

GVCC NEWS

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Families,

Happy February everyone! I hope this month brings us lots of love! Our teachers are working hard towards our NAYEC Accreditation. I would like to remind all our families that we have an open door policy in our center, which is that families are welcome to stop by at anytime during the day. We know a lot of families work all day and this is hard for them to just stop by, but if you are available and have the desire to come and volunteer in your child's classroom, please let us know so a CORI form can be filled out. We would love to have our families involved in the classrooms.

We would like to remind you of our referral program. If you refer a family to our center, you could earn a free week's worth of tuition of one of your children. Once the family has been enrolled for a month...you get the free week! We hope you take advantage of this opportunity!

Thank you to all the families that took the time to fill out our Family Survey. Your feedback helps us to improve our center.

WELCOME TO THE GVCC FAMILY:

Offer Family
Wildt Family
Crain Family

As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to come and speak with me or leave me a note in the tuition box. Communication is the KEY!

Miss Dany

Enrichment Classes

Tuesday - Spanish
Taekwondo (PK & K) am
Gymnastics (P/S and up) pm
Taekwondo (S/A) pm

Wednesday - Spanish am

Thursday - Cardiodkids (P/S and up) am
Computer (P/S and up) am

Friday - Taekwondo PK & K am & S/A pm

FUNDRAISER SPOTLIGHT

We would like to invite everyone to walk with our GVCC team in support of the March of Dimes. They help premature babies & their families. The walk will take place on Sun, May 2nd @9:30am. It's a 3 mile walk that begins and ends @ The Lowell Spinners (LaLachaur Park). If you can't make it, be sure to sponsor someone on our team. If you have any questions, please speak with Miss Nancy. I hope we will reach our goal of \$500. together. Thanks for your support!

Please make sure to bring any documentation requested to update your child's file as soon as possible.

Any questions please see Miss Carla.

Family Involvement Committee F.I.C.

The Family Involvement Committee is still looking for 2 more members. We are looking to hold our first F.I.C. meeting. If you've signed up for the committee, please leave your email address for Miss Nancy. She will be getting the first meeting organized. She will need to get in touch with all the members to find a perfect date and time to begin. To anyone who wishes to sign up, it's not too late. Anyone is invited to join up at anytime. This would be a great opportunity for families to become more involved in our program. The sign up sheet is next to the toddler 2 room door. If you have any questions about what the committee will be doing, please see Miss Nancy.

REMEMBER

*The weather is changing, so please make sure your child has appropriate clothes for outside fun, as well as an extra change of clothes in his/her cubby at all times. It's time for snowpants, boots, hats, mittens or gloves. Please label all items with your child's name.

* Illness: Our 24 hours free of all symptoms must be followed by ALL FAMILIES in order to keep our center healthy!

INFANT ROOM

We are very excited for this months projects...we have special valentine surprises so be sure to take a peak in the room. We also have a new friend who joined our family, he is doing wonderful! Don't forget watch your calendars for special days.

Miss Donna & Miss Linda

TODDLER TOWN

In toddler 1, we're excited to create fun Valentine's Day projects & have our party on the 11th. We will learn about our "healthy body". It will be a fun month.

In January we learned about ways we are the same & different. We enjoyed making silhouettes & tracing our bodies. This month we will focus on transportation. We also look forward to Valentine's Day.

Miss Lindsey & Miss Cheryl
Miss Tiffani & Miss Carla

PRESCHOOL 1

We are enjoying the new set up of our classroom. We love our cozy box. We can climb in and have a little alone time if we feel like it. Our felt board is so fun and so is our sensory table. We will have a Valentine's party and do all sorts of fun activities together. Make sure to read our question of the day board. The kids have great answers to my questions!

Miss Jess & Miss Carla

PRE-KINDERGARTEN 1&2

The Pre-K1 class we will learn about groundhogs, shadows, Valentines, Chinese New Year & dental Health. Of course we'll have our Valentine's party. The letters this month will be Vv, Jj, Qq & Xx. There is a communication box in our room on the cubbies. Drop a note in it if you wish to speak with me about any concerns or questions and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks.

In Pre-K 2, we focused on winter, water & ice. We loved doing experiments with floating and sinking. We liked doing ice experiments. This month we'll learn about weather, Valentine's, Chinese New Year, transportation & black history month! Our letters are Vv, Jj & Qq.

Miss Sue & Miss Rachelle

KINDERGARTEN & SCHOOL-AGE CLUB

Hello Everyone. This month we'll be teaming up with the school-age group for a Chinese New Year celebration. We will do that during school vacation week. (16th-19th) Mon. Feb. 15th GVCC will be closed. We'll be doing lots of fun art activities & learn about China and it's traditions in the process. If anyone has scraps of wood and old simple tools for our wood center, please let me know. We are looking for some hardware, screwdrivers, little hammers and such. Thank you.

Miss Christine & Miss Nancy

Our Core Value of this Month is: Responsibility

In books like Sachiko Means Happiness (Kimiko Sakai) & Swimmy (Leo Lionni), the child has a sense of duty (responsibility) to willingly fulfill the tasks he/she has accepted or has been assigned. Work is conscientiously performed. "Members of the community feel comfortable asking for help & agree that they must be held accountable for their behavior." (Boyer, p184)

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Dates to remember

* Monday through Friday – Feb 8th to 12th SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

1st – Choose the books you want to purchase

2nd – Bring it to the office or your child's teacher so they can make an inventory (w/ book title, family buying, price and form of payment (cash or check made out to GVCC)

3rd – Take the book w/ you - You can take the book even if you will pay later

(Classroom wish list is on the board by the case A)

*Tuesday - Feb 9th Half day for Chelmsford Public School

*Monday - Feb 15-Friday, Feb 19th Chelmsford Public School Closed for February Vacation Week.

*Monday - Feb 15th Greater Visions Children's Center CLOSED in observance of President's Day.

*Friday - Feb 19th 6:00-8ish Movie Night

* TBA - Family Involvement Committee (F.I.C.) Meeting

FYI

We are on face book now. Please join us and become a fan! Please remember that NO ONE is allowed to post any photos of our GVCC students unless a parent has given written consent. Thank you so much. Hope to see you on Face Book.