



# *News Letter*

## *February 2019*

### *Our Lady's Child Care Center*

Tax letters were put in children's mailboxes. These documents are difficult to replace, so please don't misplace them. The other important item recently placed in the mailboxes was our revised tuition policy, this policy revision includes the rate increase due to take affect beginning March 1. We have noticed several of these documents still in children's mailboxes, please check your child's mailbox frequently.

Flu season is here! We have our first confirmed case. We have worked through several permutations of colds and a strep throat wave swept through, and now the flu! To help combat this and prevent the spread of the virus we are urging parents that if you have any doubt in your mind about you or your child's health stay home. Call the doctor, get tested even if you have received the flu shot. This is a great context to remind all parents; every child is required to wash their hands upon arrival to the program. We strongly recommend washing during departure routine as well, leave the germs here.

We will have our annual book fair and open house next month. The theme for this year's book fair is DINO-MITE Book Fair: Stomp, Chomp, and Read! The book fair will run from 3/4-3/8. This year we are trying something new, we will host a Book Fair Breakfast with coffee, juice and a light snack like muffins and bagels. We hope that this allows more families to enjoy the Book Fair. The Book Fair Breakfast will run

from 7-9 on the morning of 3/5. The Book Fair open house will be 3/7. The open house is always a great family-friendly event, we look forward to seeing you there. Book Fair time also means that we are looking for parent volunteers, let Perri or Jon know if you are interested in volunteering or you can sign up on our Book Fair Homepage, you can also purchase books on our homepage.

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If we have to close or have a delayed opening we will broadcast on ABC40, 22 News, (we will attempt) via email and we will post it on Facebook.

School Age parents, regardless if a holiday falls on a day that your child is scheduled to come you must sign up on the care sign-up sheet. We assume you do not need care if you have not signed up, and we adjust our staffing based on those sign-up sheets. Do not wait till the last minute. If you have not signed up, your child will not be allowed to come for the day.

Some notes on parking; please be aware that the 3 parking spaces next to the church are on church property and you are parking at your own risk. We do not sand and salt in that area, you may park there but please use care. We have noticed that we have some lights out in our parking areas, we have had electricians come to assess the issue but it seems as though they may belong to the city, that being said they were as-of-yet unable to fix them.

### **Blue Room – Beth and Angela**

Welcome to February, it seems like we just celebrated New Year's, but here we are. Wishing all a very Happy Valentine's Day. We will be working on many skills and developmental milestones during the month. Some of these will include sitting, rolling over, holding a bottle, finger feeding, etc. Please remember to bring in warm coats, hats, mittens as we will continue to go outside; weather permitting. Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labeled. As always if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask.

### **Yellow Room – Jayna and Miranda**

This month we will be talking about Seasons. February starts with Groundhog Day and this is a perfect segue to talking about the seasons. Next we will talk about sports, like the Super Bowl, and games we can play inside. We will learn about love and Valentine's Day! We will be having a Valentine's Day celebration. We will learn about dental hygiene. Reminder; please make sure your child has a spare set of weather appropriate clothes here at school.

### **Green Room – Ivette and Angela**

This month we are going to be exploring some exciting themes! We will be talking about The 5 senses, Valentine's Day, Dental Hygiene and Things that go. Some of our activities are going to be painting with cars, painting and brushing teeth and lots and lots of hearts! We are looking forward to learning about the color pink while learning about Valentine's Day. We will also be experimenting with our senses! We will be using things like bubble wrap and sandpaper to not only paint with, but to walk on and feel.

### **Room 1- Jon and Bethany**

The shortest month of the year and so much to cover; Groundhog Day, Valentine's, President's Day and it's Black History month! We will make

some predictions about Punxsutawney Phil. We will make some valentine themed decorations for our classroom. We will also talk about Black History and some of the people that changed America forever.

### **Room 2- Brittany and Casey**

We can't believe how fast January flew by, we are excited for the fun things we have planned for February. This month we will be learning about dental hygiene, we might even have a special visit from a dentist! Then we will learn about Valentine's Day and discuss all the things we love. Next we will introduce community helpers and how they keep our neighborhood safe and clean. We will wrap up February with learning about Dr. Seuss. Throughout the month we will be focusing on learning our letters, especially the ones in our names.

### **Room 3- Cassie and Subnam**

February is Dental Hygiene month! We will be learning about why it is important to keep our teeth clean, as well as how we keep them clean. We will be learning lots of new songs to sing so we remember how long we brush our teeth for! We will also be learning about Valentine's Day and the heart shape. We will be having a small party on Valentine's Day, if you would like to bring a treat please see one of us for details. Valentines are encouraged, but please, no candy! In February we will also be learning about the circus! This means we will be talking about a lot of different animals and where they naturally live. Keep a look out for the letter of the week as the kids LOVE bringing in different items to show the class!

### **Room 4–Nikki and Jen**

This month we will be starting the month with a sports theme. We will talk about and make our very own athletes. We will be learning about a variety of sports and talk about the Super Bowl. We will use different balls to do a float

or sink science experiment. We will also be talking about Ground Hog Day and give predictions about what the ground hog will see. We will be spending some time talking about Valentine's Day and how it is important to be kind to one another. We will make special Valentines for each other and do some team building activities. We will have a week focused on Dental Health and we will learn about the importance of proper brushing and oral hygiene.

#### **From the Director's Corner:**

The emergency contact list that you receive at the beginning of your enrollment and subsequently resigned is just that, a list of people we contact if we can't contact you directly. The people on list do not have permission to leave with your child unless we are otherwise notified. In the event that a legal guardian will not be picking up your child please leave a note for your child's teacher, or call us with the name of the person that will be picking them up. Please remind anyone you have approved to pick up your child to bring their ID. We are required to check the ID and insure that it matches the name given by (you) the child's guardian. If you have circumstances that require frequent pick-ups from a specific person please let us know, we can attach a note authorizing this person to pick up whenever it is specified as necessary.

If you want to bring in treats for Valentine's or any other special occasion please be aware that it must be stored bought and labeled. This is the only way we can insure that there are absolutely no allergens.

A reminder to infant, toddler and preschool parents; please make sure that your child has at least one change of clothes. When we start going out to play in the snow it's a good idea to have two pairs of extra clothes; pants, socks and underwear especially. We are required by law to have a change of clothes for

every child that is potty training. We have some extra clothes for the children in the case of an emergency. We have very few extra pairs of underwear, and nobody wants to wear someone else's underwear.

If winter does bring more snow we love going out to play! The children will need hats, mittens (gloves only if they can put them on themselves), jackets, snow pants and boots. If it is below 15 degrees we will not be going out, but it has to warm up sometime so we want to be ready to play!

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The Easthampton Public Schools are offering free screenings to anyone who has concerns about their child's development. The goal is to get services to children before their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. These screenings are for children of any age. For more information or to schedule a screening call the Special Education Department @ (413) 529-1500 ext. 129

## **Happy Valentine's Day!**



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◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Groundhog Day
3	4	5 Chinese New Year	6	7	8	9 Easthampton Winter Fest
10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17 School Vacation Week>>>	18 President's Day We Are Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

### Would You Like to volunteer?

Let your child's teacher know if you would  
Parents Volunteers Always Wanted!

Let us know if you want to volunteer to come in and spend some time with us. We would love to have you. You could read to us, you could play an instrument, you could just be a classroom helper.

**Anything you do means everything to us.**

**We are looking for volunteers to help us with our upcoming Book Fair  
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