



# February

*Child and Family Center Newsletter*

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## A Note from the Director

Dear Families,

February is a special month of sharing love and friendship. Unfortunately, it also seems to be the time of year to share germs. During this time of year we share all kinds of illnesses. The teachers at the CFC work very hard to keep the germs from spreading. ..they clean, they launder, and they are professional hand washers! However, they need your help too. Please take a moment to review our “illness policy” and if you have any questions, please come talk to me. Remember that if your child is sent home due to illness or becomes ill at home, they must be symptom free for 24 hours before they return to the Center. I understand that it can be very difficult to rearrange your schedule to accommodate alternative care plans for a sick child (especially when they don’t appear to be ill). If we all work together and follow the Center’s illness policy, we may be able to reduce the number of “sick” days for everybody.

Thanks for helping,

Ms. Stephanie

Don't forget about our tuition referral program! If you introduce a new family to the CFC and the family enrolls as a result of your referral, you will receive a tuition credit!

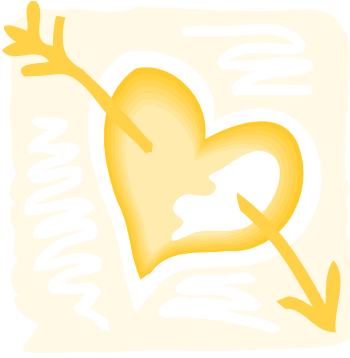


Important Dates:

2/3 Biweekly Tuition

2/17 Biweekly Tuition

2/29 Monthly Tuition



## School Age



This month we focused on science & math and friendship. Our fun fact of the month is that Pluto is a dwarf planet but not a real planet.. We made planet cookies with different colored icings. We played state bingo on the days we were inside and played basketball on the days we went outside.

Our dramatic play area has lots of school/teacher items. We enjoy taking turns teaching and learning from each other. Next month, we will be learning about history!

Our favorite activity was experimenting with borax and glue to make a substance called "gak." A close second was our bakery we started by selling playdoh cupcakes, pies and cakes. We even rang up customers at the cash register and made them pay for their treats. In our spare time, we practiced our dance moves and paper airplane throwing.

Have a loving Valentine's day!

Ms. Katie & School Age





## Toddler A



We had snowflakes on the brain this month as we learned about winter. Our favorite book was "The Snow Day" by Ezra Jack Keats and our favorite song was called "Dance like Snowflakes." Here are the words (to the tune of "Are you Sleeping?"): "Dance like snowflakes, dance like snowflakes in the air, in the air. Whirling, twirling snowflakes, whirling, twirling snowflakes everywhere, everywhere." We also enjoyed creating a winter scene with paintbrushes and white paint.

Our sense of touch came in handy when we painted with texture mitts and our taste buds really enjoyed the jello we made with Toddler B.

Next month we will finish our unit on the 5 senses and move on to learning about germs, doctors and dentists.

Please join us for our "bring your sweetheart to lunch" event on February 14th with a brown bag lunch and special dessert prepared by our toddlers!

Hugs and kisses,

Ms. Kim & Toddler A

P.S. Check out our new climber on the playground for our friends in Toddler B!





## Toddler B



Like most other classrooms, this month we learned about winter, our five senses and things that move. Some of our favorite activities include making jello and finger painting on sandpaper. We are really enjoying the beautiful weather and the chance to get out and explore our new climber on the playground . Our song this month is a silly one called "Hunk of Tin." We like this song because we get to honk, rattle, crash and beep. "This is my car," an Usborne Touchy-Feely book, was one book we did not want to put down this month.

Our muscles got a good workout as we practiced running during a game of tag. We have a grasp of the running concept , now we are working on understanding the "tag" part of the game.

Next month, we will learn about the dentist, doctors, germs and Dr. Seuss. It should be an exciting month!

Please send in pictures of your child so we can put them around our room! The kids love sharing pictures of themselves with their friends. We had a good start to the new year. Can't wait to see what else comes our way!

Ms. Mindy & Toddler B





## Preschool A



We put our senses to work this month as we learned about seeing, hearing, smell and taste. Our theme song, "Five Senses," is sung to the tune of "Where is Thumkin" and the words are as follows: "5 senses, 5 senses, we have them, we have them. Seeing, hearing, touching, tasting and selling. There are 5. There are 5." Our noses came in handy when we had a sniff test to identify things like chocolate cereal, soap, toothpaste and garlic. We used our ears to play the guitar and our eyes to mix colors using water and food coloring. At our centers this month, we played eye doctor, sold instruments at the music store, colored with scented markers, found toys in the sand box, and built an igloo. Our favorite book was "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" by Bill Martin.

