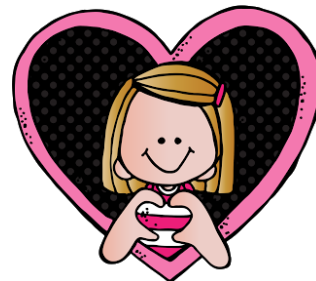


Love is in the Air at The Learning Well



Hello everyone! Winter is here, spring is around the corner (hopefully) and we have lots of fun activities planned for February! In addition to learning about Presidents' Day and the Chinese New Year (Feb 16 - the Year of the Dog) - our weekly themes are:

Feb 5 - 8..... Healthy Teeth, Healthy Bodies

Feb 19 - 16..... Time is Money

Feb 12 - 16..... Happy Valentine's Day!

Feb 26 - Mar 2 Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss

We are excited to announce a new bi-weekly Music and Movement class that is included in your weekly tuition. Sessions will be led by Miss Kerry, a local musician who teaches classes at places such as the B-R public schools and Easton Children's Museum. With age-appropriate music, she will get the kids moving and grooving every other week. She started a couple weeks ago and the kids had a blast!

Dr. Seuss' birthday is March 2nd. We will celebrate his life and writings by reading his books and we have schedule five days of fun and silliness (see dates below). Dr. Seuss books are loved by children all over the world, and they help to introduce the fundamentals of reading with his simple word repetition (*Green Eggs and Ham*) and rhymes (*Hop on Pop*).

Born Theodor Geisel, Dr. Seuss he wrote his first books and political cartoons under different names. He settled on the name "Seuss" (actually pronounced "Zoice") which was his mother's maiden name. He added "Dr." in later years stating that his father always wanted him to be a doctor. He did receive an *honorary* doctorate from his alma mater, Dartmouth College, in 1956. In addition to writing 44 books, he won numerous awards including the Pulitzer Prize and three Caldecott Honors.

Although Theodor Geisel died in 1991, Dr. Seuss lives on, enduring the test of time and encouraging children of all ages to explore the joys of reading. But his writings do much more than that ... his books inspire tolerance (think of the star-bellied Sneetches) and awareness of world issues (*Horton Hears a Hoo*). His book, *The Lorax*, speaks of being kind to others ... "Unless someone like you cares an awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not".

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss and thank you!



Dr. Seuss Week - Silly Seuss Days

Mon, Feb 26..... Cat in the Crazy Hat Day

Tue, Feb 27 Fox in Silly Socks Day

Wed, Feb 28 Backwards Day

Thu, Mar 1..... Wear Red or Blue

Fri, Mar 2..... Pajama Day



Important Dates in February

Wed, Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day

Fri, Feb 17 National Kindness Day

Mon, Feb 19 Presidents' Day

Open for full day students

Week Feb 19-23 Half Day on Vacation

Feb 26-Mar 2 Dr. Seuss Week

baby love. my baby love infants

Hello infant families and Happy February!

Your babies enjoyed some snowy fun last month. We made penguin “ice cream” cones, played with snow (brrr) and made a tiny snowman! We also really liked our nursery rhyme week - they giggled at our silly renditions of Humpty Dumpty and Hey Diddle, Diddle. :) Did you love our Mary’s Little Lambs? We hope so!

Anna began her transition to the Ones Room late last month and is doing great. She gets lots of hugs from the teachers and the toddlers! We have a new friend, Elizabeth, joining our room this month. If you see her, please give her a warm Learning Well “hello!”.

February brings love and lots more hugs to the baby room. Our shapes are hearts and stars - and we’ll focus on the colors red and pink. We will also sing lots of songs about friends and love. The end of the month leads us to Dr. Seuss’ birthday, so our room will turn into a silly Seuss-ville. Can’t wait to see what adorable artwork will be displayed on the classroom window.

Enjoy your month everyone!

sending all our LOVIN’ to you! Toddler ones

Hi everyone -- February is going to be a month of changes. Late last month, Anna began her transition to our classroom and we welcomed our new friend, Logan. This month, we say Hello to another new friend, Gabe! We say good-bye to our friend, Cameron, who is starting his transitioning into Miss Nelly’s room across the hall. We’ll miss you, Cameron!

