



Classroom III
January/February News

Things are slowly getting back to normal after the holiday and our unexpected snow break! Routine is key for the children – we are keeping things as calm and as normal as possible to help the children adjust back into classroom life. I encourage all of you to come by and observe this transition. You will find that the classroom and the children have grown in many ways!

Reminders and Thoughts

- *** Please do not send checks for pizza day. Papa Johns will no longer accept them from us.**
- *** We do not have school on Friday, February 13th, Monday, February 16th, and Friday, February 27th!!**
- *** Thursday, February 12th is Breakfast Café from 7:30 – 9:00. You are invited to come have breakfast with your child – this is a really wonderful morning! However, please remind your child that *you will be leaving* and *they will be staying* to have a normal day at school. This will help make the transition into our**

school day smoother! If you are not able to stay for breakfast with your child, please tell them to come directly into the classroom from 7:45 – 8:30.

***** Before the Breakfast Café, you are invited to stop by the grandparent's room and drop Valentines off for the other children in our classroom. Our children will have decorated bags on the left side of the room (Classroom I will be on the right) and you and your child can put one in each bag (there are 27 children in our classroom). PLEASE DO NOT PUT NAMES ON YOUR VALENTINES!! You may sign your child's name, but it is much easier if you leave the "To:" blank. If you cannot stay for the café, a teacher will help your child distribute their Valentines.**

What's New

Our large group lessons last week focused on mammals and their characteristics and this week, Mrs. Campbell is teaching the children about the parts of the body (which includes some very exciting lessons on the skeleton!). Ms. Shedd will follow up with a continuation of her Asia unit next week and then I will focus on food and nutrition.

The music appreciation lessons are rolling along with selections from Beethoven and Bach. The children are

still listening intently for their favorite instruments in all of the selections!

The Practical Life shelves now include leaf polishing, threading a needle, and chair scrubbing. Soon, we will also be doing baby scrubbing (a favorite every year!).

The Math area is focusing on multiplication, exchanging, and teens work. Language has grown to include more grammar work, story sequencing cards, and phonetic spellings choices. In Sensorial, the children are also enjoying the smelling bottles and the geometric shape cards. Please stop by with any questions or thoughts about the work your child is doing in the classroom!

As always, please feel free to email, call or drop by anytime!!

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