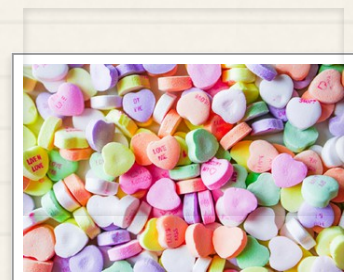
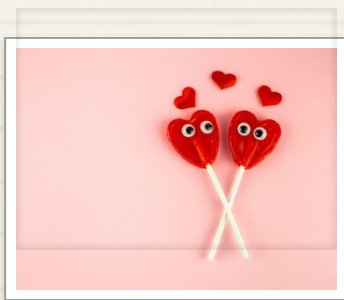


Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

♥ February 2023 Newsletter ♥

Spreading Love for Learning at Chesterbrook!

With our updated Links 2 Learning curriculum officially rolled out, we are excited for the month of February! Our hearts are full of love for learning here at Chesterbrook Academy Wayne, and we are so happy to share that love with all of our wonderful students and families!



♥ Classroom Happenings ♥

Infants:

- Happy February!! We can't believe it's already here! This month is full of so many exciting topics and themes!
- We'll be learning about LOVE all month long! We'll make lots of Valentine's Day-themed crafts like love bugs, hand-painted hearts, love birds, and more! We will also incorporate this theme through books! The infants will listen & learn while we read "I Love You With All My Hearts" by Sally Huss, "Guess How Much I Love You" by Sam McBratney, and more!
- Another one of our month-long themes will be learning about Black History Month by reading and revisiting the book, "Bright Brown Baby; Count to Love" by Andrea Davis Pinkney.

- Early Spring?! Groundhog Day is February 2nd and we're going to celebrate by painting our own groundhogs with brown finger paint!
- We'll get to learn all about President's Day and celebrate George Washington's Birthday by reading "The Story of George Washington" by Patricia A. Pingry.
- Happy Mardi Gras! To celebrate, we'll be making our own Mardi Gras masks out of our footprints! We are so, super excited for February and can't wait to show you everything we learn and create!

Young Todds:

What!!! We are already in the second month of 2023!

- The time has come to ask Punxsutawney Phil, a groundhog
- if we can expect an early Spring this year. Our tiny tots are ready to make Phil rise from his burrow!! They will create their cute groundhogs to celebrate Groundhog day.
- Celebrating all things Love♥
- Our little lovelies are set to express their love for all in the cutest possible way. They will handcraft beautiful Valentine's day gifts for their families and celebrate all things Love ♥
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- Big Love from our little friends ♥♥♥♥
- From migration to hibernation, learning about winter animals is always fun. Our little penguins will wobble around to explore more about the interesting winter animals and do some amazing craft activities to make some of them. Stay tuned!! 🐼
- Can you guess what brings the widest smile on our little friends' faces?? It's the Food!!!!
- Relishing their way into the delicious world of yummy food, they will Indulge in all things FOOD. And yes, they will make sure it's all healthy and fresh🥗🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Tods:

- Welcome to another month in Toddlers! In the first week of our new month, we will be talking about ice cream and celebrating Alfred L. Cralle, inventor of the ice cream scoop! This week we will be making our own ice cream and exploring related sensory elements. This will include the ice cream's cold temperature, its creamy texture, and of course the yummy taste!
- The week of the 13th we will be celebrating Valentine's Day! This week our topics will be hearts and love. We will be sorting hearts by size, creating a person out of paper hearts, and decorating cards to give to our friends! Our story this week will be "Happy Valentine's Day Mouse" by Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond.
- In the 3rd week, we will be celebrating Presidents Day! We will be talking about Washington and Lincoln. Students will make Washington's hat out of shapes and listen to the story "Presidents Day" by Anne Rockwell.
- For the final week of the month, our topic will be penguins! We will be creating these cute arctic animals out of different shapes and listening to the story, "Five Little Penguins Slipping on the Ice" by Steve Metzger.

B1:

- Happy February !!! We have an exciting month ahead of us filled with lots of fun activities, learning experiences and celebrations here at Beginner 1.
- Week 1 - Its Groundhog Day on February 2nd Happy Groundhog Day friends!!! We will learn all about the famous Pennsylvania Dutch tradition "The Groundhog Day" .the weather.

shadows and read the book "Grumpy Groundhog" by Maureen Wright.

