

Newton-Watertown Creative Start ~ Children's Center Parent Newsletter

March 2024



Important Dates:

March 1st-Parent Support Group with Miss Shachi

March 13th-Mr. Phil the Music Man

March 14th-Parent Meeting 8:30 a.m.

March 18th and 28th-Open Houses

March 21st-Open Air Market

Thursday, March 21st-Last day to send in Building for Box City

March 26th-Box City Reveal

March 29th- Early Release

Family Engagement

Thank you to the parents who joined us for Advocacy Day at the State House on Wed. Feb. 14th!

We hope you can make it to Shachi's Parent Group on Friday, March 1st at 8:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting

Please join us on Thursday, March 14th at 8:30 a.m.

We are excited to have our Box City Family Event on March 26th at pick up times

A note from Miss Donna and Miss Hana

Welcome Miss Forooz, our new Center Manager. Please stop by the office to introduce yourself if you haven't already.

Mr. Phil Alexander of Sing, Play, Grow came to do music with all of our classrooms on Feb. 7th and will be back on March 13th. The children enjoy singing, dancing, and playing instruments along with Mr. Phil.

. Thank you to the Watertown Cultural Council for funding this program!

A note from Miss Shachi

In Second Step, our preschoolers are learning that feeling angry is natural, but hurtful, mean behaviors are not okay. Learning to relax calms them down, they are exploring different ways to calm down such as- counting, drawing, doing puzzles, etc.

Our toddlers are learning to make eye contact, be gentle, being present in the moment, and increase self-regulation.

Happy March Birthday to:

Kohen 3/4

Julian 3/7

Spencer 3/23

Miss Shachi 3/24

Elisa 3/26

Classroom 2-Miss Anahita and Miss Barbara

What we learned about in the month of February: This month the children learned about Winter/ snow/Winter Animals and Physical Science. We didn't have much snow to look at but we did talk about changes in Winter and the clothes we wear compared to summer. We also talked about hibernation, and bears, and had visits from a Waltham police officer and a local dentist

Favorite activities in the month of February: Children enjoyed the Sink or Float experiment we did where we put items found in our classroom in water and guessed what would sink and what would float. We also used magnet wands and explored what items it would stick to.

Favorite book from the past month: The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

Favorite song from the past month: "Five Little Snowmen"

What we will be learning about in the month of March: Dentist/Community Workers/ physical Science and signs. We will also be making structures to add to our Box City which is at the end of March

Family Engagement activities: To and From activity and We will be sending home a toothbrushing chart for the month of March

Classroom 3-Miss Carla and Miss Jen

What we learned about in the month of February: we learned about community helpers . We had a visit from a Waltham Police Officer and a visit from a Dentist who taught us about keeping our teeth healthy by eating healthy food and brushing our teeth twice a day. We also talked about what happens when you go to the dentist.

Favorite activities in the of month of February: painting with toothbrushes, pretending to make teeth out of playdough and fingerpainting.

Favorite book from the past month: The Hungry Caterpillar Eats Snacks by Eric Carle

Favorite song from the past month: "You Brush Your Teeth"

Favorite fingerplay from the past month: "Five Finger Calm Down"

What we will be learning about in the month of March: Fairy Tales and Building we will be creating Box City,we are making a car wash and a parking garage.

Family Engagement activities: Tooth Brushing sticker chart

Classroom 4-Miss Toba, Miss Robina, Miss Vehanush

What we learned about in the month of February- Community workers visiting were a Waltham police officer and Dr. Van, the Dentist.

We learned how to brush our teeth and to brush twice a day, and why that is important. We also talked about healthy foods for our teeth.

Favorite activities in the month of February: making individual mailboxes out of a big cardboard box and painting it blue, counting teeth activity with white fingerpaint on construction paper.

Favorite book from the past month: Just Going to the Dentist by Mercer Mayer

Favorite song from the past month: "This is the way We Brush Our Teeth "

What we will be learning about in the month of March: Fairy Tales/Folk Tales and our Building STEM topic will be Tubes and Tunnels and also we will be creating " Box City"

Family Engagement activities- Countdown to Kindergarten Activities
(March around the house)