

Glenbrook Community Preschool Newsletter

In This Issue:

- This Month at Preschool
- Holidays & Important Dates
- Class Photos
- Spaces Still Available
- Playdough Recipe
- Valentine's Day
- Dressing for Preschool
- Learning Through Play

We are a Peanut 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 2018

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 Valentine's discoveries will conclude with the much anticipated card exchange on February 13th and 14th.

After the long weekend, our students will turn their attention to bears of all types, shapes, and sizes. Perhaps your child can tell you which bear-related story their class read at carpet-time.



Upcoming Holidays and Important Dates

Tuesday, Feb 13: 3yr old Valentine Card Exchange

Wednesday, Feb 14: 4yr old Valentine Card Exchange

Thursday, Feb 15: NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention

Friday, Feb 16: NO SCHOOL - Teachers' Convention

Monday, Feb 19: NO SCHOOL - Family Day

Tuesday, Feb 27: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7 pm)

Tuesday, Mar 20: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

Thursday, Mar 22: Last Day of School before Spring Break

Tuesday, Apr 3: Classes Resume from Spring Break

Friday, Apr 20: NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day

Tuesday, Apr 24: Parents' Advisory Committee Meeting (7pm)

All parents are welcome to attend our Parents' Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, held the last Tuesday of each month. Please note the changed date of the March meeting due to Spring Break. We welcome your contributions! If you would like to attend, please email Nicole at chair@glenbrookpreschool.org

REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT USE THE FRONT DOORS OF THE SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON. If you are late, please call the classroom and arrange entry with a teacher.

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.

Class Photos

Information on class photos will be available in the spring. The photo session will take only a few minutes, and the rest of the class time will be spent exploring water, glue, paint, and the usual messy preschool fun. Therefore, please choose your child's clothes accordingly. The teachers will let you know once 5x7 prints of the photos are available for purchase, generally a couple of weeks after the photo session. Stay tuned for the date!

Spaces Still Available

There are currently a couple of spaces available in our preschool. If you know anyone who may be interested in our great preschool, please direct them to our website at
www.glenbrookpreschool.org

Your references are a great way to keep our preschool full and vibrant.

No Cook Playdough Recipe

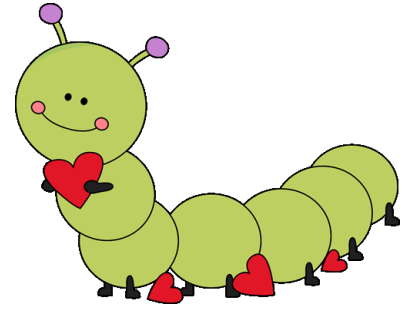
2 cups white flour
1 cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
2 cups of BOILING water with food colouring added to it

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



Valentine's Card Exchange

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 13
 - M/W/F classes will be exchanging cards on Wednesday, February 14

Thank you for your assistance and Happy Valentine's Day!

Dressing for Preschool

Classes may play outside in the warmer weather. Please keep this in mind when dressing your child. Don't forget snow pants and mittens!



Please ensure your child's backpack always has a spare change of clothes in case of any accidents.

Your cooperation is appreciated!

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 bears! 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!