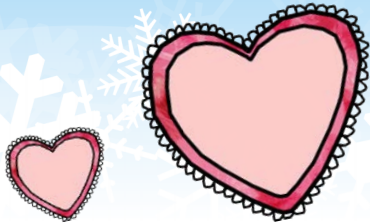


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Cochrane Creative Playschool

Learning Through Play



Valentine's Day Celebration

RED & PINK DAYS!! Our Valentine's Day celebrations will take place during class Wednesday February 12th and Thursday February 13th.

Registration is OPEN

We hosted a successful Open House in January, but we still have spaces in our classes for next year.

Registration information and forms can be found on cochranecreative.ca for anyone interested!



The children are invited to bring cards for all their classmates, **please address them "To my friend" or leave them blank so they can be more easily distributed.** Please encourage your child to sign their name on the cards – it's great practice!

We invite all students to wear PINK or RED to school that day! Please note that this will be a regular parent volunteer day, no extra parents required to stay. Please send a snack as per usual.

Looking For:



Miss Erin would like to work on fine motor skills by the kids practicing opening and closing locks or attaching nuts to bolts.

If you have any extra locks with keys or large bolts with nuts that fit on that are in good condition, please bring them in to donate to our program. Thank you!



Save the Date!

Valentine's Parties

Feb 12 & 13

Wear RED & PINK to school to celebrate and exchange cards

NO SCHOOL

Feb 14-23

No classes due to PD, Family Day and Teacher's Convention

In the Classroom...

Happy February! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy February Break! We have a short but wonderful month ahead of us.

Literacy

In February, we will be learning the letters K/k and U/u.

Ask your child to sing you our letter of the week song, which helps us to recognize the letter sound. Challenge your child to identify words that have the letter of the week at the beginning.

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 12th (M/W/F class) and 13th (T/R class). We encourage children to dress in red and/or pink to help celebrate. A red and/or pink snack is also a fun way to celebrate the day. Children may bring in Valentine's cards to exchange with their classmates. In the "To" section, please write either "My Friend" or leave it blank. It is very challenging for the children to read the names and give the card to the correct child. A generic card helps to simplify the process a bit. Valentine's cards can be an excellent opportunity for your child to practice writing their name. Depending on their level, encourage them to write their name independently OR trace their name OR write the first letter of their name.

Physical Activity

Weather permitting, we will continue to go outside to the playground. If it is cooler we will use our fabulous indoor gym space. We have wonderful ways to get our bodies moving with games, Yogarilla, animal walks, parachute, circuits and lots of other great activities that utilize the space and equipment we have access to.

Zipper Club

We are starting the Zipper Club and will be looking for children to show us their skills of getting ready on their own. This will encourage the children to put on their own jackets, mitts, hats, boots, etc. When they have achieved this goal, they will get their name up as a member of the Zipper Club. You can help your child to achieve this goal by encouraging independence in getting ready at home and at school. It may take longer and require more patience on our part, but they will get there! ☺

Special Talents

A BIG thank you to Miss Crystal, Sadie's mom (T/R class). Crystal is a music teacher (Bright and Beaming Music) and has led our class through a wonderful music program on her volunteering days. The kids LOVE it!!!

If you, or another family member, has a special talent or skill that you/they would like to share with our class(es), please let me know. We are always eager to learn new things!

Important Dates/Special Events

- Wednesday, February 12th & Thursday, February 13th – Pink/Red Day & Valentine's Day Celebrations
- Friday, February 14th through Friday, February 21st – No School (February Break)

General Reminder

Please try to remember to check your child's mailbox each day. It may contain crafts, letter work and other important information.

Please remember that the "gym" area we use is closed before and after school. We are permitted to use it as a class during our preschool time.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at missrinteacher@gmail.com. I am also available before and after class each day. ☺

Message From The Board

Weather Related School Closures

Maybe the worst of Winter is behind us but just a reminder on school closures:

If weather is severe, the playschool may be closed for the day. *We follow the inclement weather closures of the Rocky View School Board.* These are communicated through the radio and TV media as online. A class email will also be sent out as soon as the decision is made.

