



February 2016 Newsletter

Chatham School House

Director's Corner

With February coming to a close, it has been a sweet month of love and friendship. The children loved seeing red and pink hearts decorating their classrooms. They were excited to exchange Valentine's gifts with their friends and we thank all our families for participating.

In honor of Dental Health Month, we hosted Dr. Rebecca, who came to teach the Preschool and Pre-K children about establishing good teeth brushing habits. We are delighted to have the Lifetouch Photographers come to our school and photograph the children on Monday, March 7th. Our choice was THE TREE HOUSE collection to celebrate spring. You will have a chance to see the photos before you purchase them.

Please make sure to check all the reminders for next month at the bottom of the newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your trust and cooperation and we look forward to Spring!

~ Miss Rima



In Our Infant Room

In February, the infants were spreading love! The babies continued to strengthen their fine motor skills by painting and coloring various heart projects in observance of Valentine's Day. To encourage their gross motor play, the babies have been playing, rolling and reaching for balls, blowing bubbles and helping them reach to pop the bubbles, and providing them with push and pull toys.



The babies were introduced to the letters T, U, & V, and discovered the color purple through purple paint and objects. To help develop their fine motors skills, we touched different textures in a treasure box and read touch and feel books. Simple and engaging fine motor skills activities for babies and toddlers help to encourage muscle strength, co-ordination and concentration, all through playful fun!

In Our Toddler Room

The month of February has been truly wonderful, as the toddlers continue learning about love, sharing, and friendship. They enjoyed making valentine cards, glitter hearts, painting with the color purple, and snowflakes, all adorning our classroom this month. They also exchange gifts with each other, and they loved receiving and giving their Valentine's gifts. For our Transportation Unit week lesson plan, we discussed trains, airplanes, and cars.



In addition, we also learned about our community helpers. We identified pictures of firefighters, police officers, and teachers. We drew an F for Firefighter, and we loved painting our big, red firefighter hat!

During our lesson plan of "A Day at the Bakery" we pretended to make bread in our kitchen and then shared our bread with each other. The children all took turns mixing, stirring, and kneading the dough. We also enjoyed our 100th Day Activity; where we colored the number 100 and learned about the number one and zero!

In Our Preschool Classroom

The Preschool classroom has had a very exciting and fun-filled February! We enjoyed making beautiful valentines for our families using dot-dot paints and our photos.



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We learned about types of transportation including cars and trucks, boats, trains, helicopter, airplanes, jets, and rocket ships! We also sponge-painted a train. We explored community helpers including postal workers (we made mail bags and mail!), doctors, dentists, veterinarians, teachers, firefighters, judges, sanitation workers, farmers, and more! We learned about dental health and had a visit from a local dentist! We played a game that taught us about foods to eat to keep our teeth healthy.

We explored the color purple and painted with various shades of purple. We learned the letters T (for tooth) and U (for umbrella). We have been joining the Pre-K for circle time and learning Spanish, French, and Sign Language. We are looking forward to March and Spring!

In Our Pre-K Classroom

The Pre-K classroom had a fun-filled February! We enjoyed making beautiful valentines for our families using dot-dot paints and our photos. We painted hearts, added glitter, and used them to decorate our classroom for Valentine's Day! We practiced writing our names on caterpillars we made out of hearts. We had fun exchanging valentines with our friends!



We had a visit from a local dentist. She told us about how to keep our teeth and gums healthy. We got to practice "brushing teeth" on a model of a mouth!

We celebrated 100 days of school using various activities. We brought in items in quantities of 100 to show what 100 looks like, we painted 100 dot-dots on a paper, and made 10 groups of 10 items to show 100 items! We learned the letters T (for tooth) and U (for umbrella), and the opposites over and under! We are practicing writing our names every day by "connecting the dots". We are continuing to practice our Spanish, French, and Sign Language during our circle time. We are looking forward to March and Spring!

Happy Birthday!

- Brendan turned 1 on February 10th
- Brody turned 1 on February 18th



Reminders

- Picture Day will be on Monday, March 7th
- We will be CLOSED on March 25th in observance of Good Friday
- Parent Educational Workshop on April 7th



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