



PCHC Spotlight

February 2009

FEBRUARY NOTES

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Love is in the air and hearts are everywhere. Don't forget to tell your children that you love them every day. We love them too and enjoy our daily hugs from all your special children. Have a Happy Valentine's Day on February 14th!

New Children in our Classrooms

We are very happy to welcome new children to our classrooms. Ephraim has joined our toddler room. We welcome Douglas and Naiya to the threes class. Mason and Adam have been added to our class of four-year-olds and Daniel joins us after school in the school-age area.

New Staff Member

We are happy to welcome Miss Chris as our new staff member in the threes classroom. The children are already enjoying her and we encourage you to meet her when you pick up your child.

Six Month or Twelve Month Advance Tuition Payment Option

PCHC is pleased to offer a six or twelve month payment plan option with 5% and 10% discounts respectively, to parents who would like to pay ahead and save. For additional information, please contact me or Ms. Mia or pick up a copy of the program description from the office.

Please Note

Our staff will be starting a training class on Feb. 9th and the class will be conducted every Monday evening at 6:30 pm. Please make an effort to pick your child up before 6:30 so that we can get started on time. Thank you.

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Referral Program
Beginning on December 1, 2008, PCHC is offering a \$50 credit to current families who refer new families to the Center. Contact Ms. Pat for detailed information about the program

PCHC accepts credit card payments for tuition. You may pay by Visa, MasterCard, or Discover. Credit card payments are processed on Mondays each week.

February Birthdays

Congratulations to:

David – 7th
Alyssa – 10th
Joseph – 10th
Kaitlyn – 14th
Trevor-19th

Douglas – 25th
Landon – 26th
Michaela – 27th
Emily – 28th



Classroom Updates

Incredible Infants

Our babies are continuing to grow and develop. Tatiana is a delight and she loves to roll to get where she wants to be. We are excited to welcome Adam and Justine to our room this month. We can't wait till they arrive and we get to know them and their families.

Ms. Pamela– Infant Teacher

Tiny Toddlers

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Toddler Room..... we are moving back into our room with so many new children. I am looking forward to this exciting and challenging time. We will be doing lots of crafts and lessons for Valentine's Day. We also will learn about each other as we welcome new children to the room.

We will be introducing circle time and learning about letters, numbers, colors, shapes and more. Sign language is a big hit and we will continue to teach new words. While it is still winter, we will be doing lots more inside activities.

Ms. Paula– Toddler Teacher

Terrific Twos

Our theme for February is **Fun Around Town**. We will learn about firefighters, police officers, doctors and nurses. This theme provides a wonderful opportunity for you to expose your child to the many different places and people that make up your community. It will be a busy month and we will be making lots of Valentine's, too!

Ms. Cathy and Ms. Betty– Interim Twos Teachers

Cosmic Threes

The Cosmic Kids are so excited about February. The themes that we will be working on from our curriculum are: **Animals in my Neighborhood, People are Living Things, Animals Outside my Neighborhood.** In addition, we will be having **Sealed with a Kiss** (Valentine's Week) and **Growing Healthy Bodies.** We will continue learning sign language.

There will be a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 13. Please don't forget to sign up to be a guest reader this year. We have a few items that the Cosmic Kids need for their classroom. Empty toilet tissue rolls, old newspapers and empty containers from your kitchen for our kitchen. Thanks for your help.

Hot Pink Princess Hat Missing – If you see a hat like this at your house and it does not belong to your child, please return it to the threes classroom. Thanks!

Ms. Kim and Ms. Chris

Fabulous Fours

The Fabulous Fours will be learning about **Living Things** for the month of February. We will be learning about people, animals, plants and insects. We will be learning that living things need food, water, air, shelter and sunlight to grow and change. We will be conducting an experiment to show how plants grow. During the month of February, we will also be celebrating St. Valentine's Day with a party on Friday, February 13, 2009. We will learn about President Washington and President Lincoln on President's Day. The month of February is **Dental Health Month**, so we will be learning about dental health (i.e. brushing, flossing and dental visits). We will be working on letters **O, P, Q, and R** along with numbers **11, 12, 13 and 14.** As always, it is a pleasure to work with your children.

Ms. Randi and Ms. Alicia

Sensational School- agers

Please remember that schools will be closed on Monday, February 16th for President's Day. Let us know if your child will be attending PCHC that day as we are planning lots of different crafts and activities. Also, please remember that it is still **chilly** outside, so please make sure that your child has the proper clothing for outside play.

During the Christmas break, it was brought to our attention that children were using pictochat to do things that they were not allowed to do, Therefore, we are not allowing the children to bring Nintendos into the classroom. Thanks for your cooperation.

Thank- you, Ms. Mac and Ms. Danielle



PARENT EDUCATION TIDBITS

Learning Centers – How Children Learn

When your child is playing with these materials, they are learning and improving new skills. Many of these materials are found in our classroom environment. Encourage your child to manipulate, play, and interact with these materials at home.

	BLOCKS	ART	DRAMATIC PLAY	SENSORY	SCIENCE	MUSIC	HOUSE KEEPING	LIBRARY
MATERIALS	Blocks, nesting toys, hollow blocks, farm animals, cars, buses, trucks wheeled toys	Easels, paste, crayons, scissors, paper, paint	Carriages, doll houses, kitchenware, clothes, cribs, blankets, plastic tea sets, mirror, dress up clothes, telephones, registers	Rocks, shells, sand, sandpaper, mirror, telephones, funnels, sponge, strainers, sand table, containers, pitchers	Greenhouse, animals, bar, horse shoe, magnets, magnifying glass, tubes, seeds, plants, thermometers, insects, shells, rocks	CD, stereo, xylophone, drums, flutes, cymbals, maracas, piano, headphones, guitar	Brooms, tables, chairs, rugs, shelving, magazines, trash can, household furniture, cupboard, sink, mirror, ironing board, clothes line, dustpan	Books, tables, chairs, rug, shelving games, computer, pens, pencils, markers, chalk, listening centers
SKILLS	Problem solving, math, spatial relationships, language, shapes, gross motor, writing, size, number, weight, balance, design, organization, manipulative, thinking.	Positive self concept, creativity, express ideas and feelings, visual perception, observe color and texture, shapes, colors, hand-eye coordination, language, small motor control.	Self expression, sensitivity to peers, interpret facial expressions, gestures, voice tone, understand various roles, social relationships, improve self image, movement, role-playing, language	Auditory/ Listening, experience many smells, touch/ Tactile, sight, visual	Observation, new vocabulary, classification, prediction, understand biological and physical environments, investigate, explore, develop curiosity, care for living things	Positive self confidence, express feelings, sounds of instruments, sensory, names of instruments, language, practice listening, creative process, movement	Language, make up, stories, thoughts become words, problem solving	Reading, gain general knowledge, interpret representatives, increase vocabulary, develop listening skills, care for books, learn self control

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Upcoming Events

February, 2009

13 th	Classrooms celebrating Valentine's Day
16 th	AACPS Closed – School-age children may attend PCHC Sign up to be a guest reader in your child's classroom
Mondays	Tuition due weekly
Wednesday	
Mornings	Late fee applied weekly

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