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Letter from the Director

Elizabeth Denis

Dear Parents,

No matter how you look at it, whether or not the groundhog sees his shadow, there are only about six more weeks of winter. The days are already growing longer and hopefully warmer. Keep those hats and mittens in your school bags. As long as there is no snow on the playground and we have a day when the temperature reaches about 40 degrees, we will go outside to play.

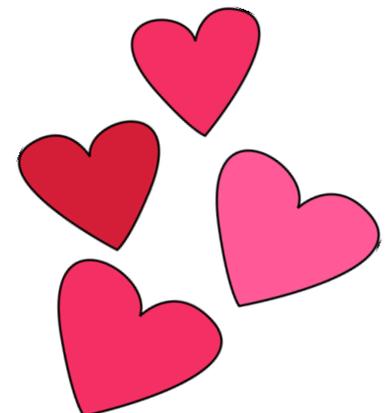
Parent/Teacher conferences for the 3s, 4s, and Fab 5s are scheduled for March 9th - 12th. In order to make it more convenient for you, we will be using Sign-Up Genius again this year to schedule conferences. You will receive an email with more information soon. Conferences give you the opportunity to sit down one-on-one with your teacher and discuss your child's development and the program best suited to his/her needs for the following school year.

During the month of February, the children will do lots of Valentine projects in the first part of the month, then move on to "transportation/travel" (3s) and our "music" theme (4s) during the second half of the month. The 5s will learn about Chinese New Year (it's the Year of the Rat). For more information about our topics and themes for February, see the Month in Review section of this newsletter.

Have a great February! Don't forget, school is closed for President's Day on Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 18th.

Keep Smiling,

Elizabeth



Updates from the Board of Trustees

Meeting held on January 2, 2020

In attendance: E. Denis, E. Balzer, B. McGinnis, A. Parlin, J. Weber
D. Mayberry & J. McCloskey

Please attend our
next board meeting
Thursday, February
6, 2020 @ 7:00 pm
@ Happy Face

**All are
Welcome!**

Fundraising

- Cookie Jars were a hit! Planning a visit from Rizzo's with the proceeds
- Heirloom Vegetable Sale is coming this Spring

Other News

- Valentine's Day Sweetheart Breakfast, Thursday February 13th,

Registration for the 2020 - 2021 School Year

- Now Enrolling!

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Sweetheart Breakfast

Thursday, Feb. 13th at Happy Face School

The Staff at Happy Face invite all of our students, even if you don't come to school on Thursday, to bring their favorite "sweetheart" to a Valentine's Day breakfast. The children will have a special surprise to give to their "sweetheart".

Children must be accompanied by one adult. Breakfast items will be available from 8:30 - 9:00am, stop by any time.

Hope to see you there!!

Parent Involvement
*The Foundation for
Student Success*

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+ TEACHERS
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2020-2021 Enrollment

Open registration has begun for ALL students
(current, siblings, and new students).

Please spread the word about our registration dates to those who may be interested in our school, but do not receive our newsletter or mailings.

Send your friends and family to www.happyfacenurseryschool.org
for more information.

Thank you!

* ~ *SAVE THE DATE * ~ *

Camp Smiley will be hosted from
Monday, June 1st through Friday, June 5th!
Stay tuned for more details coming soon!



Valentine Exchange

Wednesday, February 12th (2 1/2s and 4s)
and Thursday, February 13th (3s and 5s)

Happy Face does not hold a formal Valentine's Day party, but we do exchange cards with each other. During class time the children will decorate fancy bags for depositing cards for classmates and friends.

Please send valentines in for your child to give to each child in their own homeroom, and for children in the other classes if they should choose to do so. The children only need to sign the cards. Please DO NOT address the envelope to a particular classmate.

Candy may be included with the Valentines; however, it is not necessary.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held the week of March 9th. Be on the lookout for an email via Sign-Up Genius to sign up for a time that is convenient for you to meet with your child's teacher. If the scheduled March dates are not convenient, please feel free to meet with your teacher at an earlier date. Formal conferences are not scheduled for the 2 1/2s, however, if you would like to meet with your teacher, we are happy to set up an appointment for you.

For children in the 4s and Fab 5s programs, teachers will address kindergarten-readiness topics, such as:

- ☑ The ability to understand the concepts of *more than*, *less than*, and *same*
- ☑ Maturity to cope with the world/environment, and learn at the same time
- ☑ The ability for listening to directions without interrupting and to stories & poems without restlessness
- ☑ The ability for hearing words that rhyme and words that begin with the same or different sounds
- ☑ The ability for seeing likenesses and differences in pictures/designs and letters and words that match
- ☑ The ability to understand the relationships among words such as *up/down*, *left/right*, and classifications of words that represent nouns
- ☑ The ability to communicate clearly, staying on topic in class discussions, retelling a story/poem in sequence, and telling a story or relating an experience of his/her own
- ☑ The ability to think and give the main

idea of a story, unique ideas and important details, and reasons for his/her opinions

- ☑ The ability to adjust: to changes in routine and new situations without becoming fearful; to opposition or defeat without crying or sulking; to the necessity of asking for help when needed
- ☑ The ability to obey classroom rules as established by a teacher, safety rules on the playground and fire-drill rules quickly and quietly
- ☑ The ability to play cooperatively with other children, and to share, take turns, and assume his or her share of group responsibility
- ☑ The ability to work without being easily distracted, to follow directions, to complete each task, and take pride in his or her work
- ☑ The ability to recognize letters of the alphabet and numbers 1-20
- ☑ The ability to understand the concept of letter sounds and numerical value.

For children in the 3s programs, teachers will address general topics such as:

- ☑ Maturity to cope with the world/environment, and their social interaction with teachers and fellow students
- ☑ The ability to recognize different shapes and colors
- ☑ The ability for listening to directions without interrupting and to stories without restlessness



February In Review

Children will spend this month reading literature and investigating several themes and topics including:

- ❖ Love
- ❖ The color pink
- ❖ Shadows
- ❖ Heart shape
- ❖ Letters S, T, U, V
(sound and recognition)
- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ Music sounds and instruments
- ❖ Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat
- ❖ Presidents Lincoln and Washington

- Leo & Diane Dillon
(Authors of *Rap A Tap Tap*)

The nursery rhymes of the month for the 2 1/2s are:

- *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*
- *Queen of Hearts*
- *The Cat and the Fiddle*

To extend learning at home, you may wish to read books related to these themes, such as the following:

- *Love, Splat* by Rob Scotton
- *Valentine Surprise* by Corinne Demas



February Show & Tell

3s

- Tues., 2/4: Something Pink
- Tues., 2/11: Something Heart
- Tues., 2/18: Transportation
- Tues., 2/25: Transportation

4s & Fab 5s

- Mon., 2/3: Letter S
- Mon. 2/10: Letter T
- Wed., 2/19: Letter U
- Mon., 2/24: Letter V

**Happy Face will be CLOSED
Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 18th
for Presidents' Day Weekend!**

