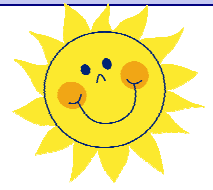


February
2012

Sunshine News



Sunshine Preschool and Kindergarten Enrichment 651-464-5502

Bible Verse of the Month:

Jesus said,
"This is my
commandment
that you love
one another."

John 15:17



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Valentine Parties



Valentine parties are on February 13th and 14th. Please sign up to help! We will need several adults to help supervise small group activities.

Every child needs to have an empty, clean, ice cream bucket by Wednesday/Thursday next week. Thanks to all who have already brought theirs back from Halloween.

Signing 20 Valentines is good name writing practice. Start early and have your child do a few at a time, so they don't get overwhelmed.

Please do not address Valentines to a specific child!

There are 20 students and two teachers in all the preschool classes except the green class which has 14. Both kindergarten classes have 17 students.

If you send a Valentine candy treat, it will be distributed with the Valentines.... If you would like to send something for snack time, please sign up on the snack lists that are in the hall.

Committee Needed For Easter Bunny Breakfast

Sunshine's annual "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt" will be on March 31st. This event has been a highlight for families in the past. The proceeds from this event go to fund Sunshine's Scholarship Program.

It takes many volunteers to put on an event like this, so we are asking that a number of you step up to help. This is a fun way to help Sunshine and meet some new friends in the process!



Renae Reedy is chairing the committee this year. The committee will meet Monday, Feb. 6, from 9:15 – 10:30. The meeting will be held in Hosanna's nursery so you can bring your children. The committee will meet only a few times before the Easter Bunny Breakfast, and much of the work will be done "on your own". Please consider being a part of this great cause!

Family Fun Day!

February 21st



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Open House

An Open House for registration will be held on February 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. It is for new families to visit Sunshine. If you know anyone with preschoolers or kindergarteners please invite them to come.

We would love it if each Sunshine family would invite at least one potential student. Please help us get a brochure or post card to them. Extras are on the hall tables.

Cute Kid Story...

Puppet Willow B. Rabbit was showing the kids what was in her purse. While explaining that marble starts with "m" she talked about the saying, "*Have you lost your marbles?*"

One little boy piped up "Mrs. Nelson, I don't have any marbles!"

February

Shape of the month:
Heart



Number of the month:
Seven
7

Color of the month:
Red

Preschool Updates

Kids in the Kitchen

January was a fun-filled month for preschoolers. Our "kids in the kitchen" made yummy fruit kabobs, trail mix and pancakes. We really enjoyed making our own picnic lunches for our winter picnic.

The winter picnic was a fun break from our regular routine. We went downstairs and played some games with students from both classes! Everyone got to eat their own picnic lunch and we discovered that we are really good cooks!

The yellow class had a very special visitor, a real chef! Ian's mom, Amee came and brought a rainbow of vegetables for each child to make their own personal pizza! Chef Amee talked to us about how important it is to eat lots of color in our food. Those pizzas were tasty!!

Kinder Konzert

Sunshine Friday students were selected to be part of Minnesota Orchestra's Kinder Konzerts in April! This is a golden opportunity for our students to hear a concert designed especially for children. Students attending will also be able to actually play a real violin, a drum and a cello!



Students will experience this fun musical book!



Friday kids made stone soup!



Soup and salad center fun.

We finished our blue month by making blue jello with snow in our sand and water table. It was fun to mix and stir and watch the jello set! It was a yummy month.

The Bunny class had a "Soup and Salad Cafe" center set up for children to play in. Students measured rice in our sand and water table.

The Bear classes had a birthday party center set up in their classroom.

"Kids in the Kitchen" has been lots of delicious fun!



Chef Amee helps make pizza.

Qq is for Quiet...

Preschoolers will have a very quiet time on Q day. They may wear their pajamas to school on that day and everyone will be very, very quiet!

Please note that students **MUST** wear either shoes or slippers on that day. Our fire marshal requires everyone to wear shoes, no stocking feet.

I Can Read 100 Words!

Noah Buff, Miles Mesenbring, and Amelia Bonnett have worked hard to learn their sight word lists, and have earned their "I Can Read 100 Words" award.

Great Work!

Kindergarten Corner

William O'Brien Field Trip

Even without the snow, we had a great time at William O'Brien State Park. Many of our students were able to hike to the beaver lodge which was not possible to see other years. We roasted hot dogs and marshmallows!



Making footprint molds.

Read to Achieve

Our Kindergarteners have done a great job reading lots of pages! Almost every student read more than 500 pages so they will be receiving prizes from the Timberwolves. The total number of pages read is 32,570! The award ceremony will be in March and we will announce our class winners then. Great job Kindergarteners!



Up close to an active beaver lodge.

Minnesota Moments

We had fun learning about the Minnesota State flag and the state motto "*The Star of the North*". Most of us can say it in French...

L'Etoile du Nord.
which is on our State flag.

Our Minnesota book is accumulating quite a few pages. All of us are learning a lot about our state.

Coming up in February...

Next week, our students will be learning about our Minnesota state fish, the walleye. We will be having walleye for snack on that day.

Also, coming up is MN Wild day. Kindergarteners will be learning about hockey and thanks to some of our families, students will be playing an indoor version of hockey. It will be fun!

Students have been working hard on the pages for their animal reports. Presentations will be at the end of Feb.



Panda Bear will be here with the band! He is a hit with the kids, so make sure to be here for Family Fun Day!

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Family Fun Day

Family Fun Day is coming to Sunshine on February 21st from 9:30 – 11:30. Brian Richards, magician will open our fun day with a magic show and then, the Teddy Bear Band is giving a concert just for our Sunshine students and their families!

We planned this great event in place of a family field trip this year. The field trip will be coming here to Sunshine! There are no regular classes on this day.

Brian Richards is a magician who specializes in performances for kids. He is sure to WOW everyone with incredible magic with lots of audience participation! After a snack break, the Teddy Bear concert will begin. They play fun children's music. The Teddy Bear Band is all about PARTICIPATION! Students will love singing along and moving to the music. Every child should bring their Teddy Bear and be ready to dance and sing! The cost for this event is \$6.00 per family. Reservation slips will be sent home on Feb. 6th and should be returned by Feb.15/16. Don't miss this special day with your family!

Bring your Teddy Bear!



Dates to Remember

Feb. 1	Tuition Due
Feb. 6	Open House 6:00 – 8:00 pm <i>For families new to Sunshine</i>
Feb. 7 & 8	Book orders due.
Feb. 8 & 9	Chapel 9:15 and 12:30 <i>Parents welcome.</i>
Feb. 13 & 14	Valentine Parties
Feb. 15 & 16	Family Fun Day reservations due
Feb. 20	No School
Feb. 21	Family Fun Day 9:30 – 11:30 <i>No regular classes today.</i>
Feb. 27 & 28	Red Day <i>Preschoolers wear red and bring something red for the collage.</i>