

The Village Learning Center

Newsletter

"Learning Through Discovery"

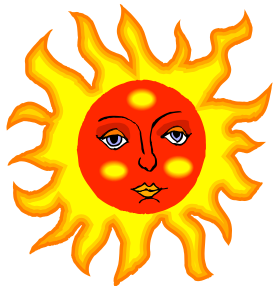
March 2009

PARENT MEETING

I would like to invite you to our Parent Meeting. I am scheduling two in hopes of meeting everyone's needs; March 11, 1:00 & March 12, 6:00. As you can imagine, the continued success of family events requires the dedication of many parents to participate by volunteering their time, energy and talents. Whether you are able to commit only a few minutes of your time, or hundreds of hours, your participation is critical to ensure that TVLC remains a special place for our young children. Not only will your efforts help your children and our families, but also you will get to meet new people and have the unique opportunity to work alongside staff of TVLC toward a common goal.

SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to all of the families that handed in our Survey. The purpose for the survey was for us to learn where we need to improve. The results will be going out shortly. Another survey will be going out before summer.



Community Events

One of the questions on the survey that we did not receive high points was to inform you of community events. We do put information about Community Events in our entrance, however, we will add this column each month to our newsletter.

Hopewell Borough Playground Project is seeking volunteers to help build two playgrounds for the community. Get involved, check out their website. www.hopewellplayground.com

SUMMER CAMP

"Camp Discovery" begins June 22 and ends September 4. It is available to children ages 2.5-8. They will be grouped by their age. Every week a "SPECIAL" (Gymnastics, Horse care and riding, Soccer, Fun Fitness, Youth Stages, etc.) will come and do 1 hour sessions with each group. During this time the other groups will go to the ARTS/CRAFTS ROOM, or the NATURE/DISCOVERY/COOKING ROOM to work on projects and experiments. This all happens on Mon., Wed., and Fri. On Tues. and Thurs. the children (must be potty trained), go to Hopewell Valley Swim & Tennis Center (optional), while at the pool the children have a ½ hour of instructional swim and an hour of recreational swim.

A few field trips are in the planning stage; Bounce U is scheduled for August 31 and possibly, Howell Living History Farm, NJ State Planetarium or Bowling & Pizza Hut for September 1 and 2. Please let us know your intentions for Attending Summer Camp. More information is available in the front office.

March Special for TVLC families: Register a friend and receive a discount!

Reminder! TVLC accepts children up to 8 years of age for camp. Friends and siblings are welcome! Camp is filling up, so let us know your intentions, we can not assume please hand in your paperwork.

March Happenings:

March 8 Daylight savings time

March 11 Open House 10:00~tell your friends

March 17 St. Patrick's Day-wear green!

March 18 Master Gardeners visit with PS-K

March 20 Spring begins

March 25 Easter Pictures with or without E.Bunny

April 4 Infant & Child CPR and First Aid Class 10:00-3:30 pre-registration required



Save the Date

Our Family-End-of-the-Year trip to the Philadelphia Zoo will be on Friday, June 12th. Watch for permission slips in April.

TVLC is hosting a Character Breakfast on Saturday May 9th. Tell all your friends to come out and enjoy the fun. Dora, Diego and Spidey will all be on hand to dance with the kids and sign autographs. A traditional pancake breakfast will be served. Only \$5.00 per family. It is going to be a great event!!!

PARENTS CORNER

Looking for a way to meet other families? We are planning a "Family Playground Day". Parents are invited to come enjoy the outdoors on May 3rd. We are asking families to come and help out doing some much needed work on the playground. There will be two times available; 10-12 or 12-3. Lunch will be provided along with someone to keep the children entertained. Watch for more information and sign up sheets to be posted. Keep the day open for family fun!

SPECIALS

Information and registration forms are on the "SPECIALS" wall outside the office.

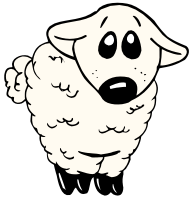
REGISTER FOR THE NEW YOGA SESSION!!



