

TINY TOTS and LITTLE TYKES inc.

February 2018 Child Care News



DEAR PARENTS

Happy February! February is a busy month. It is Black History and Dental Health month. There is also Groundhog's Day, President's Day, and Valentine's Day to celebrate. **Also, see the second page for info on the next family event.**

VALENTINES PARTIES

Our Valentine parties for the childcare classes are scheduled in the afternoon on Wednesday, February 14th. Check with your child's teacher if you would like the specific time and to find out how many valentines to bring for the party.

PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPES! Just help your child sign their name on the back of the Valentines. If you would like to send trinkets or stickers that day, you may. We prefer that you DO NOT SEND candy to pass out. We will have some fun treats here!

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

On Wednesday, February 14th registration opens for the 2018-2019 preschool program for children who are currently enrolled at Tiny Tots. This is your chance to sign your child up before enrollment opens to the public!

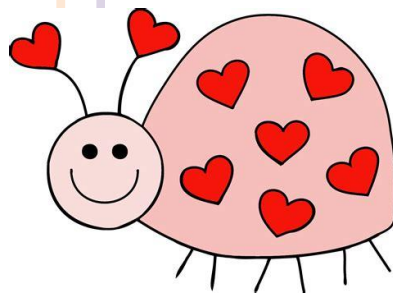
Rates are changing for the 2018-2019 school year and we also will be offering a five-day option.

Spaces are limited and children need to be three years old and potty-trained.

There are scholarship applications (*from the Early Learning Scholarships Pathway 1*) available in the office for families who meet the income eligibility requirements. Families must have a child between the ages of three to four as of September 1 of the current year, and must meet other eligibility requirements outlined in Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.165. Pathway 1 scholarships "follow the child" and are awarded to the family for up to 12 months.

Please see the office for a registration form if you are interested in signing your child up for Preschool.

Effective March 5th, 2018 new childcare rates go into effect. Notices were given out last week. See office if you need additional copies.



MUSIC CLASS

Pat will do a "Heart to Heart" theme for music this month. She will teach the children through singing, playing instruments, and using other items such as beanbags.

FAMILY FUN EVENT

Come and decorate a cookie with your child on Monday, February 12th anytime between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m.



BUTTER BRAID FUNDRAISER

We will be having a *Butter Braid* fundraiser beginning on Friday, February 23rd and ending on Wednesday, March 14th. These are delicious and are great for Spring celebrations! We will be sending out more information about the fundraiser as we get closer to the date. There will be a \$25.00 tuition credit for the top seller.

Also, the delivery date is set for Wednesday, March 28th.

RESOURCE EVENTS

We will be having a S.T.E.M. event on February 6th & 7th in the a.m. They will be doing an interactive activity of big box mazes.

February is Dental Health Month. The classrooms will incorporate activities and lessons on caring for our teeth.



Also, a hygienist will come to do some dental hygiene activities with the Magenta, Purple, Orange, & Preschool groups on Friday, February 23rd in the A.M.



TYKES CORNER

February is National Dental Health Month.

The following website, *Mouth Healthy*, is a great resource on dental health for children and adults. Click on the following link to be taken to the website:

mouthhealthy.org. For some fun activities for children such as printable pages, stories, and videos about dental care, click the following link to be taken to the *Mouth Healthy for Kids* page:

mouthhealthykids.org.

Please see the attached sheet called "When You Thought I Wasn't Looking." This sheet has some great sentences that teaches us how, even when we don't realize it, we are making an impression.

Also, check out the Parent Education topic for this month on our website: "Why a Child's Social-Emotional Skills are So Important."