

Academy Child Development Center  
Preschool February 2012 News

Dear Parents,

We are very proud to inform everyone about the tremendous progress our pre-schoolers have made since the beginning of the school year. Their basic math skills like counting using one to one correspondence, recognizing numerals, sorting and patterning continue to improve. Besides recognizing letters and enjoying our phonological awareness activities, they can also recognize and spell the letters of their names. Everyone is showing good cutting skills. They are holding pencils and other drawing implements properly by using their thumb and index finger. The cutting activities that the children do in the classroom build up the tiny muscles in their hands as they continuously open and close them. These activities are very important in developing eye-hand coordination and pre-writing skills.

They have also shown independence in their bathroom and self-help skills. The children are now putting their coats on independently. Others can zip up without help. Their social and emotional skills have shown significant progress. They are able to play cooperatively with friends during play time. They continue to communicate with their peers or ask for help when dealing with problems. Let us congratulate our preschoolers for a job very well done!

We will continue to explore the Core Knowledge Curriculum while introducing new challenges to the children according to their readiness to move forward.

**THEMES:**

**January 30- February 10: Transportation-** the children will learn a brief history of transportation and the various ways to move people and goods. They will sort vehicles that move by land, railway, air, water and space travel. They will experiment on how various objects move up and down the ramps and will have fun exploring models of transportation during center time.

**February 13- 17: Communication/ Valentines-** As the children get ready for valentines, they will make valentine crafts, decorate mailboxes and give valentines to all preschoolers. They will also learn various forms of communication and identify communicating equipments.

**February 21-24: Presidents and money-** our famous presidents will inspire our math readiness activities. We will learn about the president's duties and responsibilities. We will discuss the flag and begin practicing the Pledge of Allegiance everyday.

**February 27- March 2: Dental Week-** The children will learn the importance of teeth and how to take care of them. They will do projects and perform science experiments related to teeth.

**Birthdays:**

Lilly 12

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**CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ♦ Count, sort and pattern coins
- ♦ Continue a given pattern of 5 objects
- ♦ Sequence numerals
- ♦ Recognize numerals and quantity relationships
- ♦ Increase print awareness
- ♦ Learn new theme related words
- ♦ Recognize phonemes for R and G



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

- ♦ **February 14-** Valentines card exchange in the morning. Children's Valentines, pinata and afternoon activities with Hailey and Taylor's mom.
- ♦ **February 16 Bounce U Field Trip at 10:00 Am.** 1632 East Gude Drive Rockville, MD 20850 @10:00 am. The fee for this field trip is \$15.00. Please make check payable to Academy.
- ♦ **February 20-** Academy is closed for President's Day
- ♦ **February 21** John Henry's musical activities at 10:30
- ♦ **February 22-23** Preschool Parent Teacher Conferences.

**WELCOME:**

We wish a warm welcome to Estevan and his family. We are happy that he is joining our class. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION:**

- ♦ Thank you for participating in our Chinese New Year Party. Special thanks to Ruby's mom for sharing her family tradition with the children. We also would like to thank the parents who helped out during our field trip to The Puppet Show.
- ♦ Please make sure that you have information regarding weather delays and cancellations. If you do not have one, we are happy to provide you with a copy.
- ♦ Please remember to send your child in with appropriate outdoor clothes. This includes hats and mittens. Remember to label all clothing items.
- ♦ Please look for the field trip and parent-teacher conferences sign up.
- ♦ Our tax ID is 52-1228660

Have a wonderful February!  
Ma, Victoria, Joanna and Wendy

