



Pineview News

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Inspirational Quotes~

“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

~ John 15:13

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart.”

~ Helen Keller

From the Director~

What a wonderful start to February! I'm sure you are enjoying the mild weather as much as we are! I'm starting to wonder if it really is still winter! But I am sure more snow will be coming...



Last month I mentioned that we have made some changes to our policies and procedures in an effort to improve communication. There is another area where we have been making changes that you probably can't see. We have started using a new curriculum called Creative Curriculum. The goals and objectives are based on research and are aligned with the Common Core State Standards and Early Learning Standards for New York. The goals and objectives will help our teachers plan meaningful lessons and activities and will guide them through a new assessment process. You will learn more about the assessments soon. We are working closely with the Child Care Coordinating Council and a QualityStarsNY consultant. We have been training our staff since September and plan to continue over the next few years as we all become more proficient using this new tool.

And, speaking of changes...you have probably noticed some work being done in a couple of rooms on the 3rd floor. We are currently in the process of re-organizing our offices, teacher resource spaces and eventually a couple of classrooms, with the goal of creating a space for the Motor Room on the second floor. Since the Motor Room is used by the Infants and Toddlers it will be a more ideal location. The new Motor Room will also be used on Sunday mornings as the large group space for Kids' Church. Every Sunday, when the children ages 3 through 4th grade are dismissed from the adult service, they gather together as a large group for upbeat worship songs with motions and an interactive Bible story. Sometimes the children help to act out the story, sometimes there are puppets, but always it is high energy and fun! We all enjoy the large group time but don't let the fun and games fool you! We are serious about God's word! We teach the children that God's word is true and that God loves them. Then after a short time with the large group the children split up into smaller, age-appropriate groups to discuss the Bible story, the Bible verse and the main point of the lesson. If you have a child age 3 or older, please come and check it out! You can always stop and see me with any questions. Have a great February!

~Kirsten

Enjoy a cup of coffee
and a donut
every other Tuesday!

7:30-9:00 am



Stay and chat
or take it to go!

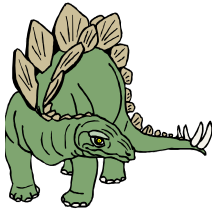
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Pre-K

We have been enjoying this mild weather so much that I can't believe it's February already! We will go outside everyday as long as it's not inclement weather. Children will need hats, gloves, snow pants and coats each day.

This month we will be learning about the letter D and dinosaurs. We will



be writing "If the dinosaurs came back...", painting with dinosaurs and going on a dinosaur hunt.

We will also learn about Valentine's Day and the letter V. What does it mean to love someone? Who do you love? How do you show love? We'll learn Bible verses about God's love. Feb. 14th will be our Valentine's party.

President's Day is Feb 20th. We will



learn about our important presidents. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. Harris for being our mystery readers. The children really enjoy figuring out the clues and having a special reader. If you are interested in being a mystery reader, please let us know! The children have been asking when their Mom or Dad is coming!

We look forward to a great month!

Love,
Miss Alisa & Miss Ann

Pre-K

Happy Valentine's Day!

I can't believe what a warm winter we've had! This is an exciting month! We will be starting off with an ABC cooking unit! We will make yummy



food while learning about a few letters!

Other themes will be Love, Music and Multi-



cultural. For Bible time we will learn our new memory verse: "Let us love one another"

1 John 4:7. We will talk about how we should show God's love by loving and caring for others!

Our Valentine's Day party will be on Monday, February 13th at 4:00pm. We

Miss Abby ~ Room 203

really hope you'll be able to make it!

Happy Birthday to Francesca on the 25th and Susan on the 27th!

Love,
Miss Abby & Miss Linda

**Preschool**

Dear Families,

It hardly seems possible that it is already February, especially with the mild winter we've had. We are still hoping for enough snow to take the kids sledding out back, at least once!



This month our first theme will be Jungle and we will be talking about the letter J.



