



Puppy News for February

With Wendy and Beth



Dates and Reminders...



Closed...15th for President's Day

Public School Vacation week...16th-19th...Will your child be at school that week? Please let us know.

Hot Lunch... 4th & 23rd
Music...4th, 11th, & 24th
Enrichment...TBD



Letter of the week...

1st = "N" = You know who you are.
8th = "O" = Jackson (who is bringing "O" cookies in for snack)
22nd = "P" = Declan ...Pajama days Mon.&Tues. 22nd & 23rd.. wear yours to school.
3/1st = "Q" = ?

Thank you so much....

Thank you to everyone who donated marshmallows and cotton balls, and water bottles to the classroom!



Donations...

February... **1 stamp from each child**, we will need square stickers (to act as stamps) and an empty cubed tissue box from each child, or \$2.00 for the teacher to go get one in it's place. Thanks!

Remember....During the month of February we will talk about music...**if you play an instrument and would like to come in a play for us, please let us know**...maybe a couple of parents who play could get together and play for us...that would be cool! Just set it up with the teachers!

Other donations needed....valentine stickers. If you sign up to make a special Valentine snack, valentine plates or napkins would be great on that day too.

Last month...

We enjoyed our "Winter" inside our classroom. The snowflakes were fun to cut and the snowmen were cute. The cotton balls as snow balls and snow flakes were fun in the texture table. There were a few snowball fights. The skating on the "frozen pond" was a big hit. Sledding on a rug can be a bit challenging, though.

This month...

Will you be my Valentine? We will celebrate Valentine's Day by making decorations and a mailbox to collect valentine's. For the children who want to send in Valentine's, please have your child's name in the from spot...**no names for the "to" spot.** We will help them distribute them into mailboxes....there are 19 children in the class. We would also like to have some special Valentine snacks this week...Wed., Thurs. and Fri....yes, they must be "valentine-ish"!

This month we will also be discussing the mail, be making a post office in the room, walking to the post office down the street and mailing something special thing, and talking about our favorite music. We would like **each child to bring in their favorite song on a CD labeled with their name and which song is the favorite one.** We also need each child to bring 2 blank CD-R's in cases with their name on the outsides.

These will be returned...and with any luck...one will still be blank (a back up one) and the other will be something special to remember this month in the Puppy Class by!

We will explore the different types of music they have all chosen. It doesn't have to be a children's song either...country, oldies, whatever is the favorite. We will return it at the end of the month. We do ask that it be "clean" versions though.

This month con't...

We also were looking for any **parents who are musical** and would like to share their talent with us so we can see different instruments and hear the sounds they make. So if you are able and willing to show us your hidden abilities, please let one of the teachers know. It would really enhance our music unit!!

We also will read the story "Flat Stanley" and began making our "Flat Me's" to visit around the U.S.A. We ask that you and your child mail a "Flat Me", that your child made, to people they know around the U.S.A. We ask that each child mails it at least to one person by the mid of May. We will chart on our map where they have come back from. There is a form to mail with it to be filled out by the person who it is mailed to, then they mail it back to the school with photos and the "Flat Me". We need all original "Flats" back by May 28, 2010 please. Feel free to mail as many times as you can, but allowing for it's return by this date. Some parents have opted to scan the original and send the scanned copies out, so the original doesn't get lost. Thanks in advance for you help!! Let's see how many states the class can get!!!



The Math/Science/Sports/ Tactile Corner....

The snowmen really needed the children's help...they needed someone to put the right amount of buttons on them. It was a great opportunity to work on those counting skills and one-to-one correspondence. Some friends ended up working on sorting the colors of the buttons too! The snowmen matching was fun too. We discussed "whole and half" and did some estimating too.

This month we will find out how many hearts it takes to match the number on each envelope at the math table.

This month we will introduce magnets...what do they stick to and what won't they? What can we make with the magnets?

Sledding was a success with the snow we had...they had a blast! We will continue to do this and the indoor skating pond as well. This month we will try basketball...so ready, aim, shoot... and swish!!!! Also,

We will introduce playdough this month as well. If we get anymore snow, we may even bring some inside to use in our texture table.



Parent Tips and Reminders/ Kindergarten Readiness...

- Remember to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothes in case of accidents or falling in the mud or snow.
- We will try to go out each day during winter weather so we will need snow pants and boots available...you can leave an extra set at school in a bag if you'd like...NOTE: Our playground gets very muddy and wet from now until April or May....please be aware of this when dressing for school...we would hate for a favorite special outfit to be ruined while having fun outside.
- **Please have your child put their hat, mittens, coat, and snow pants where they can reach them in their cubby area...we send the children out to get them for themselves and when they can't reach them or do not know where they are, it does not promote self help. We will continue to work on dressing and sequencing the order of getting dressed for outside.**
- We will be working on addresses with the children this month too...you might want to reinforce this at home as well with the phone number too. It is a good Kindergarten Readiness skill to have.
- We will continue to notice sequencing and patterns.
- We are enjoying hearing of the playdates children are having with classmates...it is wonderful for them to have that home/school connection.



Happy 3rd Birthday to Lilly and Declan in February!!!

