



Small Wonders Learning Center
Newsletter - February 2017



From the Office:

Happy February! We hope you all are enjoying the winter as much as we are. All of our friends love to play outside and we love to take them out as much as possible, weather permitting! Unfortunately, when the temperatures begin to drop we will only have limited time outside. Our infants and toddlers will only go out if the temperatures are 20 degrees or above. The rest of our friends will be able to go out if the temperatures are above zero. Please send in warm outside gear everyday!

Tax Statements: Everyone should be able to print their tax information from the Tuition Express website at www.tuitionexpress.com. If you haven't already set up your personal account with them, it is a fairly simple process to do. You will need your Tuition Express Id# (available from the office) and the last four digits of the bank account you are using for your tuition withdrawals. With this information, go to the website and follow the step-by-step directions on the screen. The Tuition Express helpline is 1-800-338-3884.

Milton Pre-K Program: Enrollment for the Pre-Kindergarten (MPK) program will be through the Milton School District and not at the site locations such as Small Wonders Learning Center. If we receive any information regarding this program we will distribute as soon as it is received.

In addition, if you do not currently reside in the Milton School District but are interested in having your child attend the Milton Pre-K Program, please contact the Milton School District for Open Enrollment information at 868-9200. Thanks! ☺

Valentine's Day Parties: All of our classes will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a classroom party. Please watch for a note with more information from your child's teacher. To make the distribution of the valentines easier for the children, please do not address them to individual children, just have your child sign their name to the valentine.

Safety Issue: Reminder to all of our parents that children should not be allowed to roam freely in the Center without adult supervision. For the safety of all our children, please keep them with you until you drop them off with their teacher. In addition, children should not be running upstairs to get things from the classrooms at pick up without an adult present.

Early Release/No School: School agers must sign up for extra care on the Early Release/No School Days. The next **NO SCHOOL** is on Friday, February 10th and an **EARLY RELEASE** on Thursday February 23rd and **No School** on Friday, February 24th. If your child will not be here, you need to complete the yellow schedule changes form. You will be charged according to your contracted hours unless you request to use personal days. If you will need care, please sign up on the sheets available by the mailboxes.

School Cancellations/Early Release: For our school age families, if your child is scheduled to come to Small Wonders and there is an early release from school due to weather or another emergency, we will expect that your child will be on the bus to Small Wonders. If you have other arrangements for such days, you need to call our office each time and let us know that your child will not be at Small Wonders. With the number of children in our school age program, it is not possible for us to know everyone's individual plans when such situations arise.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be on Tuesday, February 28th and Thursday, March 2nd from 5:30 - 7:30pm. Please watch for sign-up sheets in your child's classroom. The Scholastic Book Fair will also be available the week of conferences starting Monday, February 27th.

Summer Care/Withdrawals: The deadline for notifying the office of your summer care needs and Fall 2017 care needs is Friday, March 3rd, 2017. We have several families looking for care this summer and for the following school year. In addition, we need to know kindergarten plans for those children (current Shooting Stars) who may or may not be going to school in the fall. As a reminder, we have a minimum care requirement of two full days per week.

Dental Hygienist Visit: February is Dental Health Month. We will be having a dental hygienist visit us on February 10th. She will talk to our friends about our teeth and how to take care of them.

Summer School Bus Transportation Option: If your child is interested in attending the Milton School District's Summer School Program but you are uncertain about how to get them to and from it, no worries, we can help. ☺ Small Wonders will arrange transportation with Riteway Bus Service so our children can attend the Summer School program. Children must attend both sessions of summer school. The bus picks up from SWLC at about 7:45am and then returns to SWLC around 11:50am. We provide a staff member who rides the bus with the children. However, while we understand there are many amazing classes available through the Summer School Program, we would prefer that our younger participants refrain from signing up for programs at the Milton High School. We will not be able to accompany our friends from the bus they will need to be able to locate their class on their own. The other schools have staff available to assist the children. The cost for this service is divided amongst the participants. If you are interested in participating, the sign up will be available at the end of February. Everyone who signs up will be charged for the bus. Last minute cancellations will not be allowed.

