



Small Wonders Learning Center Newsletter - February 2019



From the Office:

Happy February! We hope you all are enjoying winter as much as we are (with the exception of the recent bitterly cold temperatures)! All of our friends love to play outside and we look forward to taking them outside 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!

Weather Related Closings: We'd like to remind all of our families that if we need to close due to inclement weather, we will announce it on WCLO/WJVL as well as on our SWLC Facebook page and the WJVL website. We strongly encourage all of our families to "Like" our Facebook page to obtain the most up to the moment information. In addition, we do not automatically close due to the Milton School District closing. If you have questions, you may call our office at 868-5288.

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. Once set up, go to the "report" tab at the top of the screen to print information for your taxes. The Tuition Express helpline is 1-800-338-3884.

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 own name to the valentine.

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 15th. If your child will not be here and you had signed up originally, you will need to complete the yellow schedule changes form. You will be charged according to your contracted hours unless you request to use personal days. Our next scheduled day off from school is Monday, March 11th.

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.

Dental Hygienist Visit: February is Dental Health Month. We will be having a dental hygienist visit us February 13th. She will talk to our friends about our teeth and how to take care of them.

School Delay/Cancellations/Early Release: For our school age families, if your child is scheduled to attend before school and there is a delay start, we will expect that they will arrive at their scheduled time and stay until the bus picks up. 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. You will be charged your normal amount plus the additional care needed because of the delay or early release. 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.

For Offsite Program: If there is no school, there is no care available at our Milton East Offsite. In addition, if there is a delay there is no am care & if there is an early release, there is no pm care.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our conferences will be Tuesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 7th. The sign-up sheets will be available in your child's classroom the first part of February. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teachers and get to know them better as well as discuss your child's progress. We love getting together with our families and talking about their amazing little ones. ☺ All families should indicate whether or not they would like a conference.



Summer Care/Withdrawals: As in the past, we will be sending out our Summer/Fall Agreements in early February. These agreements help us determine our staffing needs as well as our openings for families interested in attending SWLC. The deadline for notifying the office of your summer care needs and Fall 2019 care needs is Wednesday, March 13th, 2019. 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.

SA Program Changes: In an attempt to better serve all of our school age families, we will be making some exciting changes to this program. Starting this summer, we will be switching our school age program into two programs: one for the school year and one for summer. Complete details will be sent out in early February.

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 7:50am 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: The School District of Milton's Spring Break is March 25th-29th. Please make sure to keep an eye out for the week's activities and sign ups.

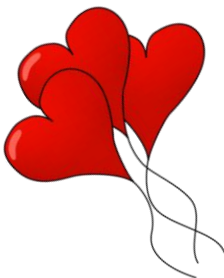
Immunization/Physical Forms: This information must be kept up to date in your child's file. This means we need updated information. As a State requirement, your child's file must be kept current at all times. Failure to do so could result in the termination of care. We are currently reviewing all children's files and will notify you if we are in need of any information.

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! ☺

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 our developmental skills as our older friends prepare to move to the Rainbow Room and younger ones build their core muscles. Our themes this month are Sign Language, Sensory, Valentines, and Self-Help Skills. We will be working on our sensory skills as we explore playing with jello, cotton candy and cheerios. We will continue to work on holding our own bottles and learning to drink from a sippy cup. We are asking our little ones to wear red, pink, or white on Valentine's Day!

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! ☺ Don't forget to check your child's diaper and wipes supply as well. Miss Lynn is at home recovering from her recent knee replacement. We are wishing her a speedy recovery.



Happy Valentine's Day!
Miss Heather and Miss Lyndsay



From the Rainbow Room:

This month we will be working on our creative development and our sensory skills. Our themes are Nursery Rhymes, Sesame Street, Fairy Tales, and Valentines. We have been working on using a spoon and drinking from a cup without a lid, we will continue to practice these self-help skills.

Thank you for participating in our class family involvement, the children love seeing pictures of their families. If you have not brought in your family picture please do. Also please bring in a picture of your pet, if you have one. Finally, don't forget to send in warm winter gear; we will be going outside daily as long as the weather permits. We are all looking forward to a wonderful month filled with new experiences and much joy.

Lots of hugs!

Miss Barb L. and Miss Taylor



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 exploring our learning units of Valentines Colors, Valentine's Day, Dental, and Creative Art. 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 learning units. Our Valentine's Day Party will be Thursday, February 14th; please plan to send your child in red, white or pink for our celebration.

We have been having fun doing several sensory and art projects in our classroom. Take a moment to check out your child's art work around the room. They are very proud to have their projects displayed.

February is a month for remembering your loved ones and having fun!

Hugs and Kisses to You!

Miss Kelly and Miss Brittani



From the Milkyway Room:

Happy February! We will be very busy this month with our learning units: Senses, Valentine, Colors, and Numbers. During these units we will be working on our sensory skills by mixing and matching different colors. We also are excited to have a visit from Great Smiles Dentist this month. They will be teaching about oral health and how to take care of our teeth. Throughout the month, as a group we will also be practicing and working on following simple directions as well as our scissor skills.

Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Thursday, February 14th. Please watch for a separate note to follow. Please wear pink, red, or white on this day.

February Fun!
Miss Barb S.



From the Shooting Stars Room:

February is here and with it comes many new and exciting experiences for our Shooting Stars friends. This month we will focus on Dentist, Valentine's Day, Nursery Rhymes and Dr. Seuss. As part of Dental Month, we will learn all about good oral hygiene and eating healthy. We are looking forward to using our creativity when using toothpaste for our art projects. We are excited to learn about some popular nursery rhymes. Some of our fun activities this month will include egg races and reenacting the different nursery rhymes as we learn about them. We are also looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and work on early literacy.

Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Monday, February 11th as so it won't interfere with our MPK friends' schedule and we all can celebrate together. We would like all of our friends to wear "valentine colors" for our party. A note will be coming home soon with more information.

Happy February to all of you! We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to our friends, Logan, Andrew, and Jordy.

Be Mine!
Miss Melody and Miss Mandy



From The Comets:

As February rolls in we look forward to having lots of fun with our school age friends! We have been displaying our art work around the classroom. If you haven't already, please check it out...our kids are pretty talented!

Reminder: The Sign-up Sheets are ready for the No School Day on Monday, March 11th and for Milton's Spring Break- March 25-29th. All of our SA families must sign up, indicating whether or not they need care. Families will be charged according to their regular schedule plus any additional care needed as indicated on sheets. If your children will not be here, you may use your personal days. Please don't forget to send in appropriate outdoor gear with your school ager. We will go outside to enjoy the gifts of winter as the weather permits.

Reminder: Wear Red, White, and Pink on Valentine's Day!

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

Fabulous February!
The School Age Team