February Break (days off school)

Don't forget that we have a week with no school in February, as we follow the RVS calendar. We will be off starting Friday Feb 14 (PD Day) and commence back on Monday Feb 24th. Enjoy your family week! Here's hoping the weather is cooperative.

Fundraising

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone for your fundraising efforts so far.

Our next fundraiser is here! We will be selling **KICKING HORSE COFFEE**, either 10oz ground bags for \$11.95 OR 1 lb whole bean bags for \$15.95. Approximately \$4.00/bag sold will be earned for the Preschool. We will run the sales from February 10-24, with delivery in early March. Watch you email next week for all the details!



2020/21 Registration is OPEN!

General public registration is currently OPEN! Registration will be accepted on an ongoing basis as space permits. Word of mouth advertising about the benefits of our program is very effective. We are appreciative of any referrals you make to your family and friends.



Don't forget we are also online – check www.cochranecreative.ca for all preschool-related information and fun classroom pictures! All 2019/20 newsletters are also posted here.



Playdough

Thank you to all our PLAYDOUGH volunteers this year.

Here is Miss Erin's favourite Playdough recipe to try out at home:

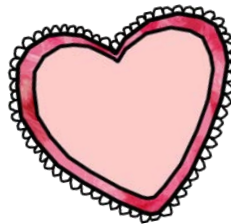
BEST EVER NO COOK PLAYDOUGH RECIPE

- 2 cups plain flour (all purpose)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil or coconut oil work as well)
- ½ cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (add in increments until it feels just right)
- Gel food colouring (optional)
- A few drops of glycerin (for stretch and shine – it will work without this)

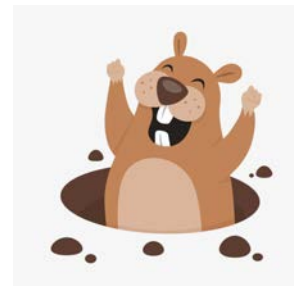
Method:

- Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
- Add food colouring TO the boiling water then into the dry ingredients
- Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
- Add the glycerine (optional)
- Allow it to cool down then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until all of the stickiness has gone. * This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency!*
- If it remains a little sticky then add a touch more flour until just right

Source: <https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>



Groundhog Update: EARLY SPRING!



Talk to us!

We want to know what you think, good or bad. Please let us know what we need to improve as well as what we are doing well. And we always love to hear new ideas!

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Board member's personal email addresses follow and are posted in the boot room. Minutes from previous meetings will be posted in the boot room and include dates for upcoming meetings. Please join us, the atmosphere is casual and you are always welcome.

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Thank you for submitting photos! To see your child in the next newsletter please send one or two high-res themed photos to cochranecreative@gmail.com. Next month's theme will be **Winter Fun**. Submission automatically gives CCPS permission to distribute photos in newsletter.



February 2020

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2 Groundhog Day	3 Oliver	4 Kyla Toy Cleaning 7pm	5 Dani	6 Taiga	7 Elise	8
9	10 Neely	11 TBC	12 Hudson Valentine's Party	13 Allie Valentine's Party	14 NO SCHOOL PD Day	15
16	17 NO SCHOOL Family Day	18 NO SCHOOL	19 NO SCHOOL	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 Adeline	25 Colton Toy Cleaning 7pm	26 Dani	27 Zayden	28 Giffin	29



February Birthdays

Neely – Feb 10
Colton – Feb 21
Mela – Feb 24



Playdough
Feb 25th – Rosie Wattleworth



Tuesday February 4th Toy Cleaning

Erin Klinger Jenn Connolly
Alyssa Coates Kristi Rolfe

Tuesday February 25th Toy Cleaning

Erin Klinger Rosie Wattleworth
Sarah Dubois Christy Cronk