

February 2016 Newsletter

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Mothering Heights

I know that as parents it's easy to get excited when your young child begins to surprise you with all the information that they are learning at school. They begin to sing songs on the way home, or point out letters on the signs they see along the road. This is exciting! We all want to know that our children are showing signs of progress in their learning.

As exciting as this rote learning is though, there is a type of learning that I feel is the most important and something that we pay a great deal of attention to here at Learning Tree. This is the area of Social and Emotional Learning, often referred to as emotional intelligence. I feel that it is so important to the overall development of the child. Having a child that knows how to manage his or her emotions, make responsible decisions, and resolve conflicts non-violently, is like pushing them to the head of the class when it comes to learning all of the other information presented to them.

As parents there are a number of strategies that can be used at home to help nurture and emotionally intelligent child.

Be a good listener: Listening is a "core competency skill" and needs to be used by both the parent and the child. Sometimes as parents we rush our child through what they are saying or fill in the blanks or finish their sentences. This teaches the child to not listen in their own learning situations. Try to be patient and let the child express their complete thought no matter how slow or broken up it might be.

Model the behavior you seek: Children learn a great deal about relationships from observing the behavior of their parents. As parents we should always consider the impact of our actions on our kids.

Nurture your child's self-esteem: Children with a good self-esteem are happier and do better in school. A good strategy for fostering self-esteem includes giving your child responsibilities and showing your appreciation for a job well done.

Respect differences: Always resist the urge to compare your child to friends or siblings. Instead, honor your child's accomplishments and support him or her in their challenges.

Raising an emotionally intelligent child is like moving them to the head of the class.

February Themes

February 1-5
Friendships

February 8-12

Happy Valentine's Day

February 15-19

Dental Health

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Pets

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Front Desk News

Red Bags

At C.V. we provide each child 3 years and up with a bag to put their items in. This bag is for their coat, hat and items they bring to school that day. Please make sure you clean out their bag each night. There are often notes from the teacher, art projects and much more that could be in their bag. . So please, check them nightly to make sure you got all their items. If you child is a Snuggle Bunny or Tiger Cub, we ask that you bring in a bag (like a reusable shopping bag) for your child to keep here on the hook. It helps separate out the items and helps us keep track of each child's things. Thank you!

Extra Clothes

As you know we often put out notices for extra clothes for your child. Sometimes though we find extra clothes in the red bags in the hallway. Please make sure instead of storing it in the red bag you hand the extra clothes to the teacher, so they can make sure it is labeled and

stored in a safe place. Thank you.

Valentines Day Parties

Happy Valentines from the Front Desk! We will of course be celebrating this special day with parties in each classroom the morning of the 12th. Please watch your child's classroom door for sign-ups.

Valentines Cards

To make the delivery of Valentines more fun and to make sure that no child is left out, please have your child just sign his/her name on the card and **leave the "To" blank**. This way, the children can pass cards out to all of their friends without the need to read names.

Snuggle Bunnies: 7 Valentines

Tiger Cubs: 15 Valentines

Fuzzy Ducks: 20 Valentines

Bouncy Bears: 20 Valentines

Non-School Kangaroos:

25 Valentines

Weather

So far we have not had much inclement weather, however winter

is still upon us and you never know what mother nature will throw at us or when. However, please call our voice mail, as we keep that information updated at all times. We will also post any closures or information on our Facebook page. We try to operate normal business hours. However, the safety of our employees and families are important to us, so we may need to make adjustments in our opening closing times. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Calling In Absences

We want to thank all those parents who have been calling in when their child will not be here. It has helped our days run smoothly and your child's teacher is able to plan accordingly. Thank you again for doing that for us!

Front Desk

Miss Marjie will be out of the office for a few weeks. Please bear with us at the Front Desk as we are down a person for few weeks.

Snuggle Bunny News

February is already upon us! Can you believe it? It is going to be a fun month.

This month we will be focusing our learning around your child's development in communication. Did you know that by 18 months your child should be able to use single words to communicate? Like being asked to be picked up, as well as

saying about 20 words? We will be working on helping your child reach those goals.

This month our color we will be working on is pink The shape we will be working on learning about is the heart. The words we will be working on saying are "heart", "red", "friend" and "share".

Along with that we will be working

on turning pages in a book. We will also continue to work on saying "please" and "thank you".

We will be having a Valentine party on February 12th. We will have a sign up on the door soon to bring goodies.

It is going to be a fun month!

Have a great February!

Tiger Cub News

It is hard to believe it is already February! It may be a short month but it will be packed with lots of learning and fun.

