



Small Wonders Learning Center Newsletter - February 2020



From the Office:

Happy February! We hope you all are enjoying winter as much as we are! We have had tons of fun playing in the snow. All of our friends love to play outside and we look forward to taking them outside as much as possible, weather permitting! 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.

School Weather related - 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.

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.

Dental Hygienist Visit: February is Dental Health Month. A dental hygienist will be visiting us to teach our friends about our teeth and how to take care of them.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Our conferences will be Tuesday, March 3rd and Thursday, March 5th. 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.

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.

Health Update: The flu season is definitely here along with all sorts of other illnesses. We'd like to remind everyone that if your child is running a fever or showing other signs of illness that they should stay home. Your child must be fever free (without the use of medicine) for 24 hours before returning to daycare. All of our classrooms clean daily and we have been doing extra cleaning to help contain all the germs. As a reminder: the best way to keep everyone healthy is proper handwashing.

SAHO Early Release/No School: The Early Release/No School Days in February are Thursday, February 20th (early release), and no school on Friday, February 21st, and Monday, February 24th.



Shooting Stars Families: For those friends that will be moving to kindergarten in the fall 2020-21 school year, you will need to enroll in our school age program if you will need before and after school care. The Fall Agreement forms will be sent home in mid-February. The sign up deadline for our current children needing care for the 2020-21 school year is Friday, March 6th.

SAHO Summer Care/Fall Enrollment: As in the past, we will be sending out our Summer/Fall Agreements in mid-February. These agreements help us determine our staffing needs as well as our openings for families interested in attending SWLC. ***Reminder: Our School Age Program ends for all of our school agers on Friday, June 5, 2020. ALL children will need to re-register for the 2020 summer program and/or the fall 2020-21 school year program.** The sign up deadline for our currently enrolled children needing summer and/or 2020-21 school year care is Friday, March 6th. We have several new families looking for summer care as well as for the following school year. Open enrollment will begin following our closed enrollment and all spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Summer School Bus Transportation Option: We are currently reviewing whether or not we will be arranging transportation to and from the Milton Summer School Program. We will be sending out a survey to determine the interest in having a bus this year. Reminder the cost for summer school transport is divided amongst the number of participants.

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. ☺

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 Circus, Valentines, Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes. We will be working on our sensory skills as we explore with jello, cotton candy and cool whip. We will also be smelling and tasting (for those that are able to) cookies on Valentine's Day as part of our sensory exploration.

We will continue building our self-help skills as we work on holding our own bottles and learning to drink from a sippy cup as well as getting lots of tummy time and practice sitting, standing and walking.

As part of our Valentine's Day fun, we are asking our little ones to wear red, pink, or white on the 14th. We would like to wish our friend, Alexa a very special Happy Birthday on February 3rd and lots of luck as she moves to the toddler room this month.

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.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Miss Barb L.



From the Rainbow Room:

Our February Fun is going to include some amazing learning opportunities as we explore our Senses, Valentine's Day, Colors, and Nursery Rhymes. Our toddlers are going to start the month learning about our 5 Senses through a variety of crafts and exciting activities. During the next week we will focus on love and valentines with activities such as hand print hearts, cube painting, and fun with marshmallows and jello.

Our fun will continue throughout the rest of the month as we explore colors and practice identifying them with neat activities such as rainbow painting, colorful rice in our sensory bin, and painting with ice cubes. We will end the month focusing on Nursery Rhymes. We will have lots of music fun along with activities to go with our rhymes such as cotton ball sheep (Mary Had a Little Lamb), and water play (Row, Row, Row Your Boat) to name a few.

We are so excited to welcome our new friend, Alexa whom will be joining us in February. We are happy to have you join in our learning fun. 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.

