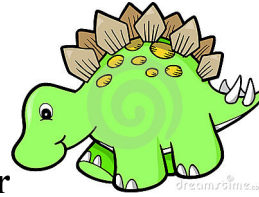




February '18 Newsletter



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy February to all Busy Bees families! We are starting off the month with a brief "I Can..." unit. We will be practicing writing our names, buttoning, zipping, and more. Please encourage them to try these things at home. Included in this newsletter is a handout giving great ideas for ways preschoolers can help out at home. February is a month to celebrate love and friendships. We will be encouraging children to show acts of kindness and hope to catch some friends doing so! Student evaluations will be distributed just before February vacation.

FEBRUARY THEMES

I Can... (continued)

Celebrating Love, Friendship, and Kindness

Dinosaurs

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

The children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party that includes a valentine exchange on February 13th and 14th. Wear your favorite valentine color! When working on valentines, please make sure that you or your child signs his/her name on the card, but **please do not write the names of classmates on the individual cards.** (That makes handing them out very tricky!) Put the cards in a bag and label the bag with your child's name. Each child who brings in cards will have the chance to play mailperson for the morning and deliver his/her cards to classmates. There are 36 children in our M. W. F. class and 26 children in our T. Th. Class. If you would like to make treats for our Valentine Party, please sign our parent board. Thank you!

SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

We have had an enthusiastic response to our summer program in the past and will be offering it again. The program will run for the last three weeks in June. Each one-week session will go from Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00. It will be open for children ages 2.9 – 5 years old and will take place here at St. Paul Lutheran Church. We will have registration for Busy Bees families first and then open it to others. More details and information will be announced soon. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please see Marna!

SCHOOL PICTURES: Mark your calendars!

Duval Photography will be coming to Busy Bees on March 21st and 22nd to take a class picture and individual portraits. Forms will be distributed closer to that date. We have reserved 27th and 28th as a snow day for the photos.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due Friday, February 9th. To order online, please go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The class activation code is HBMN4.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

In the event that we get snow, please listen to East Longmeadow Public School cancellations due to inclement weather. When East Longmeadow cancels school for the day, Busy Bees will be closed. **When East Longmeadow Schools are delayed for one or two hours, we will open at 9:45.** You may pick up your child at the usual time, by 11:45, or you may pack a nut-free lunch and have your child stay for lunch at no additional charge. Pick up after lunch is between 12:30 and 12:45. If the schools are closing early due to mid-day snow, we will have school but **extended lunch will be cancelled.**

Also, here's a friendly reminder to please pack snow gear when the snow flies! We will stay inside if the temperature or wind chill is below 20 degrees. We will also stay inside if the playground gets too muddy, too icy, or if the snow is too deep to play in. Also make sure your children have warm pants and warm gear on days that we go out without snow on the ground. Tights and leggings can get very chilly!

Please make sure you have your child's name on all outdoor clothing. We have markers on the cubbies that you can use. **Have your child help place snow gear in the cubby, so they know where to find it later. Please show your child what is packed so they are able to identify their own clothing.** Thank you!

PARENT TO PARENT BULLETIN BOARD

Reminder: We have a parent to parent bulletin board in the hallway just before the cubbies. This is a place to share your businesses, hobbies or upcoming events. Please let me know if you would like to hang up a flyer or business card.

A PLACE TO VISIT: MILL 180 (WWW.MILL180PARK.COM)

This is an indoor green space that a Busy Bees family just visited and told me about, it sounds like a great place for young children and their families. This is what the internet says..."Mill 180 Park is truly a park for the 21st Century, designed to emulate all of the great urban parks – Central Park in New York City, Hyde Park in London and Ueno Park in Tokyo - reimagined for an indoor space. Through the use of hydroponics, computerized sound, and HVAC systems, we've brought the outside in, surrounding our visitors with green space and a remarkable sense of the natural world." They offer healthy foods, children's activities, (adult activities too!) all year round, no matter what the weather brings!

KINDNESS CHEER

Here is a catchy tune that we will be learning around Valentine's Day.

K-I-N-D that's the way we want to be

In our work and in our play,

We'll be kind in every way..... wooooo!

IN HOUSE FIELD TRIPS: My Gym February 6th and 7th

My Gym is a fitness center for children. They also offer classes on the go. For our in house field trip My Gym teachers will lead an interactive warm-up activity, gymnastics skills, games, relays, puppet shows and more!

Sincerely,

Marna Shields