



# Cornerstone Preschool

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## Valentine's Day Parties

We will be having our Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be focusing on the friendships we have made at school. You will be making a Valentine's Day mailbox as a family take-home project. Together you will gather the supplies needed to make your mailbox. A shoebox is the perfect size. Be creative! We will not be passing out personalized cards this year, instead we will provide some goodies to send home in your child's mailbox.



## Family Involvement: Literacy Activities

Research shows that parent involvement is one of the strongest predictors of a child's success in school. At the preschool level there are many simple and enjoyable ways to be involved in your child's early literacy development. Here are a few things you can do at home:

- Read to your child every day, letting him/her interrupt you with questions. Talk about the pictures and letters you see in the book (especially the ones in their names)
- Check your monthly calendar for the "letter of the week" and look for it in your environment: street signs, books, puzzles, toys, food boxes, etc.
- Prepare your child for Show & Tell days ahead of time. Talk about what object he/she is bringing and why. This promotes oral language skills, vocabulary, and letter/sound knowledge.

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### Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ February 12 - Valentine's Day Party
- ◆ March 1-31 - Registration for the 2021-22 school year
- ◆ March 15-19 - Optional Vacation Week (school is open/No VPK)

## VPK Updates/Reminders

- The next VPK optional "vacation" week will be March 15-19. Cornerstone remains open all week but attendance is not required.
- During VPK "vacation" weeks, tuition is as follows:
  - If your VPK child attends school any day(s), your regular tuition is due.
  - If your VPK child is absent the entire week,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tuition is due.
- For more info on VPK policies, refer to your VPK Attendance Policy.

## "Good" Books for Children

At Cornerstone, our curriculum is built around high-quality children's literature that we hope will spark their imaginations and instill a life-long love of reading. We rely on the public library and donations from our wonderful parents to supply us with good books for the children.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to our ongoing Book Drive over the past few years. Our school library has grown and the children are excited each time "their" book is read at circle time. If you wish to donate a book to our school, gift cards and small cash donations are always appreciated!

## Policy Reminders

Sign-In/Sign-Out Book - ELC requires that VPK children be signed in each month. Please help us stay in compliance by remembering to sign your child in on the VPK notebook in the office each month.

Sick Policy- Please let the office know if your child is on medication of any kind, whether it is for a day, a week, or longer. We monitor children's health carefully and especially want to keep track of contagious illnesses. If your child will be absent for the day, please call the school and let us know. Any child with a rash, lice or nits will be sent home and will need a doctor's note to return.

Child Health Records- We are required to keep up-to-date health records for all children enrolled in our school. It is a good idea to bring us updated forms each time your child has a well check-up or gets new shots so that our records are always up-to-date.

*Happy* ♥  
*Valentine's* ♥  
*Day* ♥