



Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool

Month-January 2011

Class: Toddler Time

Tue/ Thur 8:00 – 10:00

What to expect this month

Songs of the month: Happy New Year Too You, Snow Snow, I'm a little tea pot, ABC

Reminder: Every Thursday is show and tell day – Children may bring a toy of their choice

Week # 18 January 3rd – 7th

Theme: Water and Ice

We are going to have fun learning all about water and then turning it into ice. We will be filling up cups with water and food coloring and placing them outside to see what happens when they come back to class on Thursday. If the weather cooperates we should have ice ☺. We will also be using our “what’s inside box” where we put our hand in the box to guess what’s inside. We will do it with water and then reach in and feel ice. After we feel the ice we are going to make a sensory table with ice and water. We will also be making a slushy by using crunched up ice and juice for part of our snack.

Week # 19 January 10th -14th

Theme: Falling snow

This week is all about snow. We will be making a picture to replicate snow by using white paint and salt. We will also make paper snowflakes that we will use when we sing our finger play “Snow Snow”. If we are lucky and have snow by Thursday we will be examining it with black construction paper and magnifying glass. We will be making a snowman out of snow so please bring an adult sock from home that you no longer need as we will use it to make a snowman. Thursday as long as it is not below freezing or raining please have the kids dressed to play outside when they arrive at class. We will only be outside for a short while.

Week # 20 January 17th – 21st

Theme: Winter day

This week we are going to continue talking about winter by talking about what happens in the winter. We are going to make a picture using chalk and water as we create a house with snow on it. We are also going to make a Snowy Gelatin where we will be making jello with marshmallows. We will be rolling a dice to see how marshmallows we get to put into our cups of jello.

Week # 21 January 24th -28th

Theme: How to keep warm when it is cold outside

This week is all about keeping warm. We will be talking about what clothes we should be wearing when we go outside in the winter. We will talk about cold and hot. We will be dressing our paper dolls for winter for one of our centers. We will also work on putting our own coats and hats on all by ourselves. We will play a matching game using our mittens and a game called matching mittens. We will even make some simple patterns with our mittens in class this week.



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Week # 22 **January 31st February 4th**

Theme: Things white

This week we are going to get a little messy ☺. We are going to use shaving cream on the tables to talk about the color white. We are going to draw in it with our fingers talk about goeey and squishy. We are also going to work on tearing small pieces of white construction paper and gluing them onto a blue back ground as to look like snow falling. We will be going on a hunt around the classroom to find things that are white. We will be counting up to 10 in class this week. We will also sing 1, 2 buckle my shoe.

I'm A little teapot

I'm a little teapot short and stout,

Here is my handle, here is my spout,

When I get all steamed up hear me shout,

Tip me over and pour me out.

One, Two, Buckle My Shoe

One 1, two 2, buckle my shoe;

Three 3, four 4, shut the

door;

Five 5, six 6, pickup sticks;

Seven 7, eight 8, lay them

straight;

Nine 9, ten 10, a big, fat hen;

Jan. Birthday Chart

No January Birthdays



Snow, Snow Falling down (move hands, like falling snow).
Quietly, Quietly (move fingers to mouth-SH)
It covers the ground (children lay down on the ground)



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Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are already in the year 2011. It seems like yesterday we were in the 90's. I wanted to thank each of you for being a part of our program during this school year as it has truly been wonderful blessing to have each of your little ones in my preschool program. We have so much fun during our classes that it really makes time fly by.

I have given our website a fresh new look. When you get a chance please check it out and sign our guest book. www.crayons2pencils.com. I will have our photo album page updated by January 6th. The password will be friends once the pictures are updated. I have some cute pictures to share.

I wanted to give you a look at things and events to come for the last half of our school year. In February we will be having a Valentines party in class. The children will make valentine boxes at school. We will need a shoe box for those so if you end up purchasing shoes anytime you are welcome to bring the box to class. I will also hold a parent date night in February.

In March we will be getting our class photos done as well as individual photos for your child. This will be done on a Saturday morning. The date will be announced as we get closer. I will also hold conferences for the Preschool Play-N-Learn Class during the month in the evenings. Spring break is March 14th -18th for those planning ahead for a family vacation. I will also open enrollment for the 2011 / 2012 school year to the public in March. You may enroll for next year's class at anytime. You have priority over any new families coming into the program.

In April we will be making our Annual Tie die shirts for all the classes. This is so much fun for the children to do. We will also have an Easter party during class times where parents and family can join us for our Annual Easter Egg hunt and bunny sack races. The eggs will be filled with candy for the children to collect. Siblings are welcome to attend during this time. Just let me know in advance.

That brings us to our Goodbye program in May. This will be at the end of May where we will once again meet at the Crossroads church in Norwalk. This program will be divided into 2 groups to sing songs for you that we have learned all year long. Then we will watch our special video that captures our school year for you. You will get a copy of the video to take home and have as a keepsake. Grandparents and friends are welcome to attend. The date will be announced.

If you know of any friends or family who would be interested in our program we do have 2 spots open in our Toddler Time Class (2 yrs) that meets Tue/Thu from 8:00 – 10:00 and 2 spots in our Little Tots Class (18 mo) that meets Mon/Wed from 8:00 – 9:00. If you refer a family you will earn \$24 off the following month's fee.

I hope both you and your child have enjoyed the program so far and I look forward to the 2nd part of classes. I wish each of you a wonderful 2011 and as always I am here if you have any questions. Have a great year and thank you again for choosing Crayons 2 Pencils Preschool for your child.

Mrs. Jill