

# PLAYMATES KINDERGARTEN

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the month of February. Will the groundhog see his shadow on "Groundhog Day"? We hope there is not six more weeks of WINTER!! We will be making a classroom prediction! Let's hope he does NOT see his shadow and Spring is around the corner!

On February 10th (unless we have a snow day in between) it will be our "100 Day" Celebration. We have been counting the number of days we have been in school. During the week of 100 day, we will be doing a variety of 100 type activities. If your child would like to make a project with 100 things, that would be wonderful. In the past, children have used stickers, legos, pictures, seeds, q-tips, pennies, beads or anything they can count 100 of. This is not a requirement but it can be fun. So be creative! It will also be our "Show and Tell" for Friday, February 11th.

February is also the Valentine month. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to practice writing out their own cards. Attached is a list of all the children's names in their class. If they write a few each day, it is not such a big task. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th. Special snacks are always welcome! We will be taking a short field trip to the Sandown Post Office to mail our special classroom valentines. The date will be sometime during the week of February 7th.

Your children did GREAT on their "Thinking Game". I was really pleased with all the progress they have made. Your parent conference will be during the month of February. I will contact you to find a convenient time for you to come. Thank you for your patience.

During the month of February, we will continue our unit on "ALL ABOUT ME"! We will learn about our senses, bodies and how to stay healthy. When you are the "Star Of The Week", please bring in the poster board on Monday of that week and the suitcase filled with your favorite things. I will give you the poster board several weeks before it is your week. I will send home the suitcase and class pet on Friday of your week. The classroom pets must be back Thursday of your week so the next child may choose who they want to take home. The poster boards will be used to decorate the town hall at graduation. We have set up a hospital center in the kindergarten room. If you have any hospital related items you would like to donate that would be great! Or any guest speakers (nurses, doctors, dentist etc.!) would also be great.

You may have heard your children mention two other teachers in our classroom. Mrs. Sherman is doing her student teaching from Hesser College. She will be with us until the end of the year. She will be doing a variety of required activities in order to complete her degree. Welcome Mrs. Sherman. Mrs. Stariknok has also joined our class as my teaching assistant. She worked with me last year many times and we are very excited to have her with us. Welcome Mrs. Stariknok. We have also added several pre-k children to our class. Welcome Miles, Ava, Caylynn, Gabby and Adrienne.

February vacation will be from the 21st - 25th. Have a relaxing and fun week. If you need to have daycare please sign up so we know how many children are joining us that week. See you again on February 28th! Also there is No School of Friday, February 18th. Daycare will be open for those who need it. Keep practicing tying shoes and being independent. I see your children become more independent each day. Also keep practicing counting to 100. They have been practicing counting by 2's (only to 20!), 5's and 10's.

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