

February 2017

A Message from our Teachers

January has ended and we are right back in the swing of things!

One of the great joys of this month has been in interacting with and investigating snow. We thank all of our families for being prepared each day with outdoor clothing as we have had many opportunities to enjoy sunny winter days. We especially enjoyed reading 'The Snowy Day' and sharing our favorite things to do in the snow. We are working on a printed book using our beautiful snowy collages, and will have a sign-up sheet for anybody interested in purchasing a copy.



This month we have observed a common thread of interest throughout the classes in helping and taking care. The 4's class has been very interested in talking about friendship and taking care of their friends through lovely and thoughtful artwork, cards, and kind words. The 3's and 3-5's have loved dramatic play opportunities as firefighters, doctors, vets, and other helpers found in the community, as well as talking about ways we can be helpers at home and at preschool. We have even been practicing our dish washing skills in our sensory bin to help out at home! The afternoon class especially loved having one of the parents, Stacey St. Louis, come talk to them about his role as a firefighter and how they can keep themselves safe. We are always so thrilled to have parents share their talents and interests with us! We will also be sending out an email soon with information on upcoming classroom visitors and field trips.

This emerging interest has provided a wonderful opportunity for us to connect back to our school agreement we created in September with ways we can take of ourselves, others, and our classroom.

We will continue to focus on taking care by talking about friendship, helpers, and our bodies in the coming weeks, and we are excited to see where the children take this interest next!

We are looking forward to upcoming 'Friendship' Day to continue our conversations about taking care of others. We will celebrate with friendship parties on Monday, February 13th (4's class) and Tuesday, February 14th (3's and 3-5's classes). This will be a normal school day, however in the spirit of friendship and cooperation we would ask that you bring your child's favorite game to share with their classmates that day. It should be something simple and easy for your child to teach. We will also have a sign up for anyone who is interested in bringing snacks to make the day extra special.

Important Dates

February 2 - Cleaning Night
February 3 - Organizational Day (No School)
February 13 - Friendship Day (4's)
February 14 - Friendship Day (3's & 3-5's)
February 16 & 17 - No School
February 20 - Family Day (No School)

We ask that you or your regular pick-up/drop-off person get into the habit of checking the preschool's bulletin board located in the stairwell to the boot room each day. We will be posting important information about changes to our daily routine (such as playground trips, school closures, or field trips/visitors), as well as information about our learning and project work and how you can be involved.

Looking forward to a wonderful and fun February!

Ms Danielle and Mrs Tammy

A Message from the Board

Registration Reminder

- Registration for Alumni and returning families opened on January 26th. As a reminder, registration will be open to the public starting on February 8, 2017. Please feel free to pass along this information to friends or neighbors so they too can join the Discovery community!

Have a wonderful February!

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