



February Newsletter Room 12

We enjoyed learning all about winter in January and didn't get too much snow yet! For the month of February, we will be learning all about community helpers and how they help others. We will have some special visitors to help with our unit. As the weather gets colder, we ask that that you send appropriate gear and please make sure things are labeled (on a tag) so they don't get mixed up! We will be sure to send home a note when snow gear is needed for an outside activity. We hope that the winter weather cooperates, and this won't be needed but just in case, if there is a delay there will be no morning preschool, if your child attends all day they would still come after the delay. If you have any further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

~Stephanie, Janie, Kathy, Mrs. D and Sue



Week of 2/3-2/7 Firefighters

Read Aloud Book: Fire Truck, I am a Fire Fighter

Arts & crafts: F is for Fire, firetruck shapes, handprint fires

Activities: fire game, obstacle course being a fireman, shaving cream and water bottle fires



Week of 2/10-2/14 Mailman

Read Aloud Book: 3 Valentines, Mail Man

Arts & crafts: H is for heart, puzzle valentines

Activities: mailing letters, alphabet soup puzzles, making and spelling name with playdough, mail sort



Week of 2/24-2/28 Construction Workers

Read Aloud Book: Construction Vehicles

Arts & crafts: R is for road, N is for nails

Activities: trucks in the sensory table to trucks, tools, building with blocks, cars and trucks on the rug



Week of 3/2-3/6 Community Helpers

Read Aloud Book: Workers in Town, Community Helpers

Arts & crafts: X is for x-ray

Activities: Mr Potato Head, teeth brushing in sensory table, vet center with stuffed animals, kitchen play

Additional weekly activities can include:

Table work: implementing activities based on IEP goals, following pictorial schedules, close ended tasks, letters, shapes, colors, patterns, numbers, counting

Choice time: play activities, sensory table, turn taking, choice making, matching/sorting

Quiet time: mats, music, books

Hands on (sensory/fine motor): coloring, ripping, cutting, painting, stringing, puzzles, sensory activities, dot art, play dough

Other: walks, bike rides, outdoor fun, obstacle course, swings, ball pit, scooter boards

Center time: activities remain the same for each week and are based on creative play and work opportunities to help with learning our themes and skills



Important Dates:

2/7 Burrell Family Dance- details from the PTO

2/12 PTO Meeting 7PM in cafeteria- babysitting provided

2/17-2/21 No School February Vacation



A Very Happy Birthday to:

No February Birthdays!

Valentines:

As a fun project we will be sending home bags that you can decorate with your child to put their classroom valentines in and please return to school by Feb. 12th. If you decide to participate, we ask that you please send in one card for each child in the classroom with their names on it as this will then become part of an activity for class. Just a friendly reminder that no food/candy items may be sent in with the valentines.

Winter Wellness:

With so many germs and illnesses going around we please ask that you review the information provided by the school nurse in order to help prevent the spread of illnesses. Your child should stay home if they have had any of the following symptoms in the past 24 hours:

~a fever of 100 degrees or higher

~vomiting or diarrhea

~a cough that disrupts his/her normal activity or wakes them at night

~if diagnosed with a contagious illness (strep or conjunctivitis) and need to be on antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school