

February 2020

The Davis Harbor News

Davis Child Care Center

Message from the Center Director

Wasn't it nice to finally see the sun these past couple days? The sunshine coupled with the mild temperatures has given us renewed hope that spring is on the way – despite what Jimmy the Groundhog has predicted.

We have some special activities planned in the building for the month of February. In addition to Valentine celebrations we will also be teaching the children about dental health. We will have visitors from Glacier Dental, Farmer Jenn has some fun “teeth activities” planned for STEM and Mr. Rick the Magician will also be here to do a magic show!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our hat and mitten drive! Thanks to your generosity we were able to fill our “Davis Extra's Closet” with mittens, hats and snow pants. Please remember, until the snow has melted, and the warm temperatures are here to stay, your child(ren) will still need winter gear for outside play; please continue to send in boots, snow pants, mittens, hats, etc. every day. Thanks.

Have a great February – Happy Valentine's Day!

Angie Soda

Center Director

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Notes & Reminders

March 5 - Davis Family Literacy Night. More information to come!

Announcements

February 5 - Glacier Dental stopping by with “Timothy the Tooth”

February 12 - Mr. Rick and the “Awesome Teeth” show

Davis Pride

Kelly | 14 years—Wiggler Teacher

Melissa | 1 year—Trooper Teacher

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you put into Davis each day!

THE ROCKIN' ROLLERS Ms. Deb & Ms. Kimberly

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. Our older infants will be putting valentines in the box and sharing them with each other. The younger infants will spend time snuggling with our stuffed pets.



THE CREEPERS Ms. Rachel & Ms. Katie

Dear Creeper Families,

Happy Fe-burrr-ary! January is finally over but the cold is not. Please remember to bring in your winter things and make sure everything is labeled with your child's name. It has been dry in the Creeper room this winter. If you want, you can bring in hand lotion for your child to keep their hands nice and hydrated. Just a reminder, intake form updates will be sent out to several of you coming up. If there are any changes to your child's diet/needs (i.e. bottles, milk, etc.) please be sure to let us know and update your intake.

This month we will be focusing on the colors of Valentine's day, love, and friendship. Look for a sign-up sheet to be posted in the room about a Valentine's day "party". The Creepers will be exploring different ways of painting and making lovely sun catchers. Towards the end of the month, we will take a break from the lovey-dovey and talk about Presidents day.

We are looking forward to a fun and caring February but also cannot wait for spring! We will be celebrating Cooper's (1) and Ms. Rachel's(22) birthday this month and welcoming Mrs. Katie and Amiyah to our room!

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel and Mrs. Katie

Dates to Remember

- **02/14:** Valentine's Day (Creepers will have their class celebration at snack)
- **02/15:** Ms. Rachel's Birthday
- **02/19:** Coopers First Birthday!
- **03/05:** Literacy Night

THE SCOOTERS Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine

Hello Scooter Friends and Families! Love and kindness are in the air here in the Scooter Room, as well as all around Davis. This month we really want to focus on kindness in our room and at home, so we are going to create a tree of kindness outside of our classroom of kind acts we see here at Davis and what you see at home (with your help J). On Feb. 14th for Valentine's Day, we will have a little party, so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet as well as a class list of everyone in the classroom. The themes this month we will talking about will be Groundhog week, Friendship & Kindness, Dental Awareness, and the Five Senses (sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch). We can't wait to learn about all of these themes with your littles!

Happy Kindness to All!

Ms. Emily & Ms. Christine



THE WIGGLERS

Ms. Kelly & Ms. Debby

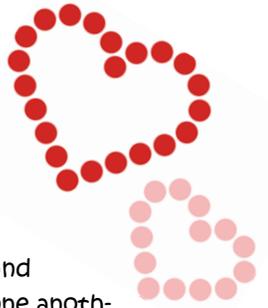
Ground hogs and hearts are the big themes in the Wiggler Room for February. The first week we'll talk about shadows and play with flashlights in the collapsible tunnel. We will pretend to be little ground hogs peeking out of our burrows, waiting for spring!

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 Miss Debby



THE TROOPERS

Ms. Aly, & Ms. Lise

Happy February, Trooper family!

We have had a great start off to the year; the first month was a great success! We had a lot of fun experiences in the month of January, and the children LOVED playing in the snow and learning about Winter. As we move into February, we will shift our learning topics to "February Friends". We will learn about teeth and dentists, Valentine's Day, friendship, and community helpers. There are a lot of fun events coming up in the month! Glacier Dental is coming on 2/5 to help us learn all about keeping our teeth healthy, and Mr. Rick is going to come perform an awesome dental magic show on 2/12. We are also going to have a Valentine's Day Friendship Party on 2/14 at snack time. There is a treat sign-up sheet on the window next to the door.

Parents, check out our new parent information board above the folders, and our new daily sheets! Our changes in the Trooper room have started making their appearances. Some of the changes include a new art easel, new sensory bins, and a new dollhouse. We are so excited to see how the room comes together when everything is complete. If you have any questions about anything, please feel free to ask. Please note the changes to the teacher schedule: Ms. Lise & Ms. Melissa on Monday, Ms. Aly & Ms. Lise Tuesday and Wednesday, and Ms. Aly & Ms. Melissa on Thursday and Friday.