School Age Summer Program: We will once again be organizing a field trip program for our school agers this summer. If you have ideas for a fieldtrip or program, please let the office know. We are always looking for new ideas or things to do. ☺

School Age Spring Break: Spring break this year for Milton School District is Monday, April 10th through Friday, April 14th. Please make sure to keep an eye out for the week's activities and sign ups coming out soon.

Immunization/Physical Forms: This information must be kept up to date in your child's file. This means we need updated information. As a State requirement, your child's file must be kept current at all times. Failure to do so could result in the termination of care.

Open Enrollment: If you do not live in the Milton School District, it is time for Open Enrollment. Please contact the Milton School District at 868-9200 for further information.

We are looking forward to a wonderful month in February. If you have any questions, please let us know as we are always happy to help!

Valentine Wishes!

Miss Beth, Miss Terri and Miss Julia



From the Sunshine Room:

Happy Valentine Wishes to all of our Sunshine families. Throughout the month we will be working on many of our developmental skills as our older friends prepare to move to the Rainbow Room. Our themes this month are Colors, Valentine's Day, Sense and Dr. Seuss. We will be working on broadening our senses by tasting new treats and getting our hands dirty with self-feeding, Jell-O fun and so much more!

Winter is still here so please continue to bring in winter clothing items. If the temperatures are above 20 degrees we will get out for some fresh air. **Please be sure to label all clothing items.** In addition, please check your infant's extra clothing items...our little ones grow so quickly at this age! ☺ We are also in need of diapers and wipes for our little ones.

We would like to welcome our new friend Robyn to our classroom. We are so excited to have her join in our learning and playtime fun.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Miss Cheryl, Miss Nikki and Miss Taylor



From the Rainbow Room:

"Love is in the air..." And that means it's time to get ready for Valentine's Day. This month the toddlers will be having fun with our monthly themes of Ground Hog's Day, Colors, Valentine's Day, and Presidents Day! Our learning time fun will include exploring colors as we focus on the primary colors (red, yellow, & blue) as well as the color green. We will be working on our hand eye coordination by stacking blocks along with our large motor development of jumping up and down. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day with an all day celebration that includes making and enjoying a homemade sweet treat!

Please bring in updated family photos! We love to see your smiling faces and photos help promote family recognition in your toddler. A big Happy Birthday wish goes out to our friend Andrew this month! We would also like to wish a farewell to our friend Cora, as she moves to the Moonbeams! We are all looking forward to a wonderful month filled with new experiences and much joy.

Lots of hugs!

Miss Rhonda and Miss Marta



From the Moonbeams Room:

Happy Valentine's Day! February is filled with fun activities and lots of new learning experiences for our friends. We will be very busy as we explore our learning units of Ground Hog Day, Disney, Valentine's Day and Prince and Princess'. Our little hands will be very busy as we focus on our fine motor development as we create several fun projects for each of our units. We will be getting a little "shaky" as we use our grasping skills to move the box as we marble paint. We will also be exploring new sensory play with animal-like fur, shredded paper and so much more! We'll have Disney crafts, Valentine's Day projects as well making bags for our Valentines to go in. Many of our projects strengthen our eye-hand coordination and small muscle development as we cut, color, and paste. Our Valentine's Day Party will be Tuesday, February 14th. Plan to send your child in red, white or pink for our celebration. More information will be sent home soon.

We would like to wish Logan a very Happy Birthday! February is a month for remembering your loved ones and having fun!

Hugs and Kisses to You!

Miss Lynn and Miss Emily



From The Milkyway Room:

Welcome February! Happy Valentine's Day! Our themes for this month will be Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Dental Health, Nursey Rhymes and Dr. Seuss.

