



What We've Been Learning...

Happy February!! With our cold winter mornings, we have enjoyed some fun winter activities like making our own homemade snow, cutting/decorating snowflakes, making our own Sneezing the Snowman, creating Snowy Day scene artwork, and dancing to the "Snowflakes" poem. At our Arctic Animal Science Center, we had fun pretending with the polar bears, penguins, seals, and other arctic animals. We always love singing & reading the Frog Street Press books for letters S, B & I, numbers 6 & 7, the diamond shape and the color white. Our alien friend Z taught us about what it means to be a "feelings detective" with our friends. Our Character Counts lesson about Fairness was great for discussing why sharing and taking turns is important. With our Kindermusik "Carnival of Music" unit, we listened to and created our own parade music with rhythm sticks, bells and egg shakers, learned how bass and snare drums make different sounds either loud or soft. We also pretended to be tightrope walkers, funny clowns or different animals like elephants or lions made us feel like we were a part of the carnival. We enjoyed our visits from Kathy Hegberg with FocusedKids who taught us about our important brain parts (Wise Owl, Ms. Elephante, & Guard Dog) that help us to focus and use our mindful breathing to stay calm & self-regulate our behavior.

Important Reminders:

- 2/11 - ECS Preschool 2019-20 online registration for RETURNING FAMILIES for DSA location (Mrs. Siegel's class) and other preschool sites
- 2/11 - ECS Parent Committee Meeting -9:30 am- at ECS / District Office
- 2/13- M/W/F class Valentine's Day celebration
- 2/14 - T/TH class Valentine's Day celebration
- 2/14 - ECS Preschool 2019-20 online registration for NEW FAMILIES
- 2/18 & 2/19 - NO SCHOOL - President's Day holiday & Prof. Dev. day for teachers

Upcoming Activities:

- Letters this month: V, G, F; review of letters
- Numbers this month: 7, 8
- Shapes of the month: heart
- Colors of the month: pink

** In the above areas, we continue to practice our rhyming, patterning, sorting, counting & sequencing during our circle and center time activities. The children will continue with creative drawing, cutting out shapes, as well as writing their names/letters/ numbers. They will explore color mixing with paint making wonderful creation station collages.

- **Monthly Focus:** We will discuss the importance of good dental health, have fun doing activities to keep our hearts healthy, and set up a class "doctor's office" at our Science Center. With our Valentine's Day celebrations, we will create special heart-shaped gifts for our families as well as focus on the importance of friendships with our Buddy Up activities. The children will continue drawing & entering dictations in our journal and our we will begin studying a specific artist for our Art in the Garden project. Our Sand Sensory Table will give children the opportunity to pour & measure as well as play with various animals & go on a letter & number hunt.

- **Science Center:** Our pretend "doctor's office" will give children the opportunity to role play being a doctor or dentist which will highlight February being heart health month & dental month. Children will engage in activities to learn about keeping our bodies and teeth healthy.

- **Kindermusik:** "Animals A-Dancing" (see attached handouts)

- **February books:** Valentine's Day & friendship books, non-fiction books about our bodies, doctors, our heart, teeth & dentists. Sanford Harmony lessons with our alien friend Z will teach us about Communication AND Character Counts lessons will be about Responsibility.

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