We will be hunting for jungle animals and making a special snack.

Next we will talk about Kangaroos and the letter K. Hopefully we can learn as much about kangaroos as we did penguins!

Then we will have a Luau week! We will talk about the letter L and Hawaii. We will make a fruit salad and will be asking for contributions.

**Miss Lydia ~ Room 209**

Our final theme will be Marvelous Merry Monsters and we will talk about the letter M. The kids will be encouraged to create their own friendly monster.

We will be having a Valentine's Day party for the kids on the 14th.

Love,
Miss Lydia & Miss Kathy

Kids' Caboose

Not your typical January weather, but here, winter is still wonderful! The children had so much fun



learning about winter animals and hibernation. They were very curious and full of questions at they learned some animals sleep for months! Our class fir tree is decorated with lovely blue jays created by your kids. They are very proud of them!

Oh my, did we have fun with Nursery Rhymes! A favorite new one your children learned: "Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, eating black bananas. Where do you think he put the skins? Down the King's pajamas!"

February is full of love, love, love! We shall have a mysterious "hiding & finding the hearts" game, make our valentines bags to re-



ceive valentines, and much red, pink, and purple paint will be on the easel this month! Stay tuned for a newsletter from Pete concerning our Valentine exchange on February 14th. They shall attend their Valentine parties also at Pineview in the afternoon. When ECEC comes back from their winter break, the circus will come to town in Pete's room! God loves us so much and His love will never end!

Miss Joy

Preschool

Dear Parents,
Wow! We can't believe it's already February! Time flies fast indeed! By the way, thank you for bringing in the baby pictures. The children did a great job during Show and Tell!



This month we will be talking about heart shapes, Valentine's, peo-

ple we love and colors too! We also would like to remind you of our Valentine's party on Friday, February 10th at 4pm. Hope to see you there!

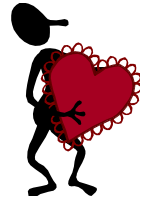
Love,
Miss EJ & Miss Ashley



Miss EJ ~ Room 210

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to those that celebrate this month:

- Feb. 13—Mark & Matthew
- Feb. 15—Natalie
- Feb. 20—Ryan
- Feb. 21—Miss EJ



Preschool

Miss Shawnie ~ Room 110

We've hardly had a winter this year! We're loving this weather but hope we get to sled eventually! Our themes this month are Fairy Tales, Transportation, Fruit and Valentine's Day. During our fairy tale week we'll make the candy house from Hansel & Gretel!



For Valentine's Day we will be exchanging valentines and having a class party. More information will follow soon! February welcomes new friends Ella and Jeremiah to our class! Happy Birthday to Kyle, Isabelle & Reece too!

Love,
Miss Shawnie & Miss Ali

Toddlers

Miss Mona ~ Room 103

Can you believe it? February is here! We will be reviewing the color red and talking a lot about love and hearts. On Feb. 14th we will have a little celebration at 4pm and parents are welcome, just let us know if you plan to attend. We will continue with developing friendships. Please check your children's clothing so that they have weather appropriate extra clothing that still fits them. We so love and enjoy the time we spend with your little ones...they are all so very precious and growing so wonderfully. Please know we are available to discuss any concerns you have regarding your little one.

Love, Miss Mona & Miss Lorraine

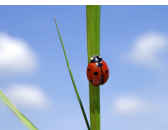


Toddlers

Miss Renee ~ Room 109

Dear Parents,
Time is flying and the kids are growing and talking more and more! We are looking forward to hosting a Valentine's Day party on the 14th at 3:00. Look for the sign up sheet. We'll provide a class list for Valentines.

This month we'll be learning about ladybugs. We'll make ladybug cookies and play pin the dot on the ladybug. We'll also learn about penguins, hearts and love. Be sure your child has boots everyday to go outside, as well as extra clothes that fit!



