loose stools have stopped for at least 24 hours. Should your child have a runny nose, is sneezing or coughing, has a sore throat, body aches, headaches or is fatigued please do not send them to school. If any of these symptoms develop at school parents will be called to pick their child up. Children will not be permitted to return to school until symptoms disappear or a **note from student's pediatrician states that they are not contagious and may return to school**. Please send a copy of this note into school for our confidential records.

Should your child have conjunctivitis (pink eye) they must remain at home until they have received medication for 24 hours.

In regards to the flu or H1N1 students must remain at home even if they are using anti-viral drugs. Students who have an ill household member should remain at home for at least 5 days from the day the first household member became sick.

During the Flu Season, beginning in September, ALL students entering Three Four Open the Door will be required to sanitize their hands upon entering the building. Students will wash hands before and after snack and at any time after coughing or sneezing. As always, all classrooms, bathrooms and common areas are cleaned several times daily. We ask for your FULL cooperation in order to prevent any possible outbreaks during the cold and flu season.

For the safety of all our children, staff and parents we do reinforce all these policies. If you are not available to pick up your child if your child should become sick please make sure your emergency contact list is updated or you have arranged for alternative pick up.

Future Important Dates and Activities:

March 6th- Acting Out with Miss Karen: Rainbow Fish

March 8th- Fun Bus

March 10th- HAPPYBABY Food Company Workshop and Class * Space Available \$10 per family

March 23rd - Staff Development Day ALL DAY CHILDREN ONLY

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cyndi, Jenn, Bobby, Leslie, Lori, Linda, Marianne, Jen S., Renea, Libby, Hillary, Lucy, Wendy, Annmarie
and Shannen