



THE HELEN G. MUIR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

“Love is the rule in our school!”

February 2009

We're off to a great start in the New Year! The children seemed very glad to return from the holidays and were ready to get back in to the swing of things! We've been singing songs about snow in hopes that "Suzy Snowflake" will come to town soon!! BRRR... the cold weather is certainly beckoning her appearance! We have our fingers crossed that we'll be able to go outdoors to have a snowball fight over the next few weeks!

Open enrollment for the 2009/2010 school year will begin in February. Be on the lookout for more information coming home soon.

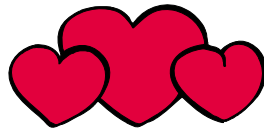
Important dates to remember in February –

- * February 10 Parent workshop – “*The 5 Love Languages of Children*”
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Childcare provided
- * February 16 President’s Day – Preschool closed
Child care open for full time students



Happy Valentine’s Day!

Norma Topping
Director



TERRIFIC TWO AND ½S

The New Year came in with a blast of cold air from the Arctic and with it a perfect time to learn about all things COLD. Of course our color this month was the color WHITE. Our class has enjoyed snowball fights (with cotton balls), ice painting, snowflakes, and snowmen. The children and teachers are still holding out hope that we will see some real snow. We talked about hibernation, igloos, and penguins. Be sure to ask your children if penguins can fly?!?

In February the theme of the month will be hearts and love. Even though the weather outside is cold and chilly, our classroom is full of warm hearts and lots of love.

Happy Valentine’s Day!!!

Mrs. Debbie Wheelless
Mrs. Chandra Washington-Parker

THRILLING THREES

Flowers, Cards, and Candy!
On Valentine’s Day, They’re Dandy!
(And on any other day of the year too, if you ask us.)

February will be a busy month in our class. Not only do we celebrate Valentine’s Day, but this is dental month too. So much to learn, so little time. February would have to be the shortest month of the year!

Well there may not be any snow outside, but there is plenty in our igloo – I mean classroom. Styrofoam balls and cotton balls have taken the place of the real stuff and we’ve had flurries every day!

We’ve made polar bear puppets, penguins, marshmallow snow people and painted with ice. We even snuggled in a giant mitten like the animals in the story, “The Mitten” by Jan Brett. Winter is “snow” much fun.

We’re glad it’s not over yet!

Mrs. Michele Aravich
Mrs. Ashley Wright



THE MAGNIFICENT FOURS

We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a blessed Christmas with family and friends. January has been a busy month for us. Our *Doors to Discovery* curriculum was centered on *Healthy Me*. Tabby Tiger taught us the importance of taking care of our bodies. Visiting the doctor and dentist can help us do this. We weighed and measured our selves and listened to our hearts beat. We are all growing big and strong!

Our hallway has turned into a winter wonderland! The class cut snowflakes and made cute snowmen each with their own special personality. What a great job!

We continued working on our letters, which included a week of review A-H and are now back on track with I, J, and K. We are also working on our numbers 1-10.

On Tuesday, January 20th, we watched history being made with Barack Obama becoming our 44th President of the United States. We also talked about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his part in our country's history.

Hibernation was last on our list of things to learn about this month. Did you know bears are not the only creatures that hibernate? Ask your child!

Next month hearts and love abound!

Mrs. Susan Minter
Mrs. Heather Secrist

THE FANTASTIC FOURS

Welcome back and Happy New Year! January is upon us and we are half way through the school year. The children seem happy to be back and eager to learn. We have continued our alphabet L-P and our numbers 11-20. Our pace is beginning to increase a bit as I feel the children are ready for newer challenges while reviewing what we have learned so far.

Tabby Tiger has us learning how to stay healthy. The children have enjoyed the extra props some of the parents have shared with us – Thank You! Al and his friends have continued to talk to us about feelings. Al, like Tabby, will begin talking to us about taking care of our bodies and keeping them safe and healthy.

January brought cold temperatures, snow and ice – at least in our classroom. The children have enjoyed learning about freezing water and making snow. Seeing a snow crystal through a magnifying glass is always fun! Furthermore, we talked about Dr. Martin Luther King and what great things he did for our country. This discussion lead in to a wonderful experience for the children – seeing our country's first African American President being sworn in to office.

February will bring hearts, presidents, and a wonderful field trip. Our class will be visiting the Hampton Air and Space Museum, where we will have the opportunity to experience some wonderful hands' on demonstrations. More information on this will be coming home soon.

Mrs. Kate Radermacher
Mrs. Nicole Kelly