March

Birthdays

Amanda Long 3/1
 Morgan Bernstein 3/3
 Aidan Reinson 3/3
 Finn Mahon 3/6
 Aaron Englehardt 3/11
 Jessica Natoli 3/16
 Jude Leming 3/20
 Jacob Niedzwiecki 3/21
 Erin Popik 3/31



Activity Center

Do you ever dread planning your child's birthday party or other event because you don't have enough room or do not want it in your house or can't find a suitable place out of the house? Well, TVLC's Gym is available for birthday parties and other events. More information is at the front office.



In the classrooms...

Infant One

Finally Spring is on it's way in and we are hoping for the weather to be beautiful outside so we can enjoy the fresh air.

Our March concepts will be the color yellow, the oval shape, the #7, and the letters Bb, Rr and Nn.

Our room continues to flourish with smiling, happy babies. They are all getting so big and of course so bright.

We would like to welcome Austyn to our class in mid-March. Reminder to still pack jackets and hats as the weather hopefully gets warmer so we can go for our walks outside.

Toddlers

WOW! We are one month closer to the warm weather! February was a fun time full of LOVE. The Toddler class had fun painting with pink and celebrating Valentines Day. We also learned about the letters Hh, Uu and Bb as well as how important dental health is to us.

March will be full of green. The number of the month is 7 and the letters are Bb, Rr and Nn.

We are celebrating Jacobs birthday on March 21st. We are also welcoming a new friend Bryce to our class.

As our class grows please feel free to come and chat with us about how your child is doing and so we can introduce you to any new faces.

Young Pre-School

Can you believe March is already here! This month is full of fun! We are going to concentrate on the color yellow, the oval shape the numbers 12 & 13 and the letters Bb, Rr and Nn. We celebrated Dr. Seuss; birthday on the 2nd by reading lots of his books. We will also be celebrating the 1st day of Spring with lots of great activities.

PreSchool

Our wintry month of February came to a close. During the month the Preschool class enjoyed discovering their bodies through exercise at circle time. We also had fun guessing different scents and testing our sense of touch with a feeling box.

The class also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with lanterns and fortune cookies. Our Valentine exchange party was a big hit!

March is bringing us a little touch of spring. With themes that include seeds and plants, space travel and transportation.

Our concepts for the month include the color yellow, oval shape letters Bb and Rr and number 13 and 14.

Pre-Kindergarten

February was a fabulous month in the Pre K. We were very busy last month with our themes, exercise and healthy bodies, five senses, dental

health and nutrition, and four food groups. In addition to our themes we also learned about Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, and Presidents Lincoln and Washington

We're looking forward to marvelous March. Our themes for the month are By air, by land and by sea & Seeds and Plants. The following concepts will also be covered: color yellow, letters Bb and Rr, numbers 13 and 14, shape diamond. Keep an eye out for our St. Patty's day sign up sheet for our party.

Kindergarten

February just flew by in the Kindergarten class. We were very busy working on the letters Bb, Rr and Nn. In math we focused on counting money, telling time to the hour, various types of measurement, and fractions. We started with halves and will move on to thirds and quarters later in the year. It has been a very exciting month in Science. We learned about Dental Health, our senses, our bodies and the major food groups. We learned about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We celebrated Chinese New Year with fortune cookies. In art we made healthy caterpillars, hearts critters, and food pyramids.

In March we will be concentrating on the letters Nn, Mm, Pp and Vv. In math we will start the long process of learning to add and subtract. In science we will study the planets and space travel, and the many forms of transportation. We will make pancakes and bake muffins. We will experiment with water, air and shooting off a rocketship. In art we will make hot air balloons, ping pong shamrocks, and constellations to name a few projects.

We will celebrate St. Patricks day , Dr. Seuss' birthday and the first day of spring. We will also celebrate birthdays with Aidan, Morgan, and Aaron. The star students for the month are Philip and Kylie.