This month we will be learning all about the ground hog and seeing how many weeks of winter are left. We will make predictions and graphs to help us learn. We will also learn about nursey rhymes and make projects with rhyming words like Humpty Dumpty and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. We will also discuss emotions and love for one another and learn about the heart shape. This month we will learn all about Dr. Seuss and his many books.

Our learning will continue as we explore what a dentist does. February is Dental Health Month so we will be focusing on taking good care of our teeth as we enjoy a visit from the dental office on February 10th. We'll even tap into our own creative expression as we use some of the tools a dentist may use in our activities such as floss painting and toothbrush designs!

Happy Valentine's Day and Hope This Month is Filled With Love!

Miss Melody



From The Milkyway Room:

Happy February! We are having a hard time believing that February is here already! We will be very busy this month with our learning units: Ground Hog' Day, Dental, Valentines, Money and Dr. Seuss.

We have many activities planned for February. We will start off the month talking about the importance of brushing our teeth as we learn all about dental health with a Dental Hygienist visit on February 10th. During Valentines week we will create our own valentine mailboxes and enjoy some fun books about love and friendship. Throughout the month we will focus more on our letter recognition and letter sounds. We are also practicing alternating feet on steps.

Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Tuesday, February 14th. Please watch for a separate note to follow. We will also have a sign up for parents who would like to come to class and read a Dr. Seuss book during the week of birthday February 27th through March 3rd. Our little ones love having parents come and visit us!

On a final note, we would like to welcome our new friend, Khloe as she joins us this month. We are so happy to have you come play, learn, and grow with us!

February Fun!
Miss Mitchy



From the Shooting Stars:

February is here and with it comes many new and exciting experiences for our Shooting Stars friends. This month we will focus on Ground Hog's Day, Presidents, Valentines and Dental. We are hoping Spring is just around the corner with making ground hog puppets and learning what a ground hog is. In honor of our Presidents with will be learning about currency. During this time we will be talking about coins and bills as well as the Presidents that are associated with each of them. Do you know which Presidents are on each of the coins? If not, no worries, you can always ask one of our Shooting Stars friends! ☺ We will also be having a special visit from the Dental Hygienists on February 10th. The children will be doing different science experiments to show the importance of keeping our teeth clean.

Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Tuesday, February 14th. We would like all of our friends to wear "valentine colors" for our party. There will be a sign-up sheet for items needed for the party available on our classroom cubbies.

Jamie, the Milton Librarian will now be coming every other Friday. We will continue to exchange books weekly, please be sure to bring your child's bag!

This month we are finishing out letters of the week with:

January 30th - V

February 13th - X

February 6th - W

February 20th - Z



Our friends have been doing such a great job of recognizing letters and their sounds! We are excited to start next month with numbers. We hope you have an amazing day!

Happy Valentine's Day!
Miss Kelly and Miss Heather



From The Comets:

As February rolls in we look forward to having lots of fun with our school age friends! We've been working hard on constructing our Igloo, be sure to stop and check it out!! Our main site friends will be decorating our classroom with a dragon theme in March. Watch for our cool art decorations including paper dragons! We will also be learning about how Valentines Days was started and making heart projects to go with. Our friends at offsite care will be doing National Week themes that include Thank Your Mailman, Love Your Pet and Fairy Tale Week!

Reminder: There is an early release on Thursday, February 23rd and No School on Friday, February 25th. Sign-up sheets will be available at the parent tables at both Small Wonders and Offsite. All of our families must sign up, indicating whether or not they need care. Don't forget to send in appropriate outdoor gear as we will go outside to enjoy the gifts of winter.

We have many birthdays this month...our birthday wishes go out to Weston, Elan, Ava, Sadie, Claudia, Max, and Miss. Holly! We hope you all have an awesome day!!

Fabulous February!

Miss Becca, Miss Whitney, Miss Melissa and Miss Bobby
Milton East: Miss Em, Miss Holly and Miss Emily

