

NEWS from the NEST

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Notes from the Director!

February is the shortest month of the year! The themes are dinosaurs, pets and zoo. Embracing the spirit of Valentine's Day teachers will highlight what it means to be a good friend! We will be focusing on how we treat others. Our students will be encourage to speak kindly to one another, they will practice inviting friends to work together, and engage in many activities that promote teamwork, kindness and taking turns.

~Mr. Wilkinson

What We're Learning:

The students will also be learning about Ground Hog's Day and President's Day. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day and our 100th day of School (February 13th).

Why we do, what we do!

Music Activities:

Music is an important part of the preschool curriculum. Young children love sound. Music activities and experiences help children practice important skills, including thinking, language, motor coordination and understanding emotions. When children play with musical instruments, they explore cause and effect. When they sing, they practice pronouncing words and putting together sentences. Songs with movements help with fine-motor practice. Music can be soothing and comforting. Music helps with learning the routine of the classroom.

Important Dates:

February 2: Groundhog's Day
February 13: 100th Day Celebration (if no snow days)
February 14: Valentine's Day Celebrations
February 15: School Closed/Staff In-Service
February 18: School Closed/President's Day

PTO BOOK FAIR will be the February 27th- and 28th

NURSE NEWS

Our school nurse is
Mrs. Eileen Mancini
609-978-5700 ext. 1073

February is National Children's Dental Month

Toothbrushing Tips for Young Children:

- Choose a soft bristled toothbrush designed for brushing young child's teeth.
- If the child has trouble holding a toothbrush, try making the handle thicker by putting it inside a tennis ball. The toothbrush handle can also be strapped to the child's hand with a wide rubber band, hair band or Velcro.
- When teaching the child how to brush, break the process into small steps that the child can understand and practice.
- Use toothpaste with fluoride.
- Keep the child engaged in brushing by using a timer, play a short song, or count as a game to encourage brushing for two minutes.

Information About Parent/Guardian Requests

Parent/Guardian input is always welcome. The Stafford Township School District makes every effort to balance our classes in terms of ability, gender, number of students in a class, and many other criteria - which often makes it difficult to honor parent/guardian requests. If you have specific concerns about the placement of your child, or have specific information that will help us make an appropriate placement for your child, please feel free to send that information to the building principal.

If you wish to have one teacher removed from consideration, such wishes will usually be honored, provided that appropriate reasons/justification/rationale are well documented and included with the correspondence.

All pertinent information must be submitted to the **building principal by April 15th**. Any information received after that date will not be considered.

As always, thank you for your cooperation.



PM PICK UPS:

If you are planning on picking up your child early from school and did not send in a note we request that you contact your child's teacher or our main office at 1270 prior to 2:45 pm to allow us time to contact the student and teachers prior to bus dismissal.

REMINDERS:

Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are also eligible to receive free or reduced breakfast, which is available at all Stafford Schools. Please see the Stafford School's web page to find the breakfast menus in the Food Service link. The price of a reduced breakfast is \$0.30. Remember that you can prepay for meals using www.payforit.net

**Carline is available daily
starting at 8:52 am.**

**Read with your child
every night!**

Monthly tuition payments are due the 15th of each month. Please call the main office: 609-978-5700, ext. 1270 if you have any questions.

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