



Preschool Newsletter

January 23-27, 2017

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Room 122

DATES to REMEMBER

Wed, Jan 25th-Welcome to a new student

Fri, Jan 27th-Scholastic Book Orders Due

Tues, Feb 14th-Valentine's Day

Fri, Feb 17th-School Closed

Mon, Feb 20th-School Closed



LIBRARY CORNER

Woodchucks

President's Day

Groundhog Stays Up Late

How Substitute Groundhog's Garden Grew

SNACKS Needed for the Week of 1-23 to 1-27

The Diop Family and The Boyle Family

BUDDY BAGS

To help foster friendship skills and good socialization we are using buddy bags in the classroom. Students will be assigned a different buddy bag daily. The buddy bag will have the names of two students inside of it. There will be an activity that they must complete together.

- Match letter tiles to create vocabulary about groundhogs/woodchucks
- Roll a die to add bingo marker stamps to fill the inside of simple shapes
- Stud will use the i-Pad to practice Eggy Alphabet-letter writing practice
- Rainbow write sight words
- Practice numbers 1-10 using write and wipe markers
- Color and cut out a woodchuck w/a black piece of paper stapled to the outline (cutting thru two sheets of paper at a time)

- Use wikki stix to make the outlines for numbers 1-5

PRE-READING

Our theme for this week is groundhogs and Presidential vocabulary.

We will introduce the new sight word /we/. The following: and, a, the, up, can, you and said will be further practiced as little readers are practiced. We will practice matching words that look alike.

TRANSITION HOOPS-(these are being used for when students finish an activity ahead of their classmates)

- Match uppercase letters to uppercase letters on magnetic tray
- Create a design using pattern blocks
- Practice cutting out heart shapes in various sizes
- Count and Write Math Mats-students will take turns using chips to count to a specified number on the mat and their partner will check their work

MATH READINESS

We will continue our math practice as we did last week. Some will be working on one to one correspondence to match a number of objects to numerals. Some will rote count from 1-10. Some will continue to practice counting from 11-20 and to recognize numerals 11-20. Some will be introduced to making combinations of chips to make sets of 5. (using half of a ten frame for organization) Example: 1 yellow chip and 4 red chips make 5 chips. 2 yellow chips and 3 red chips make five chips, etc...)

SCIENCE CORNER

This week we will be learning about how mirrors reflect light. For this lesson your child is being asked to bring a bright flashlight (we will need to keep them until Friday) and a small, unbreakable hand mirror (if you have one). I would like these by Tuesday, Jan 24th. Sending in these two items will take the place of Show and Tell this Friday.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be introducing the names of some famous American landmarks with pictures and viewing a picture of the new President of the USA as well as a picture of our former President. This will lead us into learning about our 1st and 16th Presidents.

MUSIC CORNER

I'm a Little Groundhog
Tune: "I'm a Little Teapot"

I'm a little groundhog,
Furry and brown
I pop my head
Out of my hole and look around.

If I don't see my shadow
I'll go back down.
For six more weeks
of winter underground.

I'm a little groundhog,
Furry and brown
I pop my head
Out of my hole and look around.

If I don't see my shadow
I'll stay out here
And enjoy an early
Spring this year!

CLASSROOM NEEDS

Your child has been asked to remind you to save and send in either an empty tissue box, cereal box, or shoe box/w/lid so we can make our Valentine mailboxes. Send them ASAP, please.

Your child has also been asked to remind you to help them gather thin straight twigs/branches, no more than one foot long. We will be using these in an art activity in February. Please gather approximately 20 twigs/branches per child. Send them ASAP, please.

In the classroom we would appreciate it if liquid hand soap could be donated. The Boyle's contributed 2 large refill soaps that lasted us until now, but we are in need

of soap to refill our dispensers. If it is cheaper to buy the smaller individual soaps-that is fine, but a refill bottle would do just as well. Thank you if you are able to help us out. (Thank you to Ms. DeRoma)

Scholastic Book Club

This is a rather long newsletter. Attached are order forms for several Scholastic Book Clubs. Please feel free to peruse, or not, and if purchasing, send in the order form with your money by Friday, Jan 27th. **Make checks payable to Scholastic Book Clubs.** Make sure your child's name is on the order form. The children have a tendency to take things out of their folders and sometimes papers get lost.

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, Feb 14th

Our class will have a small Valentine's party where the children are invited to exchange Valentine cards with one another. It would be great if you had your child make homemade cards so they could practice their cutting and tracing skills. We are not allowed to give out candy in any form, so please do not attach a candy to the valentines your child sends in for friends.

I would like the children to have their cards in by Friday, Feb 10th. Please **print the name of the recipient** on the card in dark large letters so that the children can "mail" them by matching names to the mailboxes we will be making in class.

I am attaching a list of names of our students in bold uppercase letters. Feel free to save, cut and tape onto the cards they are sending in...

IBRAHIM

EMILY

GRACE

ERIN

EMMA

ESTELLE

LEVI

CALEB

DONNIE

CHARLIE

JACKSON

ASHER

JACKSON B.

YOGI

ASHLYNN

JONATHAN

*If your child wants to acknowledge any staff member, here is a list of people they may want to include...

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Peck

Miss Lennox

Mrs. Acker

Mrs. Hendershot (bus driver-AM)

Mrs. Apgar

Mrs. Hendershot

Miss Van Horn

Mrs. Ippolito

