



FEBRUARY 2024

I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather and beautiful sunshine! It's hard to believe we are on the downhill slope to the end of the school year! The next month of school will be busy with lots of fun activities, from pajama days and Valentine parties, to the start of our conference time.

Our Kindsight vision screening went very well and the student's did a wonderful job of sitting still and having the picture of their eyes taken! The University of Iowa Hospitals will mail the results of the testing to us at school and we will put your child's report in their cubbie when we receive them.

Our Valentine's Day parties are quickly approaching. Feel free to bring Valentine's to share with your child's classmates the day of their party. To make handing them out easier, please do not write who each Valentine is for, just who it is from. The students will be making a bag to put their valentine's in, so you do not need to send a collection box with them. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about your specific classroom party.

Our Early Childhood Education Committee (ECEC) will be hosting a fun preschool family night at the Des Moines Children's Museum located in Valley West Mall on Sunday, February 25th. We have rented out the space and the museum will be open, only to our preschool families, from 5:00-7:00 that night. Bring your family and enjoy a fun, free night with other preschool families!

As a reminder, your child needs to be fever, vomit, and diarrhea free for 24 hours before returning to school. Illness spreads very quickly in our classrooms, so we would appreciate you following those guidelines. If you have a question about whether you child should attend or not, please ask me or your child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!

The teachers will be posting their conference schedules outside their classroom doors. Conferences are held during your child's class time. Please sign up for a 15 minute time slot with your child's teacher to learn about what they have been doing at school and celebrate all their accomplishments!

Spring Break will be here before we know it! Please mark your calendars that we have no school from March 8-17. I'm in hopes that we can enjoy some of this warmer weather during our break!

If you have not returned your registration paperwork for the next school year, please do so as soon as possible. We have waiting lists in several classes, so we would like to let other families know if we have room to enroll them in our program. The registration deposit is due by March 1st. We are so honored by the many families that are returning to our school next year. We appreciate all of you and thank you for allowing us to spend part of our day with your amazing children! As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with your child's time at preschool.

See below for important dates:

- February 7 & 8 - Preschool t shirt days
- February 7 - No school for prek - teacher in-service training
- February 9 - 2's Th-F class Valentine party AND pajama day
- February 13 - Young 2's M-W class Valentine Party
- February 14 - Valentine Parties for young 2's T-TH, 2's MTW, 3's, and prek
- February 25 - Preschool family night at Des Moines Children's Museum
5:00-7:00pm
- February 25-29 - Prek conferences
- March 1 - registration fee due for the 2024-2025 school year

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