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Parks' Place Daycare & Learning Center NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY ISSUE

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News From the Classrooms

Butterflies/Infant News: Happy New Year! Can you believe that....it's 2010 already? Hope everyone had a very safe and happy holiday. We have a lot of exciting things planned for our Butterfly Infants this year. In January we will be learning about nature and introducing them to leaves, trees and colors during our buggy rides outside and during circle time. In addition, we are going to show more educational materials for them to explore and to develop their senses.

Busy Bees/One Year-Old News: During the month of January, the Busy Bees were busier than ever. We worked on our family project, "We have a dream" and made a handprint banner to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. It hangs on the wall outside our classroom, and we are so proud of it. We loved our cooking activities, as always and love to eat what we make. This month we are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day.



Grasshoppers/Two Year-Old News:

The month of January brought with it many learning experiences related to weather and clothing, forest animals, and land transportation. We celebrated Martin Luther King Jr. Day with our own parade. We colored dream clouds and expressed our own dreams, while creating a beautiful banner with handprints.

Parks' Place would like to thank the following parents:

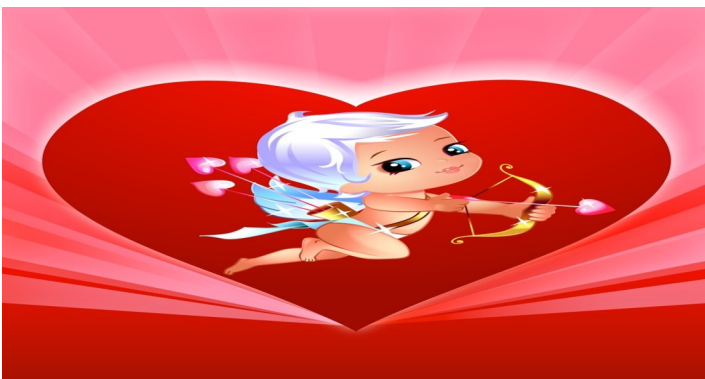
- Ms. Amy Norris & Jantonia Bailey - Hawkins for volunteering during Putting on the Ritz Pictures.
- Ms. Lisa Myles for taking measurements for VPK Graduation cap and gowns.

Welcome To The Family!!!

Please take the time to welcome our two new teachers to the PPLC family.

Terri Gates - 3 Year old Class

Dolly Adrinne - Extended Day Care



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL OUR PARENTS

News from the Classrooms *continued*

Awesome Pawsoms/Three Year-Old News: We had a great month in January. WE learned more about Martin Luther King Jr. and talked about his dream. We even came up with dreams of our own! We celebrated him with a Birthday party, including baking and eating cupcakes with our friends. This month we worked on the letters "T, t" and "B, b" and demonstrated understanding of the letters with a show and tell activity.

Fireflies/Fall VPK News:

VPK A/B Teachers Ms. Valerie and Ms. Dee - We had a wonderful and interesting January. We celebrated with

a New Years' countdown. We also learned about nocturnal animals and the water cycle which included a really fun activity acting out the water cycle. We also learned about land transportation and Martin Luther King Jr. We really learned a lot from our group exercises that demonstrated what freedom and exclusion are. It was a great month.

VPK C Teachers Ms. Samantha and Ms Erin - The month of January was filled with reading and learning about many things, including Martin Luther King Jr. We participated in lots of activities to celebrate him and made a banner of handprints. We read many books about him and cooked and ate cupcakes. We also got to talk about what dreams we had and what we have to do to make them come true.



VPK D/E Teacher Ms. Annette - The month of January, we talked and did activities related to Martin Luther King Jr. We read books and made a banner to help celebrate his memory. We also made snow cones and cooked up some cupcakes, which we decorated too. We discussed how to express our feelings and had picture day. Parent / Teacher conferences were held and report cards were sent home. We love to show off to our parents how much we are learning.

"What a grand thing to be loved! What a grander thing still, to love!"
— Victor Hugo

VPK Birthdays being Celebrated in February: Amaya, Mike, Prejae, Jeremiah, Kali, and Jesse

Extended Day News: January brought us an opportunity to do our most interesting project, yet. We started a Haiti relief fund, which Parks' Place is going to match every dollar that is donated.

Perfect Attendance for VPK

Congratulations to the following VPK children:

VPK A & B: Caden, Darius, Makayla, Joseph, Sha'Erica, Prejae

VPK C: Camden, Sierra, Kai, Dominic, Ian, Emily, Sydeney, Daniel

VPK D & E: Jesse, Evan

Congratulations' to the following children for Reading 30 books in the month of November

Yamilee, Daria, Tristan, Karson, Jesse, Riley, Sean, Steffan, A'Kira, Ireland, Gema, Isabella, Sierra, Emily, Daniel, Kileigh, Ian, Kai

EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

3rd = Public Schools Early Release Day - Field Trip for School Ageds
4th = 100th Day of School Celebration
5th = Super Bowl Friday (wear team jersey or color)
8th = National African-American History Month Celebration Kick-Off
12th = Sock Hop / Valentine's Day Party
15th = No Public School / No VPK
17th = Public Schools Early Release Day - Skate Station Field Trip for School Ageds
19th = Career Day (wear Red, White and Blue), VPK Classroom Election
22nd = George Washington Birthday
25th = African American Soul Fest
26th = Invention Convention Contest (wear Spirit shirts)

THANKS to all the parents who donated food items. All food was donated to the Gleaners Food Pantry on 103rd.