

February 2018

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center



Message from the Administrator

As I watch the morning news each day, I see and hear of the terrible stories of the flu season and its affects for some. I wanted to share that our environment is likely one of the healthiest your child will come across. Between our illness policy, nightly professional cleaning, sanitizing daily-toys and materials, constant hand washing and reminders, our crew here wants to keep your child as healthy as we can, as do I.

I know the child care industry takes blame for spreading illness, but I say nonsense! You can go into any public space and I would guess the cleaning and sanitizing are not as thorough as in this facility.

My teachers don't want to get sick, nor to miss time with your little ones. We pledge to do as much as we can to get through this flu season, better than imagined.

We can do it!!

— Ms. Kelly

Valentines Day

Each classroom will post plans for a party for their friends. This is a fun day to celebrate friendship and our classroom communities.

See your teacher for details.

Davis Pride

Kelly T | Wiggler Teacher 12 years

Thank you for your hard work and dedication that you put in each day!

— State Licensor Visit —

Our State Licensor paid us a visit recently. She was very pleased with programming she observed and with our overall organization and compliance. A few expired medication slips were found in room med bins. Your teachers will help keep those as current as possible.

Notes & Reminder

We have submitted our NAEYC accreditation materials for our renewal!! This means within 6 months an assessor will be here to evaluate our facility on hundreds of criteria that we maintain and are proud to show off!! Wish us luck!!

Announcements

MITTENS VS. GLOVES

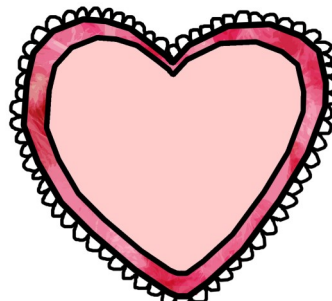
With a wonky winter, a wet one at that, it is essential your children have water proof mittens. Gloves are near to impossible for children to put on independently, and fingers get colder faster.

WINTER CLOTHES

One of our goals we work on with nearly all the children, is to use the opportunity of winter outdoor clothes, to work on getting dressed independently. At home, we understand it is faster for you to dress them, but here the expectation is for them to do most of this on their own. You would be surprised what they can do when given the opportunity.

WET OUTER WEAR

Check in periodically as clothes may not dry overnight. Thank you for your support!



THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS

Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis & Ms. Jennifer



Is spring coming soon? What does the groundhog say? We will be looking at shadows, filling our Valentines box, talking about occupations and playing with stuffed pets this month. Please bring in a Valentine to put in our class box and pictures of your pet or pets if you have any.

Ms. Deb, Ms. Alexis, Ms. Jennifer

THE CREEPERS

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Sarah

This month we will be learning about FRIENDS! We will have a friendship celebration on the 14th of February!!! Your child may bring Valentine's cards for friends and a small snack to share. We will provide names and snack ideas to share. Look for our "sign-up sheet" posted outside our classroom door!

We will also play with teddy bears and baby dolls modeling friendship. Our group time chant will "Special Me". (Sing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Special, Special, Special Me.

How I wonder what I'll be?

In this world I can be,

Anything I want to be.

Special, Special, Special ME.

How I wonder what I'll be!

We will end the month with some toothbrush fun and experiences!

Love,

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Sarah W.

THE SCOOTERS

Ms. Cassy & Ms. Emily



Happy February, Friends & Family!

Recently (2) friends have joined us from the Creeper Room, making for a total of (8) friends. Welcome! Everyone is adjusting to our new dynamic quite well.

Scoters will have a treat party on Wednesday, February 14th- teachers will post a sign up on the class door very soon. Feel free to dress your kids in traditional V-day colors if you please. Teachers will also send a class list of names home so Valentines can be sent to class. Teachers are incorporating a card box/ treat box into the Scooters' curriculum.

Scoter Teachers are also putting together a Valentine photo booth in the hall, similar to that used during the December Holidays... that seemed to be well-liked. Parents, keep on keeping on. Frequent handwashing, implementing more rest and an occasional stay home day here and there ensures all friends are happy and healthy. Thank you!

