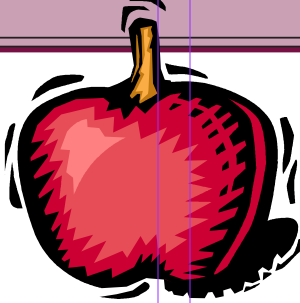


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CURRICULUM

Date	Unit	Emphasis
Jan 25-29		Emphasis on Dinosaurs J
Feb 1-5		Dinosaurs (Chinese New Year) K
Feb 8-12		Emphasis on Birthdays, Friendship and Dental Health L
Feb 15		Professional Development Day--Center Closed. CDC Teachers will be involved in staff development/training--CPR/First Aid, Focused Portfolios
Feb 15, 4 p.m.		Parent Advisory Board Meeting
Feb 16-19		M
Feb 22-26		N

Dates to Remember

Feb 8	Spring Parent Meeting--"Teach Your Child to Cooperate with Requests" is the topic
Feb 12	Friendship Party
TBA	Visit from Dental Professional
Feb 15	Center Closed
Feb 15	Parent Advisory Board Meeting--4 p.m.
TBA, April	Parent/Teacher Conferences

Staff Development Day

The Center will be closed February 15 for Staff Development Day. Staff members will be participating in CPR/First Aid, Focused Portfolio Updates, plus other staff development projects.






Announcement!

Friendship Party

We will be discussing the topics of love and friendship beginning February 8. We are asking that each child bring enough tokens of friendship (soft candy, notes, valentines, etc.) for his/her class. Any edible items must be store-bought and individually wrapped. Those attending only a.m., p.m., or part-time will still be able to exchange friendship gifts. Valentines or gifts need to be signed (either by parent or child) but not addressed to individual friends. Teachers will assist children to distribute their tokens to the various personally decorated sacks once they reach the Center. The following is a break-down of classes. The numbers include all part-time and full-time friends.

Tree Frogs
Stars
Busy Bees

10 children
12 children
12 children



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our second set of parent/teacher conferences will be scheduled for the month of April. Our staff uses a process of documentation called *Focused Portfolios* to record children's growth and development. Through photographs, anecdotes and children's work samples, teachers put together a visual account of each child's accomplishments. These observations are then compared to recognized Developmental Milestones. The *Focused Portfolios* process recognizes and celebrates that all children develop at different rates and with various strengths. We hope to meet with you in April to share these special collections and to celebrate the accomplishments of your child.



Party Committee:

Mrs. Farmer, Jett's mother, is the chairperson of the Friendship Party committee. She has the names and numbers of the parents assigned to this committee. She will be contacting those parents very soon in order to begin making plans and arrangements for the party.

F.Y.I.

Family Resource Area

Please become acquainted with the Parent/Family Resource area found in the entrance area of our Center. You will find

- a lending library,
- brochures from the various agencies, including W.I.C. Warm-line, etc.
- information sheets concerning health, nutrition, child development, etc.,
- a DHS Compliance File which contains documents issued from the DHS within the last 120 days, Investigative Summary (if applicable) and OSBI Waiver notifications (if applicable)
- most recent inspection reports from the Health and Fire Department
- a copy of EOC Tech, CDC's Grievance Procedures for parents.

PLEASE!!

Leave Toys/Books at Home

We ask that children not bring toys, books or videos from home. We have a good selection of items and activities for your child to experience. Home toys or books get broken or lost. Please leave these items at home.

MRS. MANWELL'S CHILD DEVELOPMENT CLASS

The child care students will have a busy month. First-year students are working on Guidance Units. Second-year students are finishing big books which will be presented to children. They will also be preparing CDA Portfolio materials over the next few months. Second-year students will be starting on curriculum packets dealing with Math Activities.

Our Christie Hofegartner is preparing for State Competitive Events. Wish her luck!

CENTER NEWS

Coming Events

This coming months' curriculum includes items: Friendship, the concept of birthdays, some mention of famous people having birthdays this month and dental health. Children should be experiencing many new concepts and developing new vocabulary.

Monday, March 2, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will be reading and experiencing many of Dr. Seuss' unique books this day. For example, we will be reading and then enjoying our own *Green Eggs and Ham for breakfast*.

Spring Parent Meeting

We will be offering our Spring Parent Meeting Monday, February 8, 6-7 p.m. Dr. Teresa Baird, OKC-County Health Department, Child Guidance, is conducting the meeting on the subject--*Teach Your Child To Cooperate With Requests*. There will be child care provided to those that sign-up. Sign-up sheets are available on Erbin's Counter. Please commit ASAP.

Intruder/Lock Down Drill

We are have participated in our intruder drill for this semester. Although we don't wish to alarm children, we want them to understand that we conduct these drills in order to keep everyone safe in case an armed intruder should come to our school. Children are taken by teachers to a "safe room" and cautioned to stay very quiet until such time that someone from the main office unlocks the door. Teachers, of course, stay with children.

At this point, we will be leaving a note on the entryway door explaining that we are involved in a drill and that you should return to your car and wait until you see activity in the Center. We are hoping to soon purchase a large caution light to place in the entry way. This will notify you that we are involved in a drill and that you should return to your vehicle until you no longer see the caution light's beam.

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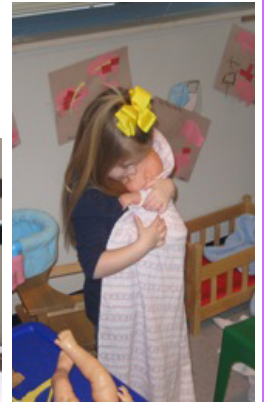
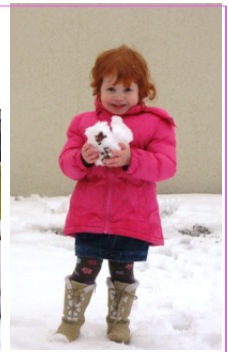
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Anna caught a snowball in the hood of her coat.

