

Marshall Child Development Center February Newsletter 2013



Playing today...learning
for tomorrow.

From the Director...!

We survived the first month of 2013!! But not without some sickness. ☹️ Please remember that anytime your child is diagnosed with anything contagious, it is your responsibility to let the center know. We will in turn post signs and information so that anyone who has been exposed can look for warning signs. Although the weather has not been very cooperative this year, we will continue to get the children outdoors daily. This is the best thing we can do to help with the spread of sickness. Fresh air does wonders! We will also continue to work with the children on proper hand washing techniques.

We have a big event coming up in March that we will need a lot of parent participation to make successful! It is Staff Appreciation Week! This is a week that we set aside each year to let everyone who works to make MCDC the best it can be, feel appreciated for everything they do. This includes substitutes, floaters, teachers and the cook! This year Staff Appreciation Week will be March 4th-8th. We will have a sign up list for goodies to be brought in on Monday March 4th and Thursday March 7th. This sign up list will be located on the parent table in the front lobby. We will need the most volunteers for the staff luncheon on Wednesday March 6th. The staff will be going to lunch from 12:30-2:30 at Carraba's. We will need parent volunteers to work in the classrooms during this time frame. The majority of the

children will be down for nap. Each volunteer will need to attend a safety briefing with the director prior to Wednesday March 6th. Another area where we need volunteers is for classroom coordinators. There are a couple things that we will be asking for each parent to bring in, and we will need someone to coordinate the collection of those items and help with the luncheon on Wednesday. We do ask that each family donate at least \$10 per child to go towards the luncheon and possibly a small gift. We also ask each child submits artwork/photos to be placed in a memory book for each of the staff members. We will have examples of these book on the parent table. Please contact Stacy Busby at Stacy.A.Busby@gmail.com if you will be available to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thank you!

Have a great month!!

Kelli Wright, Director

Feb Events:

- Feb 1st = Speech & Hearing Screenings
- Feb 6th = Reception for Sandra Hudson 12:30-2:00pm (MCDC Library)
- Feb 7th = Board Meeting
- Feb 11th-15th = Friendship Week
- Feb 18th = Center Closed for President's Day
- Feb 21st = Board Meeting

Coming up in March:

Staff Appreciation Week: 4th-8th; Lunch scheduled for the 6th = volunteers needed

Board Meetings on the 7th and 21st
Kelli out of office the 11th-15th
Egg Hunt on the 21st

Hello From Infant A

Six little cupids and a room full of love. Two cupids left for the creeper rooms and two new families took their place. Welcome to Infant A. This month we will talk a lot about the color red and use the heart shape when we play or at art time. Thank you families for sending in pictures please keep them coming. Enjoy the long holiday weekend.
Ms. Lisa and Mrs. Donna T.

The Beautiful Babies (Infant B)

Greetings from Infant B the beautiful babies. First of all welcome to our new babies, we are so excited about building relationships and watching our little ones grow. Mathematical thinking involves noticing similarities and differences; organizing information's and understanding quantity, numbers, patterns, space, and shapes. Learning the concepts and language of math-more, less, smaller, the same as, how many-gives children a sense of order and a way to make predictions and comparisons and to solve problems. Infants discover mathematical relationships every day when they explore space, compare amounts and sort, match objects. An example here is one red sock and now two red socks. The list of math games can go on and on. Have a great month and let the math games begin.

Mrs. Janice and Mrs. Jadena

The Jammin Babies (Creeper A)

Greetings from those jammin babies. All is well in jammin land. We only have a few who can walk and dance,

most of our crew is new and just learning the steps. They all dance in a seated position, but it will not be long before they are taking steps. Parents, for Valentines this year, we will be trading unopened cold rings, please bring in an interesting cold ring that has not been opened to share with your child's classmates. The whole week of Valentine's Day will be our friendship week; children can bring in a favorite snack to share as well. We have several Birthdays this month, HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all the little ones celebrating their special day. Thank you for all you do for our room, please pay close attention to the lesson plans that are in your child's cubby, for dates on friendship week. Have a fabulous February.

Mrs. Freda and Mrs. Yvonne

The Creeping Caterpillars (Creeper B)

Happy February! We have many changes going on in our room, babies moving on and new babies moving in. We welcome all of our new friends. We are so glad to have you join us. Speaking of friends-friendship week is coming up February 11-15. During friendship week we will bring snacks to share with the class. Each day we will assign parents to bring in a special snack for the day to share with the class. Then on February 14th we will exchange cold teething rings for a Valentine's gift. Each Creeper will need to bring a new teether (The type that goes in the freezer/ refrigerator) to exchange with a friend. If you have any questions feel free to ask us as you bring in or pick up your little one. Thank you for sharing your precious little ones with us each day. They are such a joy!

