

Happy February Preschool Families!



January Recap



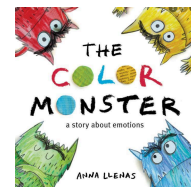
The preschoolers had a great time in **January** learning all about the **winter**. The **cold weather** afforded us multiple opportunities to bring **snow** into our science center and to perform hands-on experiments with **water**, in both its **liquid**, and **frozen solid** form.

Mrs. Kennedy's **Student Teachers** continued to enhance our learning in January; we loved creating "**snowpeople in a jar**" with them and extending our science experiments with ice cube spheres, baking soda, and salt. **Student Teachers** planned and supported preschoolers with awesome projects such as **watercolor snowflakes, slaty paint snowflakes, snowperson coloring, and torn paper penguins!**

The **polar habitats** came alive within the classroom as preschoolers discovered the **arctic** and **antarctic** landscapes and the many **arctic animals** who flourish there. "**Hot soup**" was "served" daily in our dramatic play area.



Upcoming in February



We have begun the month of February learning about and discussing various **emotions**. The preschoolers have begun to consider their personal feelings and how circumstances can alter how they might feel. We have enjoyed beginning to explore the book **The Color Monster by Anna Lenas**; a story about **emotions** with a reassuring and validating message regarding and acknowledging that all emotions are ok. The color monster is filled with many colors symbolizing happy, calm, angry for example, and it needs to try "**sort them out**" in separate jars in order to effectively work through and familiarize itself with each **emotion**.

The preschoolers will contribute in "**sorting out feelings**" by coloring a life sized monster, they will begin to create their own "monster design" while beginning to examine their own **emotions**. We will create a self selected illustration based on **love** and discuss what **love** means to each of us. Our **Student Teachers** have ignited our creativity when considering visually representing

love with projects such as **heart stamping, pipe cleaner heart painting, and tissue paper hearts!**

Additionally in **February** preschoolers will begin to discover the many jobs that people do. We will read **Clothesline Clues to Jobs People Do by Kathryn Heling and Deborah Hembrook** as we consider various **occupations** and some of the special skills and equipment used for these occupations. We will consider **community helper** jobs and practice being a **mail carrier** as our dramatic play area transforms into a **post office**. We will review what it means to be a **kind friend** and we will create letters for one another to mail in our class **post office**.

Additional Announcements

- Thank you for continuing to let us know regarding absences from school, late arrivals, or early pickups by emailing courtneyhiggins@oldrochester.org so that we can provide seamless transitions for all preschoolers each day.
- Optional classroom donations for February Valentine's are stickers, blank envelopes, or blank cards, blank paper and blank valentine cards for us to include in our classroom post office. **Preschoolers will have the opportunity to create their own cards in school therefore any cards sent in are completely optional.** (in order to keep our classroom safe please do not send in favors such as small toys and or food products-thank you for your consideration)
- On **Thursday 2/13 and/or Friday 2/14** preschoolers are encouraged to wear the colors pink or red for the Valentine Holiday.
- School will be closed for Winter Vacation **Monday February 17th-Friday February 21st**

Kindergarten (for our preschoolers that will be Kindergarteners in the upcoming school year 2025-2026) Online Kindergarten Registration has begun, please check your mailbox and inbox for registration information. If you have questions concerning 2025-2026 Kindergarten Registration you can contact your school : Center School, Mattapoissett (508)758-2521, Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (508) 762-2049, Sippican Elementary School, Marion (508) 748-0100.

Important Kindergarten Dates:

Registration Paperwork Deadline March 7, 2025
Kindergarten Building Orientation March 27, 2025 6:00
School Readiness Screening Sign Up April 2025
Kindergarten School Readiness Screenings May 19th and May 23rd 2025

*All of the above information plus additional Kindergarten and individual school slides can be accessed through the Old Rochester Regional School District Website: Kindergarten Transition

We Hope that You Have a Joyful, Fun-filled and Restful February Vacation!

Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Trombly 

