

Mrs. Schroeder & Miss Ball's 3s

The 5 Day 3s have been enjoying our time stuck in the classroom because of the rain. We have been creating Valentines, working on our cutting skills, playing friendship games so much more. We have been exploring multiple units all at once; Valentines, Friendship, All About Us & Senses. With all of this rain please remember to pack extra tennis shoes in your child's back pack. Our three year olds have been tripping in their boots! We hope everyone enjoys their Valentines Day!



Mrs. Craig's PE

This week we blended reading with movement in P.E.! The children warmed up by acting out Peter's journey in The Snowy Day. We crunched through snow, had a snowball fight, and made snow angels. We finished the class by doing a snow dance along with winter themed yoga poses. I'm hoping to incorporate more books into our classes throughout the year!

Senora Poe's Spanish

Feliz Día de San Valentín! Last Monday, Kindergarten and pre-first celebrated 100 días de escuela (100 Days of School) and Spanish class joined in the fun! Over the past month we have learned a sweet song about copo de nieve (snowflakes) and celebrated invierno.



Mrs. Arrup & Mrs. Baker's Pre-k

The Pre-K has been busy, busy, busy! We have been enjoying the warmer winter weather by incorporating nature on the playground to build bird nests. The children had to work together in cooperative groups to gather the materials and design a nest. They had such a ball and were so proud of their creations! Donut Day was a huge success and everyone loved having their dad or special friend join them in our daily routine. It was so much fun to see everyone enjoying "blue rug time" and creating their octopus alphabet page. Last week our Pre-K Pirates went on a treasure hunt, discovered pirate treasure in our room and ended the week with a pizza party! We continue to encourage good school behavior and listening skills. The wet weather has extended our blue rug time which is the time of day when there is a lot of negotiating and learning to take turns. We are always guiding the children to "solve" the problem in a positive way. Conferences are next Friday. If you are unable to make it for any reason, we are happy to reschedule.



Ms. Astley & Mrs. Hobson's 2s

February has been full of LOVE in the Two Days 2s! I love greeting your children every day. They all have smiles on their faces and are excited to be at school. February has brought some warmer weather but also some rainy weather! We have explored outside as much as possible but have a new love for playing in the Hail as well. This month we have focused on the color pink, the heart shape, Love & Friendship and Valentine's Day! We have continued to work on fine grow motor skills with much of our activities. We celebrated Valentine's Day with a special snack and Valentines for all! The students have also enjoyed our Parent Reader that started this month. Thank you to all who have signed up. As always, it's a pleasure to be with your children. Thank you for sharing them with us.



Mrs. Wyatt & Mrs. Zuidema's 2s

The Twos are having a fantastic February. We started the month talking about the groundhog and his lack of a shadow. During circle time, we matched different objects to the shadows they make. Our projects this month will include lots of hearts and lots of the color pink. We will end the month with a quick lesson on winter birds and making sure we keep them fed. We wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day, and as always, we thank you for sharing your children with us.

Mrs. Knott's World Cultures

Our world travelers have loved their stop in Japan. At the end of our stay, we learned all about parasol dancing, both sensu and uchiwa fans, and the most well known form of Japanese traditional fashion, the kimono. We are very much looking forward to Spring Break, when we plan to vacation in Puerto Rico! Saludos a nuestras aventuras!

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch has been busy crafting for Valentines Day! We have made necklaces, window decorations, hearts and Valentines! We have been attempting to get outside whenever possible, and trying to stay out of the mud! Thank you all for sending your children to Lunch Bunch. We LOVE spending our afternoons with your children!



Miss B's Music

The 3s classes brought the snow inside for their special guests last Friday and had so much fun! The 4s are learning about different stringed instruments and the kindergarten and pre-first are starting the musical story of *Peter and the Wolf*!



Mrs. Smith's & Mrs. Vandenberg's Kindergartens

Kindergarten is very excited to explore the world of dinosaurs over the next few weeks! Each child will get to become an expert on a particular dinosaur and teach the class about it. We will make a dinosaur portfolio to bring home at the end of our unit. In language arts, please keep encouraging your child to sound out words as they write. We are learning about "bossy r" and other "rules" of the English language that make reading easier. We are also learning how to write consonant blends. In math, we are learning all about 3-D shapes such as cones and cylinders. See if your child can find any 3-D shapes around your house! Please keep practicing writing the numerals at home too. Thank you for all of the kind words and support that you give us. Your partnership with us makes your child's kindergarten experience the best ever! We look forward to talking with you about your child at conferences.



