Hello February 2022

A Note From The Principal ~

The year is off to a great start and we're enjoying spending the winter season with you and 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 have planned. As always, it is an honor to work with and watch your children grow. Thank you for choosing our preschool for your family.

Sincerely,

Kristen Suh, Principal

### **Black History Month**

February is Black History Month. It is a time to honor the culture, accomplishments, and important contributions of African Americans. We'll be celebrating in the classroom by reading books, making arts and crafts, and continuing our discussion on acceptance and belonging.

#### Class Valentine's Day Celebrations

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on <u>Monday, February 14th</u>. Children are invited to bring valentines to share with their classmates. We will have a special Valentine's Day snack and participate in Valentine-themed activities throughout the day. Teachers will be sending classroom list for valentine's day exchange. A sign-up sheet will be posted for families to sign up to bring snacks.

### National Reading Month- A book drive (February 14-25)

March is National Reading Month. We will be participating in a book drive benefiting the **Pajama Program**, which collects new, unused books to help promote and support comforting bedtime routine and healthy sleep for all children. At the end of the book drive, we will have a pajama day and count how many total books were collected!

### Priority re-enrollment for next school year

We are very excited that majority of our families have already re-enrolled for next school year. We look forward to another year of serving our families! Registration fee will be billed through our centralized billing department. The fee will be auto drafted if ACH is set up on your account.

75% off registration fee if registered and paid by 2/19/22

50% off registration fee if registered and paid by 3/4/22

25% off registration fee if registered and paid by 3/18/22

## Parent Referral Bonus

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a free week of tuition. Ask us for details!

### **Important Dates**

February 14th - Valentine's Day Celebrations

- February 14-18- A book drive for Pajama Program (National Reading Month)
- February 21st CLOSED for Presidents' Day (Professional Development Day for Staff)
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Pajama Day- Last day of the book drive!
- February 28th End of Month Folders go home
- February 28<sup>th</sup> Parent Reports Go Home

# 4 Easy Hands-On Valentine's Day Activities for Your Preschooler

Holidays are great opportunities to make new traditions and memories with your family. This month, we've compiled four of our favorite Valentine's Day themed activities perfect for children of all ages.

### 1. Valentine's Day Sensory Bin

Grab a bin and fill it with items found around your home or at your local craft or grocery store. Some ideas include pink sand, candy conversation hearts,



plastic spoons, small toy shovels, rice, feathers, beads and shredded paper. Your child will have a blast scooping, digging, pouring and sorting the objects.

# 2. Play Dough Fun

Open-ended toys like play dough help children explore and create without the pressure of doing things the right or wrong way. Lay out a tray for your child and give them play dough, heart shaped cookie cutters, a small rolling pin and items to press into the dough, such as toothpicks, beads or dry pasta shells.

### 3. Cards for Loved Ones

Traditional paper valentines are not only festive but are also a precious keepsake for loved ones. Provide your child with paper, crayons, paint, markers, stickers, and other supplies, and let their creativity run wild! Encourage older children to use uppercase and lowercase letters. Show enthusiasm in any effort, as this is how they learn that words are powerful and have meaning.

### 4. Friendship Bracelets

A great way to focus on friendship and love this month is to make friendship bracelets. Making jewelry fosters creativity, while also practicing pattern recognition, concentration and fine motor skills. Give your child red, white and pink beads and yarn or pipe cleaners. When you child is finished making the bracelet, ask them to count the total number of beads used. You can extend the activity by also accompanying the bracelet with a homemade card, as mentioned above.