



Busy Bees February 2011 Newsletter



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Happy February to all Busy Bees families! We are into the New Year and are gearing up for some fun learning about nutrition and friendships. February is a month to celebrate love and friendships and we continue to enjoy watching your children form new friendships. Their honesty, sincerity, and spirit are inspirational.

This month we are going to set up an ice cream shop in our block room. If you have any nut free, cleaned out, empty ice cream containers, please bring them in. We are also looking for some empty cleaned out toppings containers. Take a peak next week to see how it is coming along!

FEBRUARY THEMES

Nutrition

Friendships

PLAYGROUND UPDATE

Can you believe this snow? Wow! Unfortunately due to the very deep snow and some extremely cold weather, we have been stuck inside for a while. We (some teachers and our children) did some shoveling and stomping around out there to get it ready when the weather decides to cooperate. We will get outside again, so please continue to bring in that snow gear! On colder days, I GOOGLE "01028 weather" to check to see what the real temp (temp - wind chill) is going to be at 11 am. If below 20° F we cannot go out. We'll keep wishing for warmer weather so we can get back outside soon!

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY February 14th and 15th

The children will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party that includes a valentine exchange. When working on valentines, please make sure that your child's name is on the inside of the card only and leave the envelopes blank. Please do not write the names of classmates on the outside of the envelope. (That makes handing them out very tricky!) Put the envelopes 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 33 children in our T. Th. Class. If you would like to make treats for our Valentine Party, please sign our parent board. Thank you!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH Ice Cream in a Bag

What you'll need:

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup whole milk or half & half
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 6 tablespoons rock salt
- 1 pint-size plastic food storage bag (e.g., Ziploc)
- 1 gallon-size plastic food storage bag
- Ice cubes

How to make it:

1. Fill the large bag half full of ice, and add the rock salt. Seal the bag.
2. Put milk, vanilla, and sugar into the small bag, and seal it.
3. Place the small bag inside the large one, and seal it again carefully.
4. Shake until the mixture is ice cream, which takes about 5 minutes.
5. Wipe off the top of the small bag, and then open it carefully. YUMMY!

SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE:

Back by popular demand! We have had an enthusiastic response to our summer program the last few years and will be offering it again. The program will run for three weeks after our June closing. Each one-week session will go from Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00. It will be open for children ages 2.9 yrs-5yrs. We will have registration for Busy Bees families first and then open it to others. More details and information will be announced next month. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please see Marna!

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. We have some new flyers posted.

SCHOOL PICTURES:

Duval Photography will be coming to Busy Bees in the early spring. We will update you soon!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS

Scholastic Book orders are due Wednesday, February 9th. You may place your order on line or send in the order with a check. To order on line go to www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. The class activation code is HBMN4.

IN HOUSE FIELD TRIP: Knuckle Bones- for the love of play! February 9th and 10th

www.knucklebones.us

Knuckle Bones will come to Busy Bees to provide exciting activities, games and exercises. We are looking forward to seeing what fun equipment they will be bringing this year!

WEBSITE TO VISIT: www.mypyramid.gov

This website is fun to explore. You will learn a lot about health and nutrition. It even has a special section for preschoolers. Please check it out!

Sincerely,

Marna Shields