This coming month, we will learn about touch, dentists, germs and doctors.

We also had a unit on New Year and winter! Come look at our bulletin board to see our groundhogs and our predictions about his shadow. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we painted beautiful fans. On one of the colder days, we made a special hot chocolate treat to warm us up and celebrate winter time.

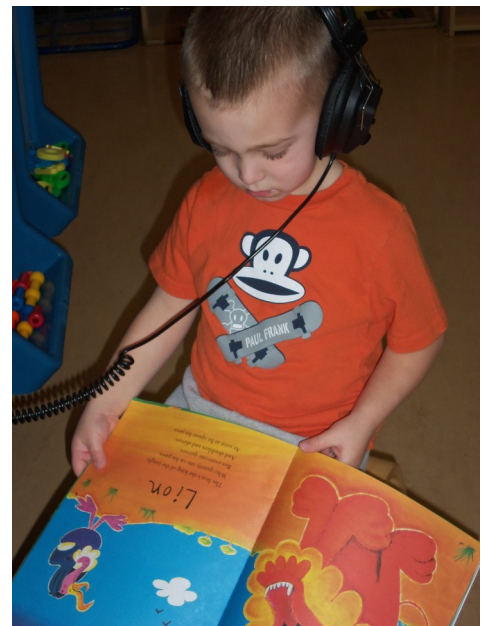
Look for more information regarding our Valentine party on February 14th. Please check the cubbies in the bathroom to check for warm clothing and bring in hats and gloves for outside play. Thanks!

Enjoy this warm weather,

Ms. Kristi, Ms. Lisa & Preschool A



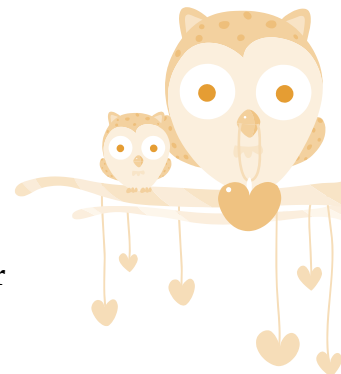
Playing with snow inside!



Listening to books on tape



# Preschool B



This month was full of cupcakes and birthdays! Almost everyone is turning 5! We also learned about the five senses, emotions and manners. Our favorite activity is called “hide and ring” when one child hides with a bell and the other children find them by listening for the bell (to learn about our sense of hearing). Ask us to sing “the Feeling Spider” for you sometimes. It’s just like the “Itsy bitsy Spider” but the feeling changes with every verse, for example “The very happy spider climbed up the water spout.” Here are some of the activities we did this month to learn about 5 senses and emotions. Can you match the activity to the sense/emotions?

Feeling scenarios	Sight
Feelings puppets	Hearing
Colored rice mosaics	Sight
Noise makers	Emotions
I Spy	Hearing
Listening Lotto	Taste
Eating Cupcakes	Emotions



Making Valentine Bags

We began a deeper discussion of the alphabet:: each week we will be focusing on a new letter, learning a song and making a collage to display in the classroom. Next month we will focus on finishing up five senses, dentists, doctors and germs.

Catch you next month,

Ms. Erin, Mr. Nick & Preschool B

## Teacher Feature—Ms. Lisa



Ms. Lisa has been a teacher at the Child and Family Center for 2 years after receiving her B.S. in elementary education at Penn State. She currently lives in Newburg with her daughter, husband and cat, Willy. She is very excited for Spring, because it is her favorite season. Ms. Lisa enjoys the warmer weather and being able to go outside to visit the park. When you hear, “ribbit,” think of Ms. Lisa because it is the sound of her favorite animal. Ms. Lisa just loves frogs! She enjoyed learning about frogs when she was in the process of writing a children’s book about frogs for her literature class in college.

Ms. Lisa has been to Germany and would like to return someday to visit more of Europe. She enjoys learning new things about different places. When asked her favorite dish, she replied, “spaghetti!” Thanks Ms. Lisa for a job well done!