With the weather and the melting snow, our outdoor gear is getting wet and sometimes starting to smell. Please take your child's snowpants, mittens, and boots home on Fridays with their blankets to wash them. Also consider a second pair of waterproof mittens for when the snow is really wet or melting so that we can safely play outside with adequate protective clothing. Thank you all so much for your participation in the classroom. We look forward to spending the month of February with you and your children. :)

-Ms. Aly, Ms. Lise, and Ms. Melissa

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. The Hoppers will be experimenting and making shadows with flashlights.

This month we will be learning about dental health with a visit from a dental hygienist and Mr. Rick will be coming and doing a magic show featuring Tommy the Tooth.

We will also be working on groundhogs and shadows, friendship, love, and starting our Dr. Seuss theme. dental hygiene during our theme learning moments. We will be playing several different type of partner games during the month to help reinforce sharing and working together to help each other in the classroom. On Friday, Feb. 14 everyone will be making a friendship trail mix and can wear your pajamas. Please check the welcome wall for the sign-up sheet. I will send home a class list if you would like to make cards.

Reading stories in the Hopper room is a favorite activity. At home when reading familiar stories or singing familiar songs, leave a word out and pause to let your child fill in the word or even the sound: "Twinkle, twinkle...(little star)." Great way to encourage reading skills.

Thanks for all you do,

Ms. Diane and the Hoppers

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 we are working on 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! For the month of February we are joining the Sparklers in making a "Kindness Tree", where we will be posting hearts that show that your child was kind. Make sure to ask your child daily if any new hearts were posted! We will have red and yellow hearts in the pocket for you to take home, so that when you see your child being kind at home (maybe they set the table for you when they normally don't, or cleaned up right away even if they weren't done playing) you can add more hearts to our tree!

The Snappers are very excited to be talking about Dental Health, Valentine's Day, Outer Space, and Dr. Seuss this month! We will be working on our cutting skills a lot, as well as practicing writing our letters/names. A great way to practice skills at home is to have your child make homemade valentines by cutting out heart shapes and writing their name on them. Friday, 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

Ms. Christy

Happy Valentine's Day!!! The Sparklers are learning so much and we are having so much fun. This month we are going to be learning about the Dentist, Valentine's, shapes, and Dr. Seuss. On February 5th, Glacier Dental is coming in to talk to the kids about teeth. On February 10th, we will be going to Evergreen to celebrate Friendship Day with them. Look for a signup sheet and I will print out a list of all the kid's name's in the room. We are going to have a Pajama day on February 14th for Friendship Day. Friendship Day is on Friday this year so we will have our party on Friday, February 14th. February 17th, Roving Reader is coming to read us stories. On February 24th, we will be going to Evergreen again to do an art project and sing to them. We will be having music on Wednesdays with Ms. Jamie. We are excited for music; she has new songs for us to learn each time she comes to visit. Science will also be on Wednesdays; Jenn has a lot planned for this and the kids really like doing the activities that she has planned. This month, we are going to be working on are friendship skills. Learning what it is to be a friend and how to help our friends. In the hallway the Sparklers and the Snappers are going to be having a kindness tree put up. Each day we will be picking one friend in the classroom and write on a heart what the friend did that was kind. There will be hearts for you to fill out too. Pick one out, write your child's name on it and what kind activity they did. Please check in the number two bathroom to make sure that your children have extra clothes and that they are the right sizes. Thank you. This month you can work on your child being a special helper. Have them help you do something like feed the pets, water the plants, set the table, etc. They like being helpers in the Sparkler room - have them try it at home. It is going to be a great month can't wait to get started!

THE RANGERS

Ms. Sara R. & Ms. Brandi

Happy February everyone!!!! Last month was pretty exciting, The Heckrodt Roving Naturalist came, and taught us all about "Arctic Animals." We learned all about the different species of arctic animals and how they survive the cold habitat that they live in, and got to do a fun craft back in our classroom. To celebrate February Dental Health Month the Rangers will have a visit from Glacier Dental 2/5 @ Davis. There will be no 4K February 12th and 17th. A kind reminder to take your child's water bottle home every Friday, along with their rest time items, to be washed and returned to school on Monday. 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.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

Ms. Jenn & Ms. Brandi

February greets us with the cold of winter finally arriving! This month we will be focused on two themes that will help us stick out the chilly weather. We'll begin the month learning about one important body

part: our mouth! We will be doing several teeth and dental STEM projects, and Glacier dental will be returning again one day to do a short lesson with the students in place our STEM time. After our dental week, our attention turns to Valentine's day and all the ways we can explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. We will be doing two chemistry lessons, including making slimes and a "love potion" better known as the elephant toothpaste reaction. In addition, we'll explore some engineering concepts with sink vs float play with the small friends and by building a boat to hold small objects with the older friends. Two Bite Club will continue, and if we have extra time, the worms will make another round of visits as well. Our afternoon STEM project will be to make some fizzy Valentine's Playdough, and our cooking project will be a chickpea based brown batter hummus. Stay warm and adventurous; spring is on the horizon!

