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Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow this month so that means an early spring possibly? Like you, I enjoy a little snow fun with the kids but the freezing rain and ice can visit elsewhere. Until spring is officially here please remember our inclement weather policies, and our sick policies. Teachers want to remind parents to send in hats, and mittens each day. It gets cold on the playgrounds and during infant walks for their little hands and ears. A hood does not protect from the cold. There's always a lot going on at Holly Springs School for Early Education so read on to find out what's going on in classrooms and the school this month. We had a great time at Circus night and hope you did too. A huge thanks to Ms. Kristi who worked our popcorn machine! We loved having Fish the Magish and Mimi the Clown with their wonderful magic and face painting.



Showing the Love!!!

We love all the comments parents make about our teachers, curriculum and all the things we do here each day. It really makes us work harder to please you and the teachers especially like to know that what they do each day is noticed and appreciated. We would love for you to take a moment and post those great comments about our school on Google and our Facebook Page. Those are the two places where our school gets the most traffic with families looking for childcare! So if you love your school we would really appreciate you showing your love with a comment! Click [Showing the Love](#) for Google.

Save the Date!

Teacher Conferences

Month of February

Please look outside your child's classroom door for details and to sign up for a conference. This is an excellent time to hear about your child's progress and our curriculum.

Battle of the Boxes

Month of February

Food Drive Time is upon us. Every classroom is competing to win a Pizza Party. The winner is determined by the weight of their box. Please donate non-perishable items to help your child's class.

Valentine's Day Parties

February 12th

Please check with your child's teacher for party times and activities. Each class is doing something different.



Short Clips from the Classrooms

Infant Classes- Mrs. Chermere, Mrs. Orneli, Ms. Tara Ms. Karla and Ms. Kati

February brings fun times in the Infant Classroom. I asked what they wanted me to put in the February newsletter about the babies and the first thing they said was “tell everyone we love our babies!” Have you seen the adorable art projects they made! How they have the time I don’t know but they are super busy in the classroom. The younger groups will work on mirror play, picking up cubes, and grasping with their finger and thumb. Lots of singing, reading stories and tummy time of course will happen. Their sign language this month is “thank you”. They will also send out some great parent tips, tricks and articles occasionally via tadpoles for all our new parents!

Threes Class- Ms. Kate, Ms. Alora and Ms. Molly

In language the class is doing a great job with letter names and sounds. They finished up Winter Animals unit learning about migration, hibernation and adapting. Lots of Valentine Art is on the lesson plans including painting, using scissor skills and gluing to make masterpieces. A heart shaped pancake breakfast and pizza making days are planned along with an Alice in Wonderland Valentine Party.

Toddler Classroom- Ms. Gina, Ms. Christa & Ms. Jessie

Can you sign for ‘coat’? They will be able to this month, along with learning loads of finger plays and songs. Artwork with the shape of the heart and red, white and pink colors too. Sensory play with red sparkly water and red/pink sensory bottles will be in science.

Older Twos Classroom- Ms. Kristi

They are working on the letters and sounds with The Letter People. The puppets, books and games help the children sort sounds and recognize words in print. In math they will review for the month of February. They will also discuss dental health later in the month. They are busy getting ready for Valentine’s day with lots of art, making scented playdoh and cooking projects.

Young Twos- Ms. Jenn, Ms. Alicia and Ms. Aimee

They are busy with Valentine projects to send home including special cards and lots of painting. They are working on name recognition and identifying/sorting items by theme such as items that are cold, items from home or sports items using the sorting tubs. The room is filled with the color of the month PINK, using pink playdoh, pink GAK, pink paint and more. Their Montessori skill this month is folding. They will have a center that allows the children to practice folding cloth which will lead to folding clothes!

Pre-K 1- Ms. Kathy, Ms. Amanda, Ms. McKenzie

Pre-K 2- Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Namra

Pre-K 1- The character trait this month in the classroom is LOVE. They will read lots of books about ways to show love. In math they are busy with addition and subtraction using the Houghton Mifflin Curriculum. They will use counter cards to manipulate items from sets. In language they finished their writing activities and it’s very impressive how far they have come with their writing. Our art show is coming up in the coming months which will display art work they’ve worked hard on this year.

Pre-K 2- They celebrated 100th day of school with doing lots of activities for math with 100 in it. They also are working on their writing skills, and blending sounds. In math they are working with number lines. They are busy with Valentine art and valentine sensory activities.

Wishing all our families a wonderful Valentine’s Day and a terrific month of February!

~Kate and the Staff