During this month we will be focusing on helping your child to excel in their communication. Did you know that before they are 3 they should be able to use at least 100 words? We are working hard to

help your child do just that!

The colors for this month are pink and red. We will also be learning about the shape; the heart. The vocabulary words they will be working on saying are "heart", "pink", "purple", "potty", "Valentine", "more" and "please".

We will also be working on using our words and saying "stop please", or "I

need help" instead of hitting our friends. We will continue to work on using the potty, we have many Tiger Cubs who are excited about potty training!

Check our door for our Valentine Party sign up! Our party will be on Friday February 12th, from 10am to 11am. Feel free to join us for as we celebrate the day!

Fuzzy Duck News

Happy February to all! It is going to be a wonderful month! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day and having a fun party. Our sign up will be on the door! Remember, you are always welcome to join us as well!

This month we will be focusing on improving our communication and literacy skills. Did you know that by the time your Fuzzy Duck turns 4 they should be able to not only

identify their name but also be able to use multi-word sentences, phrases and gestures. This will be our primary focus this month.

The colors of the month are blue, pink, red and purple. The letters of the month are "W", "X", "Y" and "Z".

We will also be learning about the shapes; square, heart, rectangle and crescent. Along with shapes we will

be learning about the numbers 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are also continuing to work on our self help skills, such as making our own beds, using our words, and much more!

We look forward to a fun month of learning!

Have a wonderful February!

*Miss Rachel, Miss Ashley
& Miss Sara*

Bouncy Bear News

February is here and with it comes many exciting activities centered around our themes. We will be learning about friendships, Valentines, Dental Health and Pets.

Our numbers we will be working on are 0-25. Phonic awareness and alphabet recognition will focus on Rr, Ss, Tt and Uu. Color and shape exploration will be on blue, pink, red, purple, squares, hearts, rectangles and crescents.

Our Valentine's party will be on February 12th from 9:30 to 10:45.

We will have a sign up in the next couple of days for bringing goodies to our party. See Front Desk News about how many valentine's to bring!

We have taken a look at our extra clothes. Many Bouncy Bears are in need of an extra set again. Even if your child doesn't usually have bathroom accidents we need extra clothes in case of water puddles,

spilled drinks or food, and water play. Art can sometimes get messy too, and many kids prefer not to be in messy, wet clothes.

Looking forward to another fantastic month.

*Miss Lisa, Miss Conni &
Miss Marilyn*



Kangaroo News

Happy February! We are excited about the new month.

This month is going to be packed full of fun and learning.

The letters of the month are "R", "S", "T" and "U". The shapes of the month are square, heart, rectangle, and crescent. Along with shapes we will also be working on learning the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4. The colors of this month are blue, pink, red and purple.

We will be working this month on our flash cards that have different

words on it, we will be saying them and then learning to spell them.

We will also be working on using softer communication. Understanding what our inside voice is and what our outside voice is, we will also be working on using our inside walking feet.

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. We will have a sign up sheet on the door for the ALL the Kangaroos.

Don't forget, it is still cold outside and your child needs a jacket. We

go out most days to help get those wiggles out. If you are missing a coat, check the lost and found in the front entry way.

Miss Crystal has joined our team last month and we love having her here. If you have stopped by and introduced yourself, please do so!

Hoping you have a wonderful February!

Miss Michelle,

Miss Crystal & Miss Brenda

Panther News

Happy February to all! February may be a short month, but it will be packed full of activities.

The science project of the month is doing seeing if candy hearts float and then doing a fun glowing water experiment.

The cooking projects for the month include making peanut butter banana boats, valentine cupcakes and celery dips.

The art projects this month will be making a candy collage (we might even eat some of the candy), Valentine's Cards and friendship bracelets.

This month we are working this month on using our words when problems arise and not using our

hands. We are also working on picking up after ourselves. Miss Marjie often finds coats, hats, gloves littering the hallway. Please make sure your child take all their items home each night.

This month we will be going on a field trip on President's Day. Check the Front Desk for information. We will be going to bowling, please sign up at the Front Desk.

Just a note, we try to go outside everyday, please make sure your child comes to daycare with a coat or sweatshirt, as we will go outside even when it is sprinkling, to help get all that energy they have built up throughout the day at school out! A big reminder that Share Toy Day

is Fridays only. We have lots of children bringing in items when it isn't Friday. Please help us with reinforcing this.

Have a very wonderful February!

Miss Heather,

Miss Brenda,

Miss Shannon,

Miss Michelle &

Miss Briget