- Week 2- We will continue to explore the wonderful world of Arctic animals. This week we learn about Polar Bears and their habitat. We will read the book "If I Knew A Polar Bear" by Karen Sutula. It's fun book about a polar bear and his quirky friends.
- Week 3 - It's "Valentine's Week "
We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day, the sweetest holiday of the year with our families, teachers and each other.
We are excited host a Valentine's Day party so please look out for a sign up sheet in the classroom. There will be plenty of tasty treats, crafts and games. We will read the book "Clifford the Big Red Dog Valentine Surprise", a heartwarming story of how friendship is an important part of love.
- Week 4 - This week we will learn a little about US history and "President's Day.
A holiday that celebrates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln who were Presidents of this great nation. We will read the book "Celebrating President's Day" by Kimberly Jordano. We will make paper hats and set up a cool photo booth.

B2:

- This month we will be learning a TON of new things!
- An on going theme this month will be Black History. February is Black History Month and each week we will cover a famous black individual who helped change our world!
- Throughout the month, we also will be covering more Spanish vocabulary! So far we have learned 1-20, Hello, Goodbye, Thank you, and You're Welcome in Spanish.
- Feb 1st Week- Groundhog Day! Groundhog Day takes place in PA. Students will learn about our good ole pal Punxsutawney Phil. We will also be completing a groundhog day craft.
- Feb 5th Week- Cars! Students will read books on cars, as well as complete activities involving cars. We also are going to have a race!
- Feb 12th Week- Healthy Foods. Students will learn about the different food groups and what foods we should be putting into our bodies! Good food = Fuel for our body!
- Feb 19th Week- Presidents. We will be learning about important presidents throughout our history. We will also be voting within class!
- Feb 26th Week- Women's History! This is the last week of February, going into March which is Women's History. We will be talking about important women within our history such as astronauts, activists, artists, and more!

Intermediates:

- Happy February!
- This month we will be spending time talking about Valentine's Day. We will talk about how to love ourselves and our friends by being kind. We will make a Valentine friend. Then there will be a small party for Valentine's Day.
- We will continue our animal unit as we visit the fam and different habitats animals live in. Some animals we will create are penguins and tigers.
- As always, please update your child's cubby with weather appropriate clothing!

Pre-K:

- This month we will be focusing on a variety of different topics! First, we will be finishing our personal interview week! Students will name their immediate family members as well

as the town that they live in. Then we will talk about our favorite song and game and dance the day away to our favorite music! Lastly, students will describe what they want to be when they grow up and act it out.

- Next, we focused in on our feelings and emotions! We will go a little more in-depth with feelings like excitement, nervousness, gratitude, shyness, and love! This led us into "love is in the air!" The week of Valentines day we will make valentines day crafts, write love letters to our families, do some simple math with paper hearts, and even decorate heart shaped cookies!
- Next, we are going out of this world into space! Students will learn about all of the planets in our solar system, as well as creating them! We will compare sizes, colors and the temperatures of our planets. We also examined the sun, stars, and Milkyway in general!
- The month will conclude by focusing on inventors throughout time! We will talk about who and when things we still use today were thought of and created! Woohoo for February!

Pre-K 2:

- In February we will be learning about all different kinds of topics. We will talk about how this month is black history month and learn all about the important black people that helped the country and the world change for the better. We will then talk about one of our holidays this month, Valentine's Day! We will be writing valentines to the people we love, do some math matching games with paper hearts, and make valentines crafts for our families. To branch off from Valentine's day and the feeling of love, we will learn about some new feelings! Like love, excitement, nervousness, gratitude, and shyness. Then we'll talk about another holiday we have this month: Presidents day! We will learn about how presidents get elected, who our president is now, and even do voting activities! Then to end the month off we will talk about some community helpers! Like nurses and doctors, mail workers, teachers and more. It's gonna be a great month!

♥ Upcoming Events ♥

CLOSED for President's Day

WHEN

Monday, Feb. 20th, 7-9am

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

We are CLOSED on Monday, 2/20 for a teacher in-service day & in observance of President's Day! We will see everyone on Tuesday 2/21!

All About Love!

WHEN

Friday, Feb. 10th, 7am-6pm

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

Today is all about spreading **love** at school! We will be wearing **red or pink** colors today, and several classrooms will be hosting friendship parties to celebrate!

Jersey Day!

WHEN

Monday, Feb. 13th, 7-9am

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

With the Superbowl over, it's time to show your pride! Wear your favorite team's jersey today!

♥ Reminders & Announcements ♥

February is Black History Month

February is Black History Month, which is an annual observance in honor of all Black people & people of African descent throughout history. During this time, we recognize and celebrate the triumphs of historic Black resistance. Here at Chesterbrook Academy, our students will be learning all about significant Black figures in history, and we will have many discussions of the importance of equality and loving one another.



