

February 1, 2012

Dear Parents,

Preschoolers are wonderful artists! To encourage and celebrate art, children have been taking turns as the "**Artist of the Day.**" All artist drawings are proudly displayed in our hallway, so stop by to take a look. Some pictures also have stories written about them. It is exciting to see each child's growing creativity, vivid imagination, and artistic skills!

See attached note about our **Cookie Exchange** this Thursday. Each child should bring 10 store-bought cookies in a small ziplock bag.

On Wednesdays for Bridge Class, we will now be having "**Rhyme Time.**" This fun group time will include stories, poems, activities, and games with rhymes. Many children are especially interested in rhyming sounds and beginning reading. Rhyming helps children learn to identify letter sounds and develops language skills needed for reading and writing. At home, notice rhymes in story books and songs. Challenge your child to think of words that rhyme. Give examples and praise good efforts. Once children catch onto rhymes, they are a lot of fun!

At home next week, please have your child decorate a **Valentine Box**. Any shoebox or other box will be fine, as long as there is a removable or flip up cover. Paint, markers, stickers, shapes, foil, foam, paper, ribbons, hearts, etc. may be used. Make it very creative and beautiful!

Our **Valentine's Day Party** will be on Tuesday, February 14th.

On that day or before, children should bring their decorated box with their valentines and / or treats to preschool to exchange. There are 16 children in our class. Please do NOT write the children's names on the envelopes, unless your child can actually read all of the names. Parent and grandparent volunteers would be much appreciated for the Valentine's Day party. Just let me know if you are able to help.

May God's love fill your heart and be shared with others -

Rhonda Johnson

Creation Kids Preschool Calendar February 2012

M-T-Th and M-T-W-Th Bridge Class

Weekly Theme	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
SWEET TREATS (letter Ll)	<i>Tuition payments due February 1st</i>	<i>Scripts orders due February 28th</i>	1 <u>CKP snacks</u> dot paint gum balls	2 <u>Nora</u> Show & Tell: bring 10 cookies for exchange
MICE (letter Mm)	6 <u>Mrs. Hanson</u> little mice	7 <u>Addison</u> Chapel 2:25pm	8 <u>CKP snacks</u> mouse houses	9 <u>Cora</u> Show & Tell: bring a mouse, moose, or monkey
LOVE (letter Nn)	13 <u>Matthew H.</u> hand print hearts	14 VALENTINE'S PARTY DAY! Chapel 2:25pm	15 <u>CKP snacks</u> L-O-V-E letters	16 <u>Dylan</u> Show & Tell: bring a picture of someone you love
OCEAN	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 <u>CKP snacks</u> jiggly jellyfish	23 <u>Bode</u> Show & Tell: bring favorite ocean animals
OCEAN (letter Oo)	27 <u>Natalie</u> ocean animals	28 <u>Josiah</u> Chapel 2:25pm	29 <u>CKP snacks</u> octopus	(March 1) BEACH PARTY DAY! wear swimsuits