



4's Class February Newsletter

We got back to work in the month of January! The whole month was filled with winter and arctic animals. We learned many new fun facts about penguins and polar bears and we even built penguin houses out of marshmallows and toothpicks. Thank you to all of our parents who met us for conferences! It was so nice to connect and talk about the amazing growth we have seen from children so far this year!

February will be a busy month filled with lots of hands-on activities! We will spend the first two weeks talking about Valentine's Day and we will be conducting a fun floating hearts science experiment. We will also spend a week learning about dental health and healthy foods. We will end the month with one of my favorite topics - REPTILES!

In February we will also start working on the concept of opposites. We will play games at circle time to reinforce this new concept. We will also start working on counting out the number of syllables in words by using rhythm sticks.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11th with a class party. More information will be coming home as we get closer to the holiday.

February Activities and Curriculum

Literacy Center

- We will continue to work on writing and recognizing first and last names.
- The children will learn the letters Y, Z, C, O with books, songs, art and games.
- We will make Valentine Cards in the writing center and practice writing "I Love You."

Math Center

- The children will work on recognizing and writing the numbers 15, 16 and 17.
- We will practice sorting and classifying with the introduction of the Math Jar.
- The children will practice 1:1 correspondence with the hands on birthday cake game and birthday themed sensory bin.
- We will also revisit patterning with our rainbow bears.

Science Center

- We will explore a science activity where we compare the seasons of winter and summer.
- The second week of school we will conduct a floating hearts science experiment.
- Our Science Center will feature a Valentine's Day themed STEM Challenge!
- We will learn about dental health with games and art.
- The children will learn about reptiles and what makes a reptile different from other animals.
- We will conduct a reptile hatching experiment.

Dramatic Play & Sensory

- Our Dramatic Play will be turned into a breakfast restaurant and a taco stand.
- The children will use their sense of touch and finger paint.
- Our sensory bin will be a birthday party complete with candles.

Special Reminders

Please remember that we will go outside to play as long as the weather is above 32 degrees. Mittens, hats, and warm coats help the children enjoy their time outside. Also, if you would please work on teaching your child to put their coat on and zipping independently that would be very helpful.

Warmly,

Amy Friday and Janean Dicari