



Dear Chesterbrook Families & Friends-

The year is off to a great start and we're enjoying spending the winter season with your children. If you've not already done so, please send in an extra set of weather appropriate clothes for your child. We want everyone to be able to participate in the fun outdoor activities.

We also want to extend a heartfelt welcome to the new families that joined us in January. Thank you for choosing Chesterbrook Academy to care for your children.

Have a wonderful month and Happy Valentine's Day!

Sincerely,
Kristen Suh, Principal

Class Valentine's Day Celebrations

Our classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 12th with a special craft and snack. We'll share photos of the fun activities on Links 2 Home!

Presidents Day- School is CLOSED

We are closed on February 17th (President's Day). However, our staff will be attending Professional Development Day! This is our annual professional development day for our staff to complete their annual trainings and to renew CPR/FIRST AID and SIDS certifications.

Parent Referrals:

Do you know any parents who have recently moved to the area, are expecting a baby or are unhappy with their current preschool? We value our current parents and would love more families like yours at our school! Refer a new family to our school and your family could receive a free week of tuition. (applied to the oldest child's tuition)

Important Dates:

- February 12th—Classroom Valentine's Day celebrations
Teachers will send a note on tadpoles with details for each classroom.
- February 15th- SCHOOL CLOSED- Presidents Day-Professional development day!

- February 26th—Parent folders are sent home

Fun Valentine's Day Themed Activities to Reinforce Math Skills

Continue the learning at home this month with these hands-on math activities inspired by Valentine's Day! Your little one will have a blast practicing their math skills, thinking critically, and developing problem-solving strategies.



1. Candy Hearts Addition Game

Provide your child with candy hearts and a simple addition problem written on an index card. Ask them to read the card and place the correct number of candy hearts in two piles. For example, if the problem is $3+4$, your child should place 3 candy hearts in one pile and 4 candy hearts in another. Encourage them to count all the hearts to get a total.

2. Red Smoothies

Spending time in the kitchen is a great way to practice counting, following instructions and measuring. Make a Valentine's Day inspired smoothie with your child using a handful of ice, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raspberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup strawberries, $\frac{1}{2}$ banana and 1 cup yogurt. Ask your child to wash and measure the produce, count as he adds the ingredients to the blender, and press the "on" button.

3. Sort and Compare Activity

Provide your child with small items in Valentine's Day colors (i.e., red hearts, pink pom poms, white buttons). Ask them to sort the objects by color and compare the number of items in each group. Listen for words such as more than, less than and equal to.

4. Bar Chart of Favorite Gifts

Give your child a piece of paper and crayons. Encourage them to ask family members which Valentine's Day gift (i.e., flowers, candy or cards) they like the best. Ask your child to record the results on the bar chart to see which gift is the favorite.