For more information & resources for children on Black History Month, please check out these helpful links!

- <https://blackhistorymonth.gov/>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/black-history-month>
- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/childrens-books-to-celebrate-black-history-month>

February Teacher Appreciation Day

Our February Teacher Appreciation Day will take place on Wednesday, February 15th! Please utilize the link below if you would like to sign up to participate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-february1>

Our monthly Teacher Appreciation days truly make all of the difference for our teachers & brings them such joy. Thank you to all of our wonderful families who continue to participate!

New Year, New Paperwork!

With the new year comes a paperwork refresh! This month, we will be auditing all of our student files and sending forms out to families who are due for updates, so stay tuned!

Phones at Drop-Off & Pick-Up

Just a quick reminder to all of our wonderful families: please be courteous during drop-off and pick-up times with cell phone usage. **We ask that families refrain from answering calls on Facetime or over speakerphone** during these times, as it can be disruptive to our students, teachers, and other families in the building.

Thank you for your understanding!

Super Bowl Poll

It's that time of year again! Ms. Sarah will be holding her annual Super Bowl Poll - pick out a helmet from the lobby and color it to match the helmet of the team YOU think will win!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Your Bags!

We will be starting up a Recycling Initiative here at CBA Wayne! Bring in your plastic grocery bags, and we will send them to the Tredyffrin Township Building! From there, your plastic bags will be sent off to be converted into park benches! How cool is that?

Weather's Okay? We'll Be Outside to PLAY!

This is a friendly reminder that as per state requirements, we take our students (Toddlers & Up) outdoors 2x per day for 45 minutes each so long as weather permits! Children are

expected to go outside so long as:

- The "Real Feel" or temperature/wind chill are **above 25 degrees Fahrenheit or less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit**
- There is no active precipitation
- There is no current air quality alert

This means that if the weather is okay, we will be outside to play! Please be prepared for the occasional muddied shoes or pants at pick-up - it just means we've been having FUN!

K & S Knits: A Small Business in our Community!

Esha DeWilde, mom to one of our Toddlers, recently opened her Etsy shop, **K & S Knits**, to sell her knitted and crocheted goods, as well as knitting and crochet patterns. Proceeds from her shop are donated to *Kiran's Fund for Pulmonary Hypoplasia Research at CHOP* in memory of her dear toddler's twin brother, who passed away from the condition shortly after birth.

Website: kandsknits.etsy.com

Fundraiser: <https://chop.donordrive.com/campaign/Kirans-Fund>

Some samples of Esha's beautiful work & links to her products are also included below!
Check it out:



Sparkly Suri Alpaca and Merino Blend Shawl

[Link to Item](#)



Chunky Diamond Motif Scarf (Knitting Pattern)

Pictured:
Esha DeWilde (she/her)
Owner, *K & S Knits*
[Link to Item](#)



Handmade Merino Ripple Scarf

[Link to Item](#)

Summer Camp Enrollment!

Our **Summer Camp Program** will run from **June 19th-August 25th!** For our currently enrolled families, please be sure to confirm with us that you intend on keeping your child enrolled through camp, if you will be taking a hiatus, or be sure to provide us with a withdrawal date with a minimum 30-day notice.

Our summer camp will feature a variety of fun summer activities, learning enrichment, and the return of our Splash Days! **Summer Camp Activity Fees** are as follows:

- **No Summer Camp Activity Fee for Infants & Toddlers**
- **\$50 One-Time Summer Camp Activity Fee for Beginners**
- **\$65 One-Time Activity Fee for Intermediates, Pre-K, & Pre-K 2**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Calling All Parent Volunteers!

We have BIG plans for our summer programming, from YMCA's Zoo on Wheels and Tye Dye days to Face Painting & even a frozen treat bar, but we need YOUR help to make our summer even more special!

We are searching for parent volunteers to give "career demonstrations" for our older students throughout the season. For example:

- Fire Fighters & Other Community Helpers
- Scientists
- Veterinarians
- Doctors/Dentists

Contact Sarah with your ideas or if you would like more information!

Fall 2023 Registration

It's never too early to start thinking about fall plans! If you know whether you are planning to re-register or withdrawal for next school year, please keep an eye out for these important dates:

- **Notify us** of your re-registration between **February 6th-March 17th**
- **Receive 50%** off of your \$80 re-registration fee if you pay by **February 24th**
- **Receive 25%** off of your registration fee if your by **March 17th**

All returning families are **required** to sign a **letter of intent** to confirm re-registration. This letter will be going out on **February 1st**. As always, please reach out with any questions!



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