

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

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Free Zone

Thank you for continuing to respect the preschool's peanut free policy by not sending any food to preschool with your child.



February 2020

This Month at Preschool

Although February has only just arrived, it is shaping up to be a busy month at preschool! Our students are currently focused on Valentine's Day, with red playdough to shape, and a multitude of hearts to paint, glue, and colour. Our Valentines discoveries will conclude with the much anticipated card exchange on February 11th and 12th.

After the long weekend, our students will turn their attention to dinosaurs of all types, shapes, and sizes.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb. 11: 3yr Valentine's Card Exchange

Wednesday, Feb. 12: 4yr Valentine's Card Exchange

Thursday, Feb. 13: NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention

Friday, Feb. 14: NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention

Monday, Feb. 17: NO SCHOOL - Family Day

Tuesday, Feb. 25: PAC Meeting (7 pm)

Thursday, March 19: Last day of school before Spring Break

Friday, March 20 – Friday March 27: NO SCHOOL for Spring Break

Monday, March 30: Classes Resume

Tuesday, March 31: PAC Meeting (7pm)

Friday, April 10: NO SCHOOL – Good Friday

Monday, April 13: NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, typically held the last Tuesday of each month. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nancy at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

Sick Policy: If your child requires medication within 24 hours of a school day, they are not well enough to come to school. Children should be medication free for 24 hours prior to the start of the class they are attending.

Open Registration

Registration will open to the public on Thursday, February 6th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Glenbrook Community Centre. Parents must bring their child's original birth certificate and cheque book in order to register. Forms can be filled out online and printed off ahead of time.

Help Foster Independence

Children are starting to practise independently getting themselves ready at the end of each class. Therefore, please keep this in mind when choosing shoes and clothing for them.

No Cook Playdough Recipe

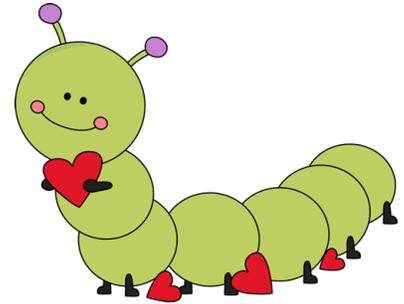
2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
2 cups of **BOILING** water with food colouring added to it

Mix all ingredients in a bowl, turn out onto counter and knead until smooth. Store in an airtight container.



Valentine's Day at Preschool

Valentine's Day is almost here, and it provides a fun opportunity for students to exchange Valentine's cards with their classmates. If your child would like to participate, please keep in mind the following considerations:



- Please do not address the cards to a specific student, but instead simply sign your child's name. It is easier for children to place the cards in their classmates' bags when they are addressed generically.
- There are 12 students in the three-year old classes and 16 students in the four-year old classes. Please send a card for each student so everyone feels included.
- **Please DO NOT include any food due to allergy concerns.**
 - T/TH classes will be exchanging cards on Tuesday, February 11th
 - M/W/F classes will be exchanging cards on Wednesday, February 12th

Thanks for your assistance, and Happy Valentine's Day!



Learning Through Play

This month your children are having fun exploring the sand table at preschool as well as learning about Valentine's Day and dinosaurs! Digging for treasure holds great excitement, but did you also know that playing with sand also helps children to:

- Learn about the properties of sand and water by feeling, patting, shaping, digging and lots more
- Strengthen their muscles as they move the sand around
- Work together with others on special projects like digging holes or trenches or making mountains
- Be creative!