Love & Blessings, Miss Renee & Miss Rose

Toddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 112



This month we will welcome MJ to our room and best wishes to Jeremiah and Ella as they move up. February 14th our class will have a Valentine's Party at snack time. We will be exchanging cards. Please stop in to see our art projects and room changes.

Our class has made great strides in potty training. Thank you for all your support.

God Bless,
Miss Kathy & Miss Kim

Waddlers

Miss Kathy ~ Room 108

Dear Parents,
This month we say "Happy Trails" to Ryan and Ella who are moving to Room 103. We will miss them, but we know they will do well in the toddler room.



We are happy to welcome Jasper, Max and Nicholas T. from Room 106. They have been visiting and will join the Waddlers on Monday, February 6th. Please check your child's cubby for extra clothes. Also, should we have snow, your child will need snow pants and boots. We try to go out as often as possible.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Love,
Miss Kathy & Miss Jonnie

Infants

Miss Ruth ~ Room 106

February is already here! Our babies are growing and changing each day. They love to explore and try new things. We have played a lot of Peek-a-Boo and Patty Cake. They enjoy it so much!

Three of our friends, Jasper, Max and Nicholas have moved up to Waddlers. We will miss them, but they will enjoy their new room.

Please let us know when your little one adds a new food or increases amounts of food. If you have any questions, let us know. May God bless, and Happy Valentine's Day! We hope your day is a special one.

Love
Miss Ruth & Miss Rosa



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Infant Care
Preschool
Kindergarten
Open 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

Mark your calendars ~

February ~ Summer Camp Registration begins
February 20 ~ School closed in observance of President's Day
April ~ Preschool Registration
April 6 ~ School closes at 3 in observance of Good Friday
April 8 ~ Easter Sunday



Pineview Community Church Welcomes You!

Sunday Mornings:
10:30 am Worship Service

Nursery care available
for children 0 - 2

Kid's Church

during service
for children ages
3 years—4th Grade

The Cook's Corner

Valentine's Snacks

Heart Shaped Cupcakes

Prepare cake mix and pour into paper-lined muffin pan as usual. Place a marble between the liner and the pan (one per cupcake). Marble will be HOT!

Fruit Hearts

"Draw" the outline of a heart on a red paper plate with whipped cream. Have children place red and pink fruits (raspberries, strawberries, cherries) to make a heart.

Valentine Cookie Graham

Frost a graham cracker with pink frosting. Use Alpha-Bits cereal to write a message. Enjoy!

Taken from www.perpetualpreschool.com

From the Experts...

Hitting, Biting & Kicking: How to Stop Aggressive Behavior in Young Children

Teach Kids that Aggression is Wrong

Talk about aggression during a calm moment. Explain that hitting, biting, kicking and other aggressive behaviors are wrong. For younger children, keep it simple: "No hitting. It is wrong." Be firm and consistent and remember, you may have to repeat this rule numerous times! Have a plan in place for consequences if aggressive behavior starts.

For older children, remember they may be experimenting with cause and effect. They want to see what you'll do when they act out. You can use a variety of phrases when older children misbehave, including, "Biting is no OK," or "Hitting hurts others, you need to stop." Consequences can include loss of privileges.

Tell Your Child to "Use Your Words"

Many children who display aggressive behaviors lack the communication skills necessary to help them with a stressful situation. Biting or hitting someone seems a whole lot easier! Plus aggressive behaviors can give children a false sense of power over their peers. Help your child find their voice when they feel like acting out by explaining and practicing using their words.

Teach your child to say "No!" instead of acting aggressively. This allows them to get their point across verbally instead of aggressively.

Give your child a series of phrases to use when they feel angry or frustrated. "No, that's mine!" "I don't like that." "Stop! That hurts!" Help them substitute words for acting out.

Before entering a trigger situation, remind your child to "Use your words." Repeat this when you feel your child is getting frustrated.

~adapted from www.empoweringparents.com by Joan Simeo Munson Ph.D