

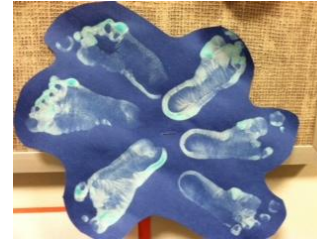
Early Learning Center News

Join Us for a Collaborative Event

Families, come join us in the KidZone on Saturday, February 11 at 10:00 for some family fun. The Early Learning Center will play host for a literacy/get up and move event from North River Collaborative. We'll read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and pretend to play in the snow just like Patrick does in the story. We will use the innovative equipment in the KidZone to crawl, make snow angels, and snow tracks in the "snow." Please see Jamee to register as space is limited.



Preschool Snowmen



Families, our key FOB security system helps keep the children enrolled at the Early Learning Center safe. Please do not allow any visitors into the building

when you are picking up or dropping off. All families are given their own key FOBs upon enrollment and visitors to the building must buzz in and be granted access to the building by the Early Learning Center staff. Thank you!

Exploring Feelings and The Moon Balloon

During the month of February children and their teachers will be exploring and learning about feelings. They will do a variety of large group hit all areas. sing songs, projects, and chart emotions. piece of



this through a small and lessons that curriculum Children will complete art read books, their One particular children's

literature that we will focus on as we explore this theme is, The Moon Balloon, by Joan Drescher. With the support of the teachers, children will learn about using the vehicle of drawing to express their emotions. We will explore such ideas as the Giggle Balloon (What makes you laugh?), and the Sun Balloon (What makes you happy?) to name a few. Teachers at the Early Learning Center received professional development training from Child Development Psychologist Maureen O'Brien on ways to use The Moon Balloon, and are excited to explore this topic with children.

Early Learning Center Open House Dates



Toddler Penguin

Families, your positive feedback and thoughts regarding our Early Learning Center are invaluable as we continue to spread the word about the new Center. Please share your child's positive learning experiences at the Early Learning Center with a friend by inviting them to our upcoming Open House dates:

Saturday, February 4th

1:00-2:00

Saturday, February 11th

11:00-12:30

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Valentine's Day at the Early Learning Center



Children and teachers will celebrate Valentine's Day at the Early Learning Center on February 14th. If your child would like to bring in Valentines to share with his/her friends on that day, please do so. ***In order to facilitate the distribution process, please sign your child's name only on each Valentine.***

We will be delivering Valentine "mail" to each child enrolled at the Center via their own Valentine mailbox. In order to include each child at the Center, please send in 35 Valentines. Homemade Valentines are a great option. Have your child decorate 2 sheets of construction paper with stickers, paint, bingo dotters, etc. When it dries, cut it up into 35 pieces. While many children can write their own name, writing it 35 times can be a challenge. Promote independence by typing the child's name 35 times in large font on the computer. Print and cut out one for each card and have the child glue their own name on. Doing this project together will promote literacy skills, fine motor development and positive time together.

Tuition Policy Reminder

Tuition payments are due weekly and are to be made in advance. Tuition is expected on Friday for the upcoming week. Payment is expected for holidays, sick, no-show days, family vacations, and other closings due to inclement weather/emergency closings/delayed openings. Please contact Jamee if you have any questions regarding this policy.

The Home-School Connection: Asking Open Ended Questions

As parents and educators, we always strive to find ways to support children's learning and development. With young children a great way to support and develop children's ideas is by asking open ended questions. Open ended questions are questions that require more than a single, concrete answer. For example, if your child is playing with LEGO's and you ask, "Are you building with LEGO's?" they most likely will respond "yes" and from the child's standpoint, the conversation is now over. In contrast to this, open-ended questions support and further children's learning by encouraging them to explain what they are doing and thinking. In the same situation mentioned above, try asking the following questions instead: "Oh, I see you are playing with LEGO's. Tell me about it," or "What would happen if you added this piece?" or "What do you plan to do next?" Try asking open ended questions on outings, while driving, or while playing outside and listen to all of your child's thoughtful responses.



Preschool Marble Painting

Please check the website, www.ssymca.org for updates due to inclement weather or call the Center at 781-826-7900