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News from Ms. Melissa:

Thank you to all the families that participated in our parent surveys this past month. We appreciate your input. Congrats to the winner of the family fun basket, the Faenza family!

We are looking forward to all the fun we have planned this month! We are hoping to start off with the Groundhog giving us some good news about spring coming soon! We have lots to learn about this month with President's Day, the Super bowl, Valentine's day and Heart health month. Please dress your child in their favorite football teams attire on Monday 2/5 to celebrate the super bowl. Dress your best and remember your smile for picture day on Monday 2/19. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on 2/14 each classroom will have their own signup sheets out for parents to bring in treats. Please do not address valentine's cards, just have your child sign their name to their cards.

We will end the month with a Dr Seuss sprit week, as We prepare for the big birthday bash on Friday 3/2! Each week we will have the kids try a new healthy snack on Monday and send the recipe home with you to try out at home as well!

Ms. Melissa

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Upcoming Events:

- Heart healthy snacks every Monday
- 2/2 Groundhog Day
- 2/2 SS EC PTA Meeting 6:30 @ SS
- 2/5 Wear Football Attire
- 2/11 Paw Patrol Live with SS PTA
- 2/14 Valentine class parties- Wear RED!
- 2/16 Scholastic book orders due
- 2/19 Presidents Day & Picture Day
- Week of 2/25 Dr Seuss Spirit Week!
 - Mon- Wear Green
 - Tues- Wear a Hat
 - Weds- Dress Wacky
 - Thurs- Wear your PJs
 - Fri- Wear Silly Socks

Happy Birthday:

- Deshawn 2/22
- Zade 2/24
- Jaylen 2/24
- Mason 2/25



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOMS:



Infants: We have some exciting stuff coming up in February, on 2/14 we will be having our valentine's day party be on the lookout for a signup sheet for things to share. On 2/19 we will be having our picture day. The following week starts our Dr. Seuss Spirit week: Mon wear green, Tues wear a hat, Weds dress wacky, Thurs wear your Pjs and Friday your silly socks.

Toddlers: January was a wonderful month for us! We welcomed 3 more friends and learned a lot! With Valentines day coming up, I do want to ask for Valentines boxes for your kiddos valentines party on Feb 14th. Dr. Seuss week starts on the 26th and we are doing a spirit week (will be posted) Also, there will be a sign-up sheet for parents to do quest reading at circle time starting Feb 16th.

Preschool: (Ms. Heather) February will be filled with lots of activities for our heart both loving and to keep us health. We will predict if Spring will be early or not. We will have a valentine's day party on 2/14. Please see the sign-up sheet and if you would like to send in Valentines please only write your child's name on it. Show and tell that week will be to make and bring in a valentine's day box for weds 2/14/ We will be learning all about books the week of 2/1+9, so be sure to have your child bring in their favorite book for show and tell on Friday 2/23. You can also sign up to read to our Pre-K class that week of the next whenever you have time! We will end the month with a sprit week for Dr Seuss' Birthday! I hope you all have a LOVELY month!

Preschool: (Ms. McKenzie) Happy February! The new year is off to a great start and I am so excited for all the fun planned this month. To start off the month, we will learn about Groundhog Day. We will see if the groundhog sees his shadow on February 2nd. Then we will have a Valentine's Day party on February 14th. If you choose to send in Valentines, there are 16 children in our classroom. Please only fill out the "from" section to save time. We will be making Valentine mailboxes in class. To end the month, we will celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday and Read Across America. During the week of the 19th and 26th, volunteers can come read to our classroom in honor of Read Across America Day on March 2nd. The week of the 26th will also be Dr. Seuss spirt week and we will have a birthday celebration on March 2nd. I hope everyone has a great month!

Smart Start EC



Please Join us for our February Meeting!
Friday 2/2 at 6:30 PM at Smart Start

Family Outing!
Paw Patrol Live! Sunday 2/11
Tickets have been distributed, must
have been purchased prior to event

Save the Date:

SS EC PTA Spaghetti Dinner
Friday 3/2 at Smart Start



Smart Start Early Childhood PTA is still offering the opportunity to order from Schwan's and have it delivered to your home.

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Order Online:

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Books to Read in February

Substitute Groundhog
By Pat Miller

Groundhog Day!
By: Gail Gibbons

Groundhog Gets a Say!
By: Pamela Curtis Swallow

Duck for President!
By: Doreen Cronin

Grace for President
By: Kelly Depuccio

If You'll Be My Valentine

By: Cynthia Rylant

Love, Splat

By Rob Scotton

Olive, My Love

By Vivian Walsh



Family Storytime At the Parma Library on Powers Blvd

All ages with adult caregiver. Join us for stories, songs and fingerplays. Drop in, no registration required.

Saturday, February 03, 2018

11:00-11:25 AM

Monday, February 05, 2018

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Valentine Play Dough!

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 Tablespoons cream of tartar
- 2 Tablespoon red glitter
- 3 Tablespoons oil (I use coconut oil)
- 1 1/2 cups of water
- red food coloring

Instructions

1. Add the first 5 ingredients together in a bowl. Boil the water and add 10-15 drops of red food coloring once boiling. Stir well. I also added a couple drops of vanilla because Robert loves smelling his play dough. Mix together and let sit for 10-30 minutes.
2. Tip: if it seems too sticky, keep adding cream of tartar until you get the consistency you prefer. Sometimes I need more, other times I need less. I think the humidity has a lot to do with it.



Valentines Frozen Fruity Yogurt Bites

- 1 cup fresh or frozen raspberries
- 2/3 cup Greek yogurt
- 1-2 tsp maple syrup or honey
- Heart sprinkles

Method:

Lay out 12-15 silicone muffin cups on a small baking sheet or tray (this will need to fit in your freezer, so it may be worth checking it for size before you start).

Pop the raspberries into a bowl and smash up with a potato masher or a fork (kids love doing this step!)

Add the yogurt to the raspberries and whisk together. Add maple syrup or honey to taste and whisk again until well combined.

Using a spoon, put a dollop of the yogurt and raspberry mixture into the bottom of each muffin cup until all the yogurt has gone.

Carefully lift the tray and gently tap it on the counter top to level out the yogurt, then top each cup with sprinkles to decorate.

Place the cups (still on the baking tray) into the freezer and leave to freeze for a couple of hours until set solid. Once frozen through, remove from the cases and serve (or bag up and pop straight back in the freezer to eat later).

These are great to munch on straight out of the freezer as a fun snack or dessert, or for a special breakfast idea you could throw a few into a bowl of granola or cereal, yum! You could even pack these in a lunch box – the yogurt will melt enough to eat with a spoon by lunch time, but it will still be lovely and cool and make a delicious and healthy dessert.



February Family Fun Ideas:

Make a bird feeder

Watch Groundhog Day

Eat groundhog cupcakes

Host a family valentines brunch

Weave paper hearts

Share a box of chocolates

Have an all red meal

Sing the US presidents Song

Go daffodil hunting

Do random acts of kindness

Go ice-skating

