



## Country Village Preschool & Kindergarten

# NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 15 School closed for President's Day  
February 16-26 Registration forms go home for existing students  
February 26 Registration forms due

### Science Room

This month we will be focusing on two units in our science room. First, we will do a unit on color and light. We will look at color and pigments as well as colors in nature. We will also discover how light reacts to color. After that, we will do a very fun unit on water. We will discover how liquids take on the shape of their surroundings as well as how water moves. We will also focus on water as a part of weather patterns and water in nature.

### Valentines Day

February 14 is a special day!!! Your children will be making Valentines for you at school and sending them home. This is an excellent opportunity for our teachers to talk about the Postal Service and for our children to study how mail works.

**We will not be exchanging Valentines in class or having Valentines Day Parties.** These are activities that you can do at home. Thank you!

### Crazy Hat and Hair Day

We will be having a Crazy Hat/Hair Day on February 11 and 12. Please help your child to come to school with a CRAZY hairdo or a CRAZY hat. Perhaps you can get extra CRAZY and do both!!!

**Rainy Day Note: Please do not leave umbrellas in the classrooms. They are very tempting to play with and can cause problems indoors. Please take your child's umbrella with you when you drop them off. Thank you!**

### Visitations

Visitations will be getting started this month. Keep your eyes open for an invitation to visit your child's classroom. During your visitation you will be invited to sit to the side and observe your child in their classroom environment. We ask that you not interact with the children during a visitation, but rather watch them as they work and play in order to get a true sense of their day.

### Read Read Read Read:

- Set aside a regular time for reading aloud.
- Share your own childhood favorites; the experience will have more meaning if you enjoy it too.
- As you read, take a little time to point out letters and letter sounds.
- Talk about different words and their meaning.
- Comment on the story and make predictions. Encourage your child to do so also.

### Registration

Registration paperwork will become available this month for the summer session as well as Fall 2010. Families presently enrolled will have the first opportunity to register.

**Please note: We will no longer be taking formal teacher or classroom requests. We do our very best to place children in classrooms based on their age and individual development. We also try to take into account relationships that families have with individual teachers. In addition we utilize teacher input regarding the best classroom placement for each child. Finally, we work diligently to balance the amount of boys and girls in a class as well as part time and full time students. We want every child to form powerful bonds with our amazing teachers, who are all very qualified and experienced. We also feel that it is important for children to interact with friends that they are familiar with as well as make new friends each year!**