January was busy and fun. We talked about winter and snow, we read nursery rhymes and created lots of beautiful artwork, and we were able to get outside! That was the best - getting our wiggles out in the fresh air! We also had our first Music and Movement class with Miss Kerry. She was great and your children really liked dancing along with her.

February brings love and hearts and the colors red and pink, and lots of Valentine fun! We’ll talk about keeping our teeth and bodies clean and healthy and (my favorite) we will celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday with some really silly books. Check out the posting (and page one of this newsletter) so you know all of our planned Silly Seuss Days!

February Birthdays

Cameron Russell.....February 19

happy birthday cameron!!

Have a great month everybody! Will the groundhog see his shadow? **Fingers crossed!**



all you need is Love! Toddler twos

Hello Toddler Two Parents! Last month was fun and interesting, talking about the arctic, snow and animals that hibernate. We also had a week of nursery rhymes (always fun!) and finished out the month being mad scientists! It’s so funny to watch the reactions and expressions on the children’s faces when we explode volcanoes and make fizzy messes!

February is National Children’s Dental Health month. We will use this opportunity to talk about keeping our teeth - and our bodies - clean and healthy. We do lots of ‘experiments’ this month, too, showing the kids what happens when we don’t brush our teeth and keep our bodies clean. Valentine’s Day will be celebrated ALL WEEK from February 12 - 16 (because we LOVE love) and we will have a Valentine Party on Wednesday, February 14th. We’ll also do some rhyming and celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday. It’s going to be a busy month!

We also welcome Cameron to our classroom in February - we can’t wait! Welcome Cameron!

Enjoy your February everyone! Stay warm!

February Birthdays

Ryan BalkcomFebruary 15

happy birthday ryan!!



best of our love downstairs pre-k

Hello Pre-k families! January was a month of snowy fun. We learned about winter animals and hibernation, we made ice skates, cotton ball penguins and we even painted snow! I think that was the activity we enjoyed the most. We also had our first Music and Movement class in January, which was a blast!

February brings our friendly neighborhood groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, and his prediction of a (hopefully) early spring. We'll also learn all about keeping our teeth and bodies healthy such as brushing our teeth, washing our hands, and sneezing into our elbows. Valentine's Day will be celebrated with a week of hearts and flowers and we'll have a party on the 14th (more details to follow) -- which will also be your day to wear your best **Red** and/or **Pink**! We round out the month with one of our favorite authors, Dr. Seuss. His books offer some really great opportunities to use our imaginations and create some wonderful pieces of art.

We are happy to announce Eli Anderson is transitioning to our room this month! He's going to make a great addition to our group, and has many friends in here already.

Remember to label your children's belongings - and bring in weather appropriate spare and outdoor clothing. Weather permitting, we try and get outside both mornings and afternoons.

We hope you're all ready for a really fun February!



can't stop lovin' you upstairs pre-k

Hello and Happy February Pre-k families! January was a great month upstairs. We explored everything snow-related including winter animals and hibernation. We also enjoyed our unit on Martin Luther King, Jr. and learned about his message and wish for equality. We used the example of a box of crayons ... every one of them different and not one better than another. It really helped them to better understand the concept.



At the end of January, we did so many different experiments like exploding volcanoes and making predictions on things that sink or float. We also painted with magnets! The paint was on the paper with a paper clip. The kids held the magnets underneath and moved the clip which also moved the paint. They really came out nice!

February lends itself to many more interesting subjects. As it is National Dental Health Month, we will talk about keeping our teeth (and bodies) clean and healthy. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with parties on Tuesday the 13th and Wednesday the 14th. **Wear your Red and/or Pink!** Please send valentine cards, but simply sign your child's name, no need to individually label them. Your teacher will let you know how many to send in.

We started Music + Movement classes which will continue every other week. The kids really enjoyed Miss Kerry and are already asking when she'll be coming again! We've planned some really awesome Dramatic Play Centers which will be rotating throughout the center. We aren't sure which the children enjoyed more ... the Pet Doctor or the Science Center! We will celebrate Dr. Seuss during the week of February 26 - March 2nd. Please see page one for more information - the days will also be posted in the lobby.

Have a great February everyone and *Think Spring!*