Ms. Cassy and Ms. Emily

"Stay is a charming word in a friend's vocabulary" Louisa May Alcott

THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Mr. Evan

February Greetings from the Wiggler Room!

Ground hogs and hearts are the big themes in the Wiggler Room for February. The first week we'll talk about shadows and play with flashlights in the collapsible tunnel. We will pretend to be little ground hogs peeking out of our burrows, waiting for spring! We'll also celebrate Valentine's Day with a valentine exchange and classroom party. Watch for a sign-up outside the classroom door if you'd like to contribute a treat!

As many of you may have noticed our Wigglers are building friendships everyday through play and interactions. By age two, toddlers begin to show preferences for specific playmates and may refer to one another as friends. At first these friendships begin and end within the context of specific incidents. The more children play together, the more compatible their play becomes. Toddlers will even adjust their style of play for different playmates.

Stay warm & think spring!!

Miss Kelly and Mr. Evan

THE TROOPERS

Ms. Sara & Ms. Alyson

Happy February! We made it through the longest month of the season, on to the shortest of the year. The Troopers have grown so much in the first month of 2018. We welcomed some new friends to our room and they are settling in nicely. We have all conquered our "flip-trick" with our coats, and we have almost all mastered "the potty". Way to go Troopers! This month we are going to learn about shadows, shapes and colors, friendship/ manners, and teeth. Mr. Rick will be doing a "teeth" themed magic show for us this month, which the children always love. We will also be having a "Friendship Celebration" on Wednesday, February 14th. We will put a sign-up on/near the parent board for snacks/treats, and we will send home a class list for those of you who wish to bring Valentines for the Trooper friends.

REMINDER: We go outside twice daily if it is not below 0 degrees. Please make sure your child has appropriate, warm MITTENS for cold/wet weather. Also, please check your child's mittens at the end of the day, if they are wet, please take them home to dry, or have a second set for them. The mittens don't always dry over-night, and it is not fun wearing cold, damp mittens the next morning. Also, please remember that we do use water bottles year round, so please make sure your child has one here Monday mornings to stay through the week. Thank you.

Ms. Sara and Ms. Aly



THE HOPPERS

Ms. Diane

February has arrived! The question is, will the Ground Hog see his shadow or not! Let's hope for an early spring. We are looking for that sunshine! The Hoppers will be making their own shadows using flashlights. Our topics this month will be: hibernation, Chinese new year, friendship, love, and my body.

The class has been very excited using our helpful/hurtful chart everyday. Ms. Wendy has been helping the Hoppers implement these skills on a daily basis. This chart has helping a sense of togetherness. We are also working on our self help skills by serving our own meals. Our goal this month is to work together as a group to help each other, be kind, and share.

To celebrate the Super Bowl we will be having a Pajama day on Feb. 2. Please take your child's mittens home every night so they will be dry for the next day. If you want to give Valentine's we will trade them on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Ms. Diane

THE SNAPPERS

Ms. Leah

February is when we celebrate love. We all love our friends, and have been working hard on our friendship skills. We play together with toys, build towers together, and are getting really good at asking “Can I please play with you?” when a friend has a toy that we want. We always wish our friends well if they happen to not be at school for the day. They always want to know when they’re coming back!

The Snappers are very excited to be talking about Dental Health, Valentine’s Day, Chinese New Year, and Dr. Seuss this month! We will be working on our cutting skills a lot, as well as practicing writing our letters/names. Wednesday, February 14th we will be having a Valentine’s Day Party! You are welcome to bring valentines to pass out, and there will be a sign-up if you would like to bring in a healthy treat!



Stay warm!

Ms. Leah

THE SPARKLERS

Happy Valentine’s Day!!! The Sparklers will be having so much fun learning about Dentists (Teeth), Valentine, shapes, and Dr. Seuss.

We are going to have a Pajama day on February 2nd for the Super Bowl. February 9th, Glacial Dentist is coming in to talk to the kids about teeth. February 12th, we will be going to Evergreens to celebrate Valentine’s Day with the grandpa’s and grandma’s. Valentine day is on Wednesday this year, so we will be having a party on the Wednesday, February 14th. Look for a signup sheet for our party. February 22nd, we are going to the Grand Opera House to see Guess How Much I Love You the play at 9:30. February 23rd, Mr. Rick will be doing his famous magic show about dental hygiene. February 26th, we will be going to Evergreens again to do an art project and to sing to the grandpa’s and grandma’s.

