

Newton-Watertown Creative Start ~ Children's Center
Parent Newsletter
February 2024



Important Dates:

Feb. 2nd-Parent Support Group with Shachi

Feb. 7th-Mr. Phil the Music Man

Open Houses-Feb. 12th and 27th

Policy Council/Advocacy Day at the State House-Feb. 14th

CLOSED-February 19th-23rd for Winter Break

Tuesday, Feb. 27th-Parent Meeting -Guest Dr. Van, the dentist

A note from Miss Donna and Miss Hana

The children go out daily, send your child in with a hat and mittens, and boots if there is snow on the ground. Please label clothing if you can! Watch the local news for school closings due to inclement weather. If the Watertown Public Schools are closed we are closed also. If there is a delay we will follow what the delay is for the public school. Pick up time will remain the same.

Please remember to call the center (617-527-6689) after 8:00 a.m. if your child is going to be late or absent. Please do not text or email the teachers. Thank you!

Social-Emotional Info with Miss Shachi

This month our children starts a new Unit on Emotional Management. We Feel Feelings in Our Bodies, we'll learn to label those feelings and manage strong feelings while practice in the classrooms. Please have your kids practice labeling their emotions at home too. Toddlers will continue to practice being flexible.

Family Engagement

Please join us for Advocacy Day at the State House on Wed. Feb. 14th to thank our legislators and ask them to continue to fund Head Start!

We hope you can make it to Shachi's Parent Group on Friday, February 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

Parent Meeting

Please join us for our Parent Meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Van, from Newton Pediatric Dental will be here to talk about Oral Health.

Happy February Birthday:

Miss Hana 2/1

Classroom 2-Miss Anahita and Miss Barbara

What we learned about in the month of January:

Children learned what an author and an illustrator were and we looked at a favorite author /illustrator, Eric Carle. We introduced many of his books and learned about how he illustrated them. Our STEM topic was Earth and Space science.

Favorite activities in the month of January: decoupage jars for our lighted fireflies, making fireflies and adding to a painted background similar to how Eric Carle illustrated his books. We also explored planets and moon phases

Favorite book from the past month: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?

Favorite song from the past month: "The Weather Song"

What we will be learning about in the month of February: Winter/Snow/Winter Animals STEM: Physical Science

Family Engagement activities: Fork Foods and Weather Calendar for February

Classroom 3-Miss Carla and Miss Jen

What we learned about in the month of January: We learned about winter and winter animals. We read The Bear Snores On series by Karma Wilson and Jane Chapman. We talked about how bears and other animals hibernate.

We also learned about snow and ice, and how it freezes and melts.

Favorite activities in the of month of January:The children enjoyed acting out the Grizzly Bear song. They liked practicing the IMIL words for the month, hopping and Jumping. They loved exploring snow in the classroom with mittens on.

Favorite book from the past month: The Bear Snores On by Jane Chapman and Karma Wilson

Favorite song from the past month: "Five Brown Bears Sleeping In their Cave"

Favorite fingerplay from the past month: "Grizzly Bear, Oh Grizzly Bear"

What we will be learning about in the month of February: February is Oral Health month, we will be learning about how to take care of our teeth and we will have a visit from the dentist to teach us about healthy teeth.

Family Engagement activities: catching snowflakes on black paper.

Classroom 4-Miss Toba, Miss Robina, Miss Vehanush

What we learned about in the month of January: our study theme was Winter/Winter animals and STEM topic Physical Science we learned about what different animals do in winter and some animals hibernate during winter and also why it snows and how snow melts.

Favorite activities in the month of January: Based on The Snowy Day book children enjoyed making animals footprints and also making collage of Peter the character of the book making snowball with red felt and cotton balls. STEM activity blowing bubbles

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

Favorite song from the past month: "Hibernation, Time for Hibernation"

What we will be learning about in the month of February-we will be learning about Oral Health and community workers

Family Engagement activities-Countdown to Kindergarten (You've Got Mail!)