Mrs. Connie and Mrs. Teresa

The Busy Bees (Toddler A)

Hello from the Beehive! The time has come for us to put away our snowmen, penguins, and igloos and embrace the holiday of love: Valentine's Day! During the month of February, our hearts will be aflutter as we focus on Valentine's colors (pink, red, purple); hearts, and friendship. Friendship Week is February 11-15 and we will fill it with hugs, kisses, and love for our fellow bees. Valentine's Day falls on Thursday February 14th and the bees will have a special Friendship snack and exchange Valentines on this day. If you would like your child to exchange Valentines and share in all the fun, please bring Valentines for the class. Happy Valentine's Day from the Busy Bees and see you next month!

Mrs. Sybil and Ms. Shalandra

The Tumbling Turtles (Toddler B)

Greetings from Tumbling Turtles, I hope you all had a Happy New Years. Can you believe it is already February? We will be having a Friendship Party on February 14th. Parents are invited to come join us. Also, we will have Friendship Week on 11th-15th. We sadly say good-bye to Mrs. Natalia this month. We will miss her and wish her well in her new adventures

Mrs. Gail and Ms. Natalia

The Doozy Ducks (2A)

Hello from Explorer A. We hope everyone is enjoying this winter season. This month we will be learning about, Favorite Story Books, Friendship, and Dinosaurs. We will be having a Friendship Party on February 15th. (More info to come) Also, we will be closed on the February 18th for Presidents Day. Please

remember to have at least two extra changes of clothes in your child's cubby and a coat! We try to get them outside daily!! We wish Mrs. Sandra well in her new adventures and welcome Miss Elise to our classroom! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come talk to us. Thank you for your support.

Ms. Randie and Mrs. Sandra

The Funky Monkeys (2B)

Dear Parents, This month is going to be filled with lots of "love" and fun! We are going to be learning about: Snowmen/women, Chinese New Year/ Friendship Week, President's Day, and Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! We are super excited about celebrating Chinese New Year! We have some awesome things planned for the 11th! On Friday, February 15th we will be having our "Friendship" party. It will be at 2:45...sign-up sheet to come soon!

We have noticed that the children are becoming extremely thirsty throughout the day, and we would like you all to please send a thermos with some water in it. We have found that the thermos' with the pop-top with straw inside are easiest for the children to open. If you have questions, we have one in the classroom you can see!

Mrs. Deborah and Ms. Sumer

The Perky Preschoolers (Pre-C)

Our themes/letters for the month: Healthy Habits "Tt", Friendship Week "Uu", Opposites, "Vv" and Creative Movement "Ww". We will continue to focus this month on assessments, small group play, and promoting and understanding the importance of friendships. We will exchange our Valentine's during morning circle on

Thursday the 14th and have a special snack in the afternoon. This will be a small celebration and all parents are welcome to attend but not necessarily expected. If, at any time, you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to let us know.

Mrs. Gouri and Mrs. Betsy

The Teddy Bears (Pre-B)

February is the month of love and friendship. Our theme for the next two weeks is "The More We Get Together". We will discuss family and friends. This theme teaches the importance of friends and family in every child's life. Our family partnership activity is for the parent of each child to have lunch with them January 28-February 7, 2013. The WOW! Experience is for each child to bring in a poster or collage with pictures of family members including pets, uncle, aunts or cousins. This activity will be due on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Ms. Tara will be teaching February 10-February 22, 2013, about Valentine's Day, President's Day, and fine motor skills. Our news article for the month will discuss dexterity. We are working with the children and challenging them to exercise those tiny little muscles in their hands. We encourage you to use the exercises that will accompany our newsletter. For those children who have not had an assessment done yet, parents will be able to sign-up for them this month. Our new children will be assessed in March. Thank you for your support during the illnesses that we had in our room. Continue to teach your child toileting skills at home to include wiping, flushing, and hand washing. Ms. Cathy and Mrs. Tara

The Hopping Frogs (Pre-A)

What an exciting month January was! We would not have had as much fun if we didn't have your support and participation in all the activities. Thank you for all your help.

February is a month full of special days, from Dental Health, to Valentine's Day and President's Day. We have already made our predictions about Groundhog's day and beginning this month we will find out if we were right. We want to provide the children with the meaning behind the holidays. This month we are also having parent/teacher conferences. This conference is optional, but we may require some parents to meet with us. We will post the sign-up sheet for these conferences. The dates are 2/25 through 2/31. We will have a friendship party on February 14th during friendship week 2/11-2/15. Details will be posted later. Our calendar of events this month are: 2/4-2/8-dental health, 2/11-2/15-friendship week/valentine's day, 2/18-center closed for presidents day, 2/18-2/22-presidents day, 2/25-3/1-parent teacher conferences and healthy habits. We have two birthdays this month and we would like to wish them a happy birthday. We hope to have a wonderful month as we celebrate all of February's special days!

Mrs. Jennifer and Mrs. Kristie