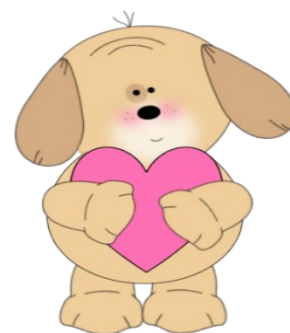
We will be having music class every other Wednesday with Ms. Amy. On Thursdays the Sparklers have science class. Ms. Jenn always has a lot planned for our class, and the kids really enjoy doing the activities that she has planned. During this month we are going to be working on are friendship skills. Learning about what it is to be a friend and how to help our friends.

Ms. Christy

THE RANGERS

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

Happy February everyone!!!! Last month was pretty exciting, we went to Oshkosh North High School to watch a play put on by their drama club. The play was Snow White and the Not So Agreeable Dwarfs, the children really enjoyed being part of the play by getting to choose the prince to rescue Princess Snow White. The Heckrodt Roving Naturalist came, and taught us all about “Warm Fuzzy Critters.” We learned all about why animals have certain types of fur and that some animals’ fur changes colors with the seasons, and got to do a fun craft back in our classroom. Some upcoming this month for the Rangers will be a visit from Glacier Dental 2/9 @ Davis, Guess How Much I Love You @ the Grand Opera House 2/22, and Mr. Rick 2/23 @ Davis. There will be no 4K February 14th and 16th. On February 13th the Rangers will be having a Friendship Day class party, on this day we will be exchanging Valentine Cards a note has been sent home with more details. Due to the weather being unpredictable going back and forth between warm and cold, we are still asking parents to make sure your child brings a warm coat or jacket, hat, snow pants, boots, and mittens (**NO gloves**). Please make sure snow pants, mittens, and boots are labeled with your child’s name, it makes easier to find who they belong to when items get misplaced.



Ms. Michelle & Ms. Sara

PRESCHOOL

Ms. Cheryl

Happy February to all! May love be flowing to all of you this month as it does in our Preschool room. We are such good friends to each other and the care and concern we show each other is precious. This starts with our sign in pictures for attendance and extends to our wish you well board. We truly wish each other well.

It's hard to believe this month marks the half way point of the school year. We have grown so much already but we still have lots of fun learning to accomplish. Our focus this month will be on Shadows and the Groundhog, Healthy Bodies, Dental Health and Valentine's Day.

We will have a Valentine celebration and also have a valentine exchange. What a great activity to encourage name printing even if it only their first letter of their name that they print. More information will follow in our weekly newsletter.

Have a love filled month,

Ms. Cheryl



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Erika

Greetings all. This month will be filled with lots of fun and learning in our classroom. We will focus our learning around the themes of Emotions, Healthy Me, Fairy Tales and storytelling and book making. We will continue to work on social skills by learning with social stories and role playing, this helps us with our problem solving which is an important skill as the children begin to prepare for elementary school. I have also been busy gathering and analyzing documentation in preparation for progress reports and parent conferences. Information about these was sent home last week. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a friendship celebration on Thursday, Feb. 15. Also be sure to mark your calendars for several no school days: Feb. 14 and Feb. 16.

Miss Erika



READY 4 LEARNING

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie

Happy February! We have been working hard in our small groups on name writing, literacy skills, fine motor skills and math skills. We have been doing Daily

News on the Smartboard to work on letters, letter sounds and concepts of print. Ask your child about the job of an author, what the title is, etc. We have also been working hard on problem-solving skills by learning to tell our friends what we want them to do. For example, if a friend is hitting us, we can tell them, "Keep your hands to yourself."

This is much more powerful than just telling them, "Stop." We are also encouraging the children to try to solve the problem before coming to a teacher for assistance. Please sign up for a conference. We look forward to talking with you about your child's progress.

Ms. Kimberly & Ms. Cassie



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