

February 2010 Newsletter



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Welcome to Wintery Weather!!

School student Openings

We currently have openings for infants and toddlers. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who might be looking for a safe, enriching environment for their little ones.

Science Program

Cheri has been doing science with the Early Childhood and Transition classes 2 out of every 3 Wednesdays. Even the Toddlers have had some lessons and we have gotten positive feedback from you, the parents, therefore she will continue to do the science as much as possible.

February Closings

We will be closed Monday, February 15 for President's Day.

Parent's Night February 24 and 25 for Early Childhood and Transition classes

This is a night parents become the students and learn from your children.

Want to take your HONEY out on a Valentine's date??

Our evening childcare day in December was very successful therefore we will be offering another one on Saturday, February 13, between 5 and 10pm for parents to go out on a date for Valentines. Please let us know if you are interested.

In the past month we have had many of our staff working in the different classrooms. This seems to have benefitted not only the staff getting to know the students and their routines but the students getting to know the various teachers.

As always, please don't hesitate to bring any concerns or suggestions to our attention. You may reach Susana and Cheri at director@sagecottage.us or 672-0534. We appreciate your support!

Thanks.
Susana & Cheri

Transition Class

Dear Families:

We had a great January which went by so fast! The children have noticed the change in our classroom with Ms. Beth working in the Infant/Toddler classroom for a while. The children miss her. Alyssa will be working with us while Ms. Beth is gone.

We'd like to welcome Nathan and Helen to our class. They have jumped right in as if they have been in with us forever.

We are going to be studying reptiles as well as dinosaurs. It is always a favorite! We will also be studying the country of Africa and all the amazing animals that live there. Our Practical Life shelf will have new pouring, tweezing, etc.

We hope you will all be planning to come to Parent Night on Feb. 24 & 25. The children are excited to show you all the areas of work and circle time activities. We will have a list up showing what night you will be scheduled. If you need childcare for other siblings, please let us know as soon as possible that way we can arrange for other staff to care for them so that you can enjoy your time with your child in the classroom.

Valentine's Day is on a Sunday, but we will celebrate on Thursday the 11th. The children's decorated bags will be hanging in the gym. You may help your child distribute Valentines into their friend's bags if you wish.

Thank you,
Ms. Tanya

Ms. Alyssa

INFANT and TODDLER CLASS

Hi Infant/Toddler Families:

The past month was a success! The children adjusted to the new month (after a long vacation) and to a new face, Ms. Beth. They are very adaptable and loving.

We had a busy month and will continue to have another one as we concentrate on Africa, zoo animals, reptiles, focusing on dinosaurs and of course Valentine's Day. Last month we touched on colors and shapes. We will continue that along with body parts.

We said good-bye to Helen and Nathan as they transitioned to Ms. Tanya and Ms. Alyssa's room . We welcome Haylie and Selina and their families to our room. Ava Bean will be visiting the Transition class the next couple of weeks as she will soon be moving up.

We will be decorating Valentine's Day bags so if you want, you may bring a little something to put in their bags on Feb. 11th (the day we will celebrate Valentines.)

Reminders:

- Please label all your child's belongings.
- Please bring slippers if you haven't already.
- We still need family pictures from a few of you.
- Please bring snow boots for your child if it is snowy because we do go outside.

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us.

Ms. Beth, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Juanita, & Ms. Tammy

Early Childhood

Dear Early Childhood Families:

We will learn about the upcoming holidays - Valentine's Day, and the meaning behind it, as well as Presidents Day and why we celebrate it. We will be having a class Valentine's Party (Thursday, February 11th). Sign-up sheet will be posted in the classroom. We welcome valentine cards/gifts and ask that each child receives one. In art class we will be making a painted folder for each child for the valentines they receive.

Children's Names

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| 1. Jackson Boone | 2. Stephen Boone | 3. Caameron Cole |
| 4. Jack Fisher | 5. Moses Herring | 6. Alexander Livescu |
| 7. Quintin Madsen | 8. Haley Martinez | 9. Nathan McCulloch |
| 10. Emma Pearson | 11. Seth Rainey | 12. Alexandra Simikov |
| 13. Cody Stimson | 14. Nicholas Witkowski | |

This month we will be focusing on other fun studies such as:

- Reptiles in Zoology
- Africa in Geography
- Parts of a plant in Botany (roots)
- Practical Life - Ball control & shell washing
- Sensorial - Geometric Cabinet Cards Set # 1-2
- Math - Teen Board #11-20
- Language - continue sounds
- The Arts - Musical Instruments, Dance - Ballet

We would like to welcome Moses Herring to our classroom. Also Haley will be visiting the class one or two days a week just to keep in touch.

Reminders:

- We are still in need of some updated family portraits.
- We will be closed Monday February 15th in observance of Presidents Day
- Parents Night - February 24 & 25 - The children have been working on "work" that they are looking forward to showing you. Please remember the

purpose of these evenings are for your child. No siblings in the classroom, please. (If you need childcare for siblings please let us know and we will arrange it.)

Thank you.

Ms. Barbara,

Ms. Melissa,