

# Newton-Watertown Creative Start Children's Center Family Newsletter-March 2025

## In The Month Of March

Policy Council Meeting- March 5  
Parent Meeting- March 6  
Early Release- March 10  
Open House- March 12 2:30 to 4:30  
Classroom 1 opening- March 18  
Open Air Market- March 18  
No School- March 24  
Open House- March 26 2:30 to 6 PM  
Box City- March 28  
Literacy Challenge- March 31

## **From the Director and Team**

A warm hello from the NW Creative Start team!

We are excited to say that we are on our way to open another classroom for Preschool. We are working to open the classroom on March 18. We hired a new Lead Teacher to join us with lots of experience and knowledge.

You will meet Lisa Taylor as the new educator in our Center. Please join me to welcome Lisa.

We have the Box City project in March. We are asking all families to join us and help the children with the project.

The display date will be on March 28 at 2:15 PM.

This month, the Literacy Challenge is dedicated to Dear Terri.

We will have all the details coming up soon. The teachers will explain to the families about the goals of the classrooms for reading during this month.

Happy Spring everyone. With love from all of us at NW

## A Note From Ms. Patty

Hello March! Next month we will be having our FA1 review which had been rescheduled from Head Start. I will be asking families for any updated/expired physicals, dentals, hearing, vision and updated documents that are needed for your child's records. If any addresses or personal information have changed please let me know so we can update the records. Everyone did a wonderful job last time handing back the documents that I requested. Thank you so much.

## A note from Ms. Shachi

**Kindergarten registration has begun for many towns.**

**Waltham-** 781-314-5524 (English)  
781-314-5668 (Español)

<https://www.walthampublicschools.org/page/kindergarten-registration-information>

**Watertown-** Begins March 5. Contact - Terri Stafford  
617-972-4216

**Newton-** Registration has opened. Check [Kindergarten Registration](#) , or call 617-559-6000

**Needham-** Registration has opened.  
<https://www.needham.k12.ma.us/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=613072>

Contact- 781-455-0400 x 11205

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# Classroom news

## Classroom 2

Anahita, Vehanush, Fatiha

What is Hibernation anyway?! Technically, it is a time when animals sleep through the cold winter. However, it is very, very different than a human's deep sleep. An animal can actually be moved or touched and not even be aware of it!

Our Winter Theme was about Winter Animals. We did so many stories and art and science activities around Winter animals. Well, we found out that Bears do not hibernate!!!

Some animals that hibernate are badgers, bats, chipmunks, dormice, ground squirrels, groundhogs, hamsters, hedgehogs, raccoons and skunks. Also, on this list, are sloths, iguanas, frogs, snails, snakes and some turtles. You can also add bees and earthworms to the list!

Now, here's something you may not have known: Bears do **NOT** hibernate! I know, I know...it just CAN'T be a myth.

Winter Animals are all around this time of year-not all animals hibernate in the cold weather! We had a good month and very productive.

## Classroom 3

Jen and Carla

We had a very busy February. We said goodbyes to some friends and we welcomed new friends. Everyone is doing great. They participate in groups and individual play. Carla left for a vacation and we have Jen and Fatiha in the classroom. We have to tell you that we are looking forward to the Springtime. But still we enjoyed the wintertime walk every day. We took a walk in the snow, rain or shine every day and came back for lunch time.

We read the Arctic Animal books, Polar bear, Brown Bear, Brown Bear. We had cards with the animal's pictures and we used them in our circle time. The children loved it and if you ask them any questions about the winter animals, they would tell you how much they learned.



## Classroom 4

Miss Toba, Miss Robina



What we learned about in the month of February- we learned about community workers and the importance of brushing our teeth twice a day and healthy foods.

Favorite activities in the month of February-making individual mail to each other and counting teeth activity with white finger paint on construction paper.

Favorite book from the past month-Just Going To the Dentist by Mercer Mayer

Favorite song from the past month-"This the Way We Brush Our Teeth"

What we will be learning about in the month of March-Building STEM topic-Tubes and Tunnels/Technology and Engineering.



# Architectural Activities

## BOX CITY Project

### Friday March 28



For this project we use Cardboard to make buildings in a city

Family engagement is a collaborative effort between families and schools to support student learning and success. It can include volunteering, attending school events, and communicating with teachers.

It is proven to be effective for **Improved academic performance**: Students with engaged families tend to perform better academically.

## Spring Veggie Wraps

A tangy tahini-ginger-soy mixture both marinates the tofu and serves as a sauce for this colorful veggie wrap recipe. Look for spinach tortillas for an additional pop of green.

<https://www.eatingwell.com/gallery/8032381/healthy-dinners-to-make-in-march/>