Valentine Giggles and Wiggles!
Miss Lyndsay and Miss Jaida



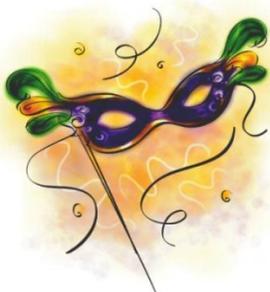
From the Moonbeams Room:

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 Pink, Red, and White, Valentine's Day, Dr. Seuss, and Mardi Gras. Our little hands will be busy as we start the month off with pink, white, and red activities such as noodle necklaces, tie-dye fun, and popsicle picture frame. Our Valentine's Day Party will be Friday, February 14th from 9:45-10:30am. Please plan to send your child in red, white or pink for our celebration. If you would like to send in valentines, please feel free to do so. We have 10 friends in our classroom. ☺

Our learning experiences will continue as we explore Dr. Seuss and Mardi Gras during the last two weeks of February. We're looking to enjoy several Dr. Seuss books as well as some great sensory and craft activities. During our unit on Mardi Gras we will be making our own instruments and colorful masks, as well as party shakers.

We would like to ask each of our friends to bring in a shoe box or empty tissue box to be used for a special project. Please send it in no later than Friday, February 9th. We would like to welcome our two new friends...Bodhi and Isaac. We are so happy to have you both join in our Moonbeam fun! Happy February Birthday Wishes go out to our friend, Elaina as she turns 3 this month!! Whohoo! We hope you have a very special day. February is a month for remembering your loved ones and having fun!

Hugs and Kisses to You!
Miss Brittani and Miss Taylor



From the Milkyway Room:

Happy February! The Milkyway Room is sure to be filled with lots of fun and learning experiences this month as we explore our learning units of Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Dental Health, and Dr. Seuss. We will start off the month by putting on our scientific thinking caps as we explore shadows, groundhogs, and make our own predictions. We will then focus on our creativity and imagination as we prepare for Valentine's Day with fun activities such as paper towel hearts, heart collages, and of course our Party on the 14th from 10:00-11:00am. Watch for more details to be sent home in early February.

We will end the month with our Dental unit and Dr. Seuss. As part of Dental Health Month, we will learn all about good oral hygiene and eating healthy. We also have some neat activities such as toothbrush painting and making our own toothbrush people. We just love Dr. Seuss and we can't wait to enjoy some of his books and have some fun with rhyming as we close out the month. Be sure to check out the arts and crafts we create with this fun theme! May your hearts be filled with love this month!

Heats a Flutter!

Miss Melody and Miss Hanna



From the Shooting Stars Room:

It's February already! Hurray! Our Shooting Stars are going to absolutely "love" our learning units this month as we explore Sharing, Valentine's Day, Dental Health, and Fairy Tales. We will kick the month off by focusing on sharing and practicing ways to share. We will also have some activities to help us learn such as the sharing game, a Sharing Hunt, and a video. During our Valentine's unit we will be making valentine cards, sun catchers, and marble paint hearts. We will also be having a party on the 14th with special treats and fun activities. If you would like to send in valentines, we have 26 friends in our classroom. ☺

During our unit on Fairy Tales we will enjoy several stories and then create some fun art activities such as Paper Plate Red Hens, window bean sprouts, and more!! Do you know the fairy tales that go with our art projects?? February is Dental Health month and we will be learning all about taking good care of our teeth and healthy eating. We will also be enjoying a visit from a dental hygienist to support our learning experience. Throughout the month we will be focusing on our fine motor skills as we practice writing our names.

We'd like to welcome all of our new friends to our room...Walton, Angelo, and Breckin. We are so happy to have you all join in our Shooting Stars fun. We'd also like to wish Miss Leah M. a very happy February Birthday.

Be Mine!

Miss Leah M., Miss Barb S., and Miss Leah S.



From SAHO:

As February rolls in we look forward to having lots of fun with our school age friends! Our themes for the month will be Let it Snow, Valentines, Presidents, and Mardi Gras. We will be focusing on working together and cleaning up after ourselves. We have several fun activities planned for each of our themes including making valentines, Mardi Gras masks, and baking king cupcakes. Be sure to put our Mardi Gras party on your calendars...Monday, February 24th.

February School Days Off: Thursday, February 20th: Early Release
No School: Friday, February 21st and Monday, February 24th.

March School Days Off: March 23rd- 27th (Spring Break)
Call in Date: Monday, February 17th beginning at 6:30am.

Reminder: Wear Red, White, and Pink on Valentine's Day! We'd like to welcome our new friend Emmaline to our Hangout. We are so happy to have you join in our school age fun! Happy Birthday wishes go out to our friend Logan S.! We hope you have an awesome day!!

Fabulous February!
The School Age Team

