



FEBRUARY NEWS FROM THE FRONT DESK

Groundhogs, presidents, hearts--the month of February brings Valentine parties & hugs hugs hugs! Our preschoolers will be having celebrations on Tues., Feb. 14th--& your child is welcome to come join in the fun even if it's not a regularly scheduled day. Treats &/or cards for their friends are welcome, but be sure items are wrapped for ease in sending home in our goodie bags. Watch for party specifics from your child's teacher.

FOOD FUNDRAISER: I hope you've had the chance to look over the offerings & see what you'd like to stock your freezer with. I'm getting French Silk Pie & Cookie Dough--not necessarily the healthiest choices, but definitely delicious! I tried the egg rolls when we had our taste test, & they were really good, so of course I had to put those on my order also--they'll be nice for a quick meal on a busy night. I know that NOONE likes fundraisers, but I hope that by choosing food you'll be apt to purchase items that you NEED anyway! Be sure to order any incentives you might qualify for as outlined on your order envelope. Orders/money due FRI., FEB. 10TH, & pick up is TUES., FEB. 28TH FROM 3-5:30. Remember that these items come frozen - so it is VERY important to have them picked up on this designated day. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

LEARNING NEW THINGS: Several staff recently gave up a precious Saturday to attend a great Early Childhood Conference held at the Sioux City Convention Center. The 'Ooey Gooey Lady' (Lisa Murphy) inspired, motivated, challenged, imparted great wisdom & shared lots of new & exciting "tricks of the trade" during this day long seminar. We purchased some wonderful new math, science & creative play materials to incorporate into our program, so the children can continue to have great variety to keep them motivated & learning by doing. "Tell me, I forget/Show me, I remember/Involve me, I understand"! Miss Jody & Miss Diane from the Panda Bear classroom are doing an extensive "Every Child Reads" training to facilitate language development & extend learning through literacy. What wonderful staff I have--so willing to open their minds & share their knowledge so they can continue to make our program top notch in all areas of early childhood development.

PEARLY WHITES: February is Dental Health Month so all groups will be incorporating dental health activities into their lesson plans. Kathy from Siouxland Dental Health will be here on Wed., Feb. 8th from 9 to 10:45 to do a dental screening for any Kangaroo's/Panda Bears that have returned a permission slip. Holland Dental will be here on Wed., Feb. 15th at 9:30 to do a presentation for the Tigers, Kangaroos & Panda Bears. Please be sure your child's enrollment card lists a family dentist & contact number so we are prepared for any emergency.

HYVEE RECEIPTS: We've earned almost \$300.00 for the center just by turning in your HyVee receipts! We've gotten new window shades for several classrooms, & will be getting the window tinting that is peeling taken off the front windows with the extra dollars we earn thru HyVee's generous 'School Bucks' program. Please keep them coming--we can collect & turn in until the first of May.

Thank you for remembering the call the center by 9:30 if your child is not coming, or to give us an estimated arrival time so we can have an accurate lunch count & prepare materials for project time. Be sure to pay tuition by Wed., 6 p.m. each week to avoid a \$5.00 late fee.

Hug someone you love today!

Diane
Diane Merchant
Director



Love

Love, love, it's all around,
(Gesture left, then right.)
It will grow with you.
(Slowly move arms outward.)
Show it, tell it,
(Hold palms out, then point to mouth.)
Feel it, share it.
(Hug self, then hold hands out, palms up.)
Make it part of you.
(Point to others.)

