

Sandcastle Preschool

"Where children learn through play"

February 2020

Our Theme for the month of February is **Family and Friends** We'll be discussing what friends and who our family is. Families come in all shapes and sizes and we really look forward to talking about our families at home and our preschool family. We are going to have such a

Preschool - Academics or Play?

All high-quality early childhood programs provide academic experiences in an age-appropriate way. Research shows that young children learn best through manipulation of materials and hands-on experiences, planned by knowledgeable teachers.

This learning is through play, but it is play with purpose. Using play to build success does not mean the curriculum is not academic. It means it is what's natural for three, four and five-year-old children. Materials are organized so that children use them to figure things out, practice skills, learn new concepts and have fun!

great month.

Theme: Friends & Family



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Valentines Day!



We will be celebrating Valentines day on **Thursday February 13th**, and **Friday February 14th** with some fun activities and games. There will be a treat sign up sheet....stay tuned....

If you wish to bring Valentines Day cards to class, it's a lot easier to use "to my friend" than trying to use everyone's names! We'll be making



special mailboxes to collect the valentines for each class.

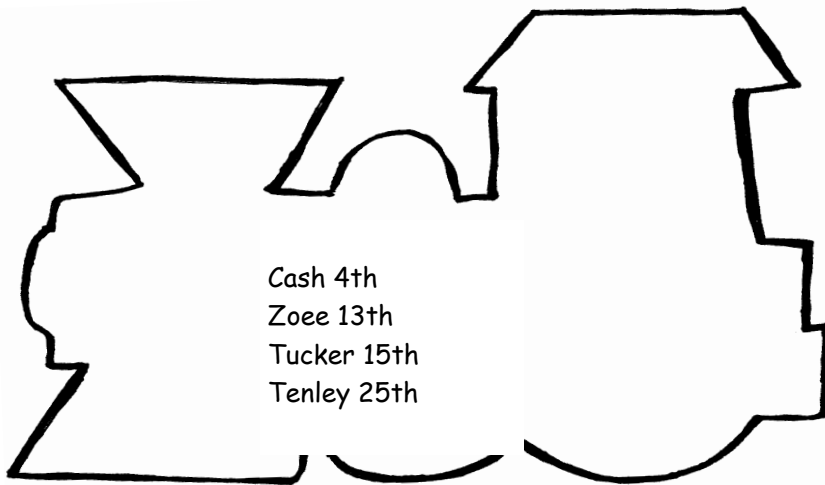
Pink shirt Day!

Pink shirt day is Tuesday February 25,2020 and Wednesday February 26,2020....we will talk about being kind!

School closed for Family Day:

Preschool will be closed on **Monday February 17th** for Family day, we hope you have a fun weekend!

Happy Birthday Wishes!



Parent Resources:

2 great books packed with information for parents, "Discipline without Damage" by Dr. Vanessa Lapointe- science based, practical, respectful and effective parenting strategies.

"Hold on to your kids" by Dr. Gordon Neufeld, and Dr. Gabor Mate-looks at reinforcing attachment to parents to help children deal with peer pressure.

Tips for Kindergarten readiness...

1. Drawing with broken crayons, the shorter the better! This encourages functional pencil grasp.
2. Cut with scissors! Kindergarten is filled with art projects, so with kid sized scissors, cut paper, playdough, straws, but not hair...adult supervision recommended!

Registration 2020/2021 Preschool Year:



We are now accepting registrations for Sept. 2020!

The registration fee is \$30.00 per child. September 2020 preschool fees are \$195.00 for three days a week & \$140.00 for two days a week. Please see Barbara or Jackie for a registration form and return it to the main office upstairs with your \$30.00 registration fee and the first month postdated cheque (Sept 1, 2020) to reserve your spot!

Spaces are filling up quickly!

Circle Time

Five Valentines

5 Cheerful valentines from the dollar store
I sent one to _____ now I have 4
4 cheerful valentines pretty ones to see
I gave one to _____ now there 3
3 cheerful valentines with flowers pink & blue
I gave one to _____ now I have 2
2 cheerful valentines, my stories almost done
I gave one to _____ & now I have one
One cheerful valentine I only have one
I gave it to _____ now I have none.

Signs



A Look ahead....

Preschool will be closed from Monday, March 16th- Friday March 27th this year for Spring Break. The preschool will open again on Monday March 30, 2020.
We hope you have a wonderful holiday!



Updating our records:

If you have had any changes in address, contact information, or emergency contact people (or anything else you want to add to your child's emergency card) it is very important that you give us the new information immediately. Please help us to keep our records accurate and up to date.
Thank you :)

Community News:

Skating—Friday February 14 discount skate 1:00-2:30pm

Love Makes the World Go Round Puppet Show- Feb 14 2:00-2:45 PM at The Mission Library

Family Day—8:30 AM -4:30 PM free swimming, and free skating 1:00 PM -3:00 PM

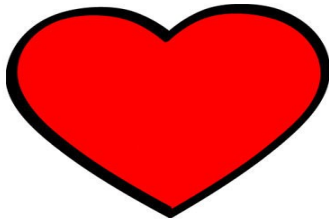
Free Family Swim-February 26 6:30-8:00pm at Leisure Center

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Drawing and Scribbling






Let children scribble! When young children draw or scribble, they are using the skills they will need for writing. They are practicing what it's like to communicate on paper. You can help by talking about scribbles as "working on your writing." You might ask, "How did you get the crayon to make that line?" "What did you think about saying?" Comment about marks she has made: "That one looks like the D in Daniel's name." "If a child shows you some scribbles and asks you, "What did I write?" You might try asking him or her, "What do you want it to say?"

Encourage Drawing! Remember that children express ideas and tell stories with their drawings. You can help a child connect print with spoken words when you ask them something about their picture. Having trouble getting started? Just say, "Can you tell me about your picture?" Point to each word as you read back what the child said. When a child has made a drawing, print their name in one corner. You might say each letter as you print it. Pay attention to a child's effort to copy their name. Encourage scribblers to use their scribbling skills during dramatic play to make signs, play money, or pretend mail.

Display children's drawings and scribbles!

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