Mrs. Smith's Values

Manners build relationships. When children demonstrate good manners, they improve their relationships with other their peers and adults. Manners make a good impression.



Mrs. Blair's Art

Winter has been a busy time for your creative artists! Kindergarten's gorgeous red and black cardinals are flitting through our hallway among Pre-Kindergarten's waddling penguins...they make us smile as they are brimming with personality! Pre-Kindergarten patiently and persistently drew, cut and glued their way through this project-it was challenging! Pre-first created a hanging winter mobile complete with hand painted beads, pinecones, and a stunning crystal snowflake that they made in science-Thank you Mrs. Craig! Your three's have been very busy practicing their cutting skills and creating heartfelt Valentines for the people they love most...you!

Mrs. Craig's Science

Pre-k enjoyed exploring the crazy properties of our cornstarch and water "quicksand". This non-Newtonian substance can act like both liquid and solid depending on how it is handled. We also had fun trying to get our toy animals unstuck. This is a great experiment to try at home- messy fun but super easy clean up! Kindergarten is learning about weather this month. We demonstrated how we have seasons and made 4 types of clouds with cotton balls. Next week we will explore snow- hopefully we will have some in the forecast before winter ends! Prefirst finished up their physics unit learning about Albert Einstein. We explored chain reactions by building with dominos and making exploding ninja stars. Up next-earth science!



Mrs. Loeb & Mrs. Knott's Pre-k

Letters "O", "P", and "Q", Donuts at the Day School, pirates, and Valentine's Day; What a busy few weeks! We have counted octopus' legs, made owls, went on a pirate treasure hunt for letters, and played bingo with pennies. As this was a short week for us, we will make quilts and paint with Q-tips next week, as preparing for Valentine's Day took up some time. As we head into the next few weeks, we will be preparing for conferences, continuing to work on fine motor skills, letter and corresponding sound recognition, and number sense. Thank you to those who needed to change conference times and let us know. Mrs. Knott and I love this week's value – manners! Eye contact, a simple please and thank you, and a nicely worded "sorry" go a long way in making and keeping friends! Hope you all enjoy a lovely long weekend!

Mrs. Barta's Pre-first

Did you know? We are 100 days SMARTER! Pre-first and Kindergarten had a wonderful 100th day of school filled with fun, games, counting, creating, writing and friends! Pre-first has been busy learning all about polar bears, their habitats and how they survive in the frigid temperatures. We have been writing about the large mammals, playing games, writing stories and creating beautiful polar bear masterpieces. Ask your child to share some interesting facts they have learned about polar bears. Currently we are learning about consonant blends and digraph blends. We have been blending, reading, segmenting and spelling words with multiple sounds. In Math, we continue to learn about money, place value, ten frames and comparing numbers through a variety of hands-on manipulatives. Thank you to all the special guests that came to Donuts in the Day School...your children and I were excited to have you join us!



Mrs. Hooper & Mrs. Grieves' 3s



"Donuts at The Day School" was great fun for us all! Thank you to our many guests who shared their morning with us. PINK HEARTS are February's color and shape of the month. Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quick is our February nursery rhyme and your children are "jumping over" our lit candlesticks (battery operated) just like Jack! We have been working on our "All About Me" unit, discussing how each of us is unique and special. Your children took home their handmade books today as a Valentine treat; we hope you will cherish them! Thank you to our party Moms for a wonderful Valentine's Day party today. Many new manipulatives and scissors are filling our morning tables as the children enjoy building their hand strength and their small motor skills while "chatting" nonstop to one another....such fun to listen to their joyous conversations. We are discussing opposites and continue to reinforce rhyming, letters, numbers, shapes and colors.

Next week, we will start our "Senses" unit. This is always a favorite as we have many fun activities and stories that use our FIVE SENSES. Wishing you all a warm and wonderful weekend!