

The Preschool Beacon

A Newsletter for Parents and Their Kids



**The
Preschool
in Montrose**

February 2012

Important School Reminders

January has been a busy month! We held two Open Houses at school and attended a Preschool Fair hosted by the MOMS Club of West Akron. Between all of these events, we signed up several families and had a number of inquires about our preschool. Thanks MOMS Club for hosting the fair-you did a great job!

If you haven't registered your child for next year, now's the time to do so! Open registration begins February 1. We have had numerous inquires and a few visitors. Don't wait! Register now!

In the next few months we may be having prospective new students visiting our classrooms. We try not to have more than one student at a time but on rare occasions we may have two. If parent helpers could pack a couple extra snacks, just in case, it would be greatly appreciated. We want everyone to feel welcome! Thank you!

Just because you are already familiar with our school doesn't mean you are not welcome to visit our other classes. If you would like to check out your child's prospective new class, you are most welcome! Let us know when you want to come for a visit.

We have found that the best way to promote our school is YOU! Please be sure to tell all of your friends and co-workers how much fun we have at The Preschool in Montrose!

Brochures are available to share with others. Just let us know how many you want!

Wednesday, February 15 at 10:15am, The Illusion Factory will be presenting "The Mirrorman". EVERYONE IS WELCOME! The performance this year is being funded through the Akron Community Foundation. In addition to the performance, the three's and four's classes will have the opportunity to participate in two workshops before the play. These will begin at 9:00am. The workshops will include some dramatic play, role-playing and theatre games. ****Three's class-since this is not our regular school day and Mrs. Noble will be teaching the Mom-N-Tot class, an adult will need to stay with your child for the workshop and the play. Four's class parents-you are welcome to come to the workshop and/or the play.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-IT'S ONE OF OUR FAVORITES! OUTBACK RAY and friends will be coming for a visit on Wednesday, March 21 at 10:00 in the gym. This is a GREAT, FUN program and the children (and parents!) LOVE IT! EVERYONE IS WELCOME-INCLUDING FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

Who likes to play? We all do, right? Although it may not seem like it to adults, free play is one of the most important times of the day for our preschoolers. Many children are tentative coming to school each day.



Free play is their time to get comfortable with the classroom again. It is also the time for the children to explore, play with new toys, learn about sharing, taking turns, and playing with other children their own age. If the children have gotten to school on time and have had a chance to get comfortable with the classroom during free play, they will be more prepared to move on with their day, be ready to sit in circle time and to participate.

Once again, if the temperatures are above freezing, we will try to go outside to play. Please send hats, mittens, boots, etc. to school with your child. Unless it's that "perfect winter snow" we will not be out for more than 15 minutes-just enough time to breath in some nice fresh air!

Snow Day reminder! We go by the Revere Local Schools for snow days! Did you know you can sign up to receive e-mail messages and/or text messages from television stations for notification of snow days? Go to one of your local stations' website and check it out. (www.wkyc.com, www.newnet5.com, www.woio.com, www.fox8.com.)



From Mrs. Noble

What an unusual January we have had! It's been nice to be able to outside to play. Our three's class was lucky enough to get to play in the snow one time. We made a snowman that would not qualify for the biggest or the best but we were proud of it! Hopefully, we'll have a few more days to get out in the snow and play. If not, we have plenty to keep us busy inside!

February themes for our Moms-N-Tots include Hearts, Valentines and Nursery Rhymes. Our Valentine Exchange for the Monday class will be on Monday, February 13. Our exchange for our Wednesday class will be on Wednesday, February 8. **

Remember, no class on Monday, February 20. Please join us on Wednesday, February 15 for The Illusion Factory.

Our three's class will also be learning about Dental Health.
Special days for our three's class:

Thursday, February 2
Thursday, February 9
Tuesday, February 14
Thursday, February 23

Red Day
Heart Day
Valentine's Exchange**
Winnie the Pooh Day (Bring your Winnie the Pooh Bear or other Pooh character if you have one.)
Conference Day (more on this later)

Thursday, March 1



**We will be having a Valentine's Exchange in each of our classes. These can be simple- the hand made one are the most fun! We suggest that you do not address the valentines but just have you or your child sign their cards. This way the children can place them in their friends' bags independently. We will be having some special activities but no "party" is planned

Parent Helpers

When it is your turn to be parent helper, besides bringing in snack, please have your child pick a special book to bring in for you to read to the children after snack. Thank you!

Here's a little
groundhog furry
and brown.
He's popping up to
look around.
If he sees his
shadow, down he'll
go.
Then six more
weeks of winter!
Oh No



From Mrs. Heislman

Well January has come and gone! And the snow has finally made it. I enjoyed getting to meet with all of you during our conferences, thank you for making time to meet with me. We had a lot of fun this month at Olympic Day and Camp Out Day! I have more fun days planned for February too. Papa John's Pizza will be visiting the classroom to show us how to make pizza. The kids will get to play with dough, fold boxes, and even get to eat pizza! We are also planning a great Valentine's Party and The Illusion Factory will be coming to the school with a presentation.

Also, there will be no school on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.



Letters: P, Q, R

Number: 6

Color: Red

Shape: Heart

Healthy Teeth and Healthy Heart
Valentine's Day / Friendship





From our Treasurer, Betsy Barr

*Tuition payments are due on the first class every month.
Please place payments in the tuition mailbox located
outside of the 3's & 4's classroom, thank you!*

Paper Love Bugs



What you'll need:

- Empty toilet paper tube
- Pink paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Pipe cleaners
- Pen, maker, crayons, or pencil

How to make it:

1. Paint or cover an empty toilet tube with pink paper to make the body of the bug.
2. Cut two hearts from construction paper.
3. Attach these with tape or glue on either side of the body.
4. Encourage your child to draw a face on the top of the tube. Pipe cleaners make great antennae.
5. Write a cute message on the wings such as "Valentine, you make my heart flutter."

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/paper-love-bugs.html>

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