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The Monthly View



Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening
by Robert Frost (1923)

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep.
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
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February Calendar

- 2/10: Parent Board Mtg., 6:30 pm
- 2/11: Valentine's Day party, afternoon class
- 2/13: Valentine's Day party, morning class
- 2/16: President's Day – No School
- 2/28 (Saturday): Pirates and Princesses Ball, 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- 3/2: No School

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February 2009

A Teacher's View

A Note from Miss Mary....

February --- the month to celebrate love! We will be having a Valentine Day celebration in class, learning new songs and enjoying fun activities.

The workshop in the classroom has been a huge success.

While playing with tools and building structures, the children are talking with friends and discovering new things. Social, cognitive and language development are all improving with this type of play.

Providing opportunities for language experiences is perhaps the most beneficial way to influence positive language development for children. By the age of five, the differences between children with different degrees of language skills can be striking. One child may have a vocabulary of four or five thousand words; another child may only have one to two thousand. The key to helping a preschooler optimize language skills is to expose him/her to lots of interesting things every day, and talk about those things with him/her right then and there. Here are just a few of the ways you can make this happen at home: Talk about things you are doing around the house; sorting the laundry can result in an in depth conversation of colors, textures, sizing, and even letters and numbers from the logos on the items; tell stories; make reading aloud a part of your everyday routine.

I hope all the families have a very Happy Valentine's Day!

Miss Mary

A Note from Mrs. Jennings....

Hello Friends,

I sometimes forget how busy we are in January. Here at the end of the month I am very tired! A new semester, new students, and registration all add up to busy days and nights. Whew! Add to that the ongoing efforts to advertise, fundraise, and organize the Spring Carnival with mailings and solicitations for donations being sent. There is also a - committee planning a family event for the month of February! You are all busy too! Of course, that just begins to scratch the surface of the work being done.

All this to say, Thanks again! It was wonderful to be at the Open House and hear our guests say that they were given our name and information because you are telling others about our school. We love to share the preschool with others. These families were quick to point out that parent involvement is important to them as well. I am pleased to work with so many parents that are interested in their child's early education.

As we enter February, I hope the weather warms! It will be another busy month and full of opportunity to support the preschool, its families and students. I hope that you are able to share love and joy with your family and others as we enter this "Love Month".

Best Wishes to you!

Mrs. Jennings

Co-Vice Presidents Letter:

Between the holidays and snow days, life has been pretty busy lately! Now that we are starting off the New Year, there are several exciting things going on to help fundraise for our school!

In January, there was the Greenraising fundraiser, which (since it is ongoing at the time of this newsletter) looks like it will do well for the school...not to mention the help it will give to help our families go a little greener and help the environment! We also have Chuck-a-Puck hockey nights late January and February as well. Our hockey nights have been going pretty good – attendance for the games is down this year, but it is still an easy fundraiser for us to do with minimal effort and all volunteers so far have had a pretty good time while doing it!

February will bring our Family Fun Event, a “Pirates and Princesses” theme!! The kids are going to have a lot of fun at this one!! More details to come....

We are also going to start on a preschool cookbook!!! Information will be coming via email and your child’s cubby on submitting your family’s favorite recipes. These will make a great gift for Mother’s Day this spring – for mothers, grandmothers, aunts...or really anyone who loves to cook and support kids at the same time!

Thanks as always for all your hard work and support for A Child’s View!



Registration News:

Enrollment for 2009-2010 has begun!

Applications are being accepted from current and new families at this time. If you are a currently enrolled family who wishes to send your child to ACV this fall, please submit your application and registration fee as soon as possible. Applications are taken in the order in which they are received and unfortunately we cannot hold your child's space without the necessary paperwork. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Registrar, Ursula Mussey, or our Director, Beverly Jennings.

Pirates & Princesses Ball

**Yo-ho-ho! Calling all Mateys!
Don't miss ye olde "Pirates and
Princesses Ball" on Saturday,
February 28, 4 -6 pm, at the
preschool.**

AARRRGH!!!

**A good time will be had by all!
There will be games, dancing, tasty
vittles and more. Don't be a
landlubber and miss this par-r-r-r-
ty! Watch for more details (and
bad pirate puns) coming soon.
Avast, ye scurvy dogs!!**



Registration is underway!

Registration for the 2009-2010 school year has begun! We had a flurry of activity at the Open House and met several families that are considering our fall classes. Thanks so much for your referrals. It was wonderful to meet your friends.

Appreciation should also be given to *Chaylene Schiefing*, *Tina Barber*, the entire *Schmitt family*, *Ursula Mussey*, *Miss Mary* and *Mrs. Jennings* for helping that evening. Thanks so much! We continue to accept registrations for next Fall, applications may be dropped off in the office.