

# FEBRUARY 2010

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## School Happenings!

Mark your calendars:

### February

- Monday, Feb. 1—  
Registration KATC families
- Monday, Feb. 15  
Presidents Day  
**No School**
- Tuesday, Feb. 16—  
Open Registration
- Tuesday, Feb. 23  
Kindergarten Orientation 1:30-2:30



### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE !

For the next few weeks we will once again move our drop off and pick up location while the steel building frame is being erected. Watch for directions in your child's book bag and on the sign in tables. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Parents Night Out! Saturday Feb. 6, 4-8 pm

### February Curriculum

#### Preschool February Themes— Shapes, Friends, Valentines, Space Exploration

Color: Purple

Letters: J, K and L

Week 1&2—Valentines and Shapes

Week 3—Friends and Sharing

Week 4—Exploring Outer Space

Children are learning about shapes and how they contribute in our everyday life. They will be incorporating Valentines Day along with what it means to be a good friend. In our space unit we will continue our investigation into shapes learning about the sun, moon and stars ending with a rocket trip to outer space!

*Feb. 25 & 26—Purple Day (wear your favorite color of purple!)*

#### Pre-K February Themes— Community Helpers & Valentines Day Postal/Doctors/Dentist/Police Firefighter Paramedic

Letters: M, N, O and review

Concepts: Literature relative to real life, critical thinking in imaginary play, spatial awareness & visual discrimination

What happens when you put a stamp on an envelope and put it in the mail box? Mail and Valentine's Day go hand in hand as kids explore how the Post Office Operates. Our Community Helpers Unit investigates into the important operations that keep a community running smoothly and safely. Packed with literature and thematic art, imaginative expressive role play and inventive writing opportunities. Children mail a real letter!

### THE POWER OF PLAY

Did you know that the use of play dough, puzzles, blocks and beads, set your child off to a good start in early reading and writing and arithmetic? When children exercise their small muscles in conjunction with their mind in this manner, they are being prepared for printing, comprehension and thinking through a series of steps and concepts.

Each month our curriculum becomes a little more challenging as the children are able to grasp more complex ideas. It is our goal for children to perform more and more tasks on their own as the teachers become "facilitators" of learning. And, playing is a vital part of this as we continue to balance art, science, math, music and language into all of our units.

Many of our pre-k students are on the cusp of reading and are now identifying words and sounds with ease. So, make time for books and stories and be encouraged when you read with your children at home. You are laying the foundation for a lifetime of learning!

## FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday, February 6—"Parents Night Out" 4-8 p.m.

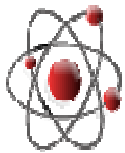
Thursday/Friday, February 11 & 12 —Valentine's Day Celebrations (all programs)

**Monday, February 15—NO SCHOOL—President's Day**

Tuesday, February 23rd—(2010-2011) Kindergarten Orientation 1:30-2:30 pm.

February 25 & 26—Purple Day (3/4's program) Wear purple, special Gogurt snack!

March 9 & 11th—Dad-N-Me Science Night (Tuesday 2&5-day program/Thursday 3-day program)



**Dad's!** Mark Those Calendars for Tuesday & Thursday March 9 & 11. Dad-N-Me Science Night at the Creek from 6:30-7:30. Please cancel those business trips and meetings to bring your preschooler for an evening of fun and whacky science experiments! (Dad's or a significant male figure are invited to the Creek for an evening of fun!)

### Notes from Liz & Tanya

**February** marks the half way point of our school year! Hard to believe. The children have enjoyed lots of outdoor play time during this mild winter but we know the rain is here to stay!

**Registration for the 2010- school year is underway!** We are holding open house every Tuesday/Wednesday for the remainder of February. Thank you for your referrals of friends and neighbors. We continue to strive to provide a quality program for our students. We love to hear stories of how our program has impacted your student and, if you have suggestions on how we might improve, we would like to hear that as well. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's early learning experience. Send your comments to: [liz@kidsatthecreek.com](mailto:liz@kidsatthecreek.com) or [tanya@kidsatthecreek.com](mailto:tanya@kidsatthecreek.com).

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**Feel free to e-mail your questions or share a story about your child's day. We love to hear good news!**



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