



# St. Stephen's Preschool

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MARCH 2017

## The Bear News

### Important Dates

#### ON/BEFORE MARCH 17

4 year olds—Bring in a white or light pastel T-shirt.



### Birthday Celebrations

#### Two's

Ava—March 16

#### Three's

Maria—March 6

Anna—March 8

Trevor—March 9

Mason—March 14

Olivia—March 16

Leo—March 17

Jacob Z—March 21

Lana—March 22

Euriah—March 28

Seph—March 29

#### Four's

Aubrey—March 3

Hannah—March 13

Logan—March 22

Nora—March 28

Chloe—March 30

Emma—March 30

Noah—March 30

February themes kept the preschool busy with many activities. The month began with Groundhog Day, with the children learning facts about groundhogs. For Valentine's Day, the children had fun "sending" and receiving cards. Thank you for the paper products, juice and snacks for their parties! The 2 year old class had activities associated with Dental Health Month. Presidents' Day was celebrated by the 3 & 4 year old classes. The 3's and 4's are learning their address, and the 4's are also learning their phone number and birthdate. Please practice with them at home to memorize this important personal information.

### What we did last month ...

**The 2 year old class** kept busy with lots of fun art and activities. For Groundhog Day, they read a story, colored the letter "G", and learned a rhyme. They made mini pizzas for their snack and listened to the story *Curious George and the Pizza Party*. The class loved making their Valentine cardholder, handing out their cards, and listening to *Clifford's First Valentine*, and *Where is Baby's Valentine*. Caring for their teeth was an important part of their learning as February is Dental Health Month. They were read books about the "tooth fairy" and they colored pictures.

**The 3 year old class** read the story *Groundhog Facts* and played a groundhog matching game using a circle, square, triangle, diamond and rectangle. Since the children are learning their addresses, they listened to *This Is the House That Jack Built*, looked at pictures of different types of dwellings, played a game matching a person or animal to their house, and played a dice game placing people on the corresponding numbered house. They played on a balance beam and had a lesson in "more or less." The children finished the month by painting a kite with a balloon and adding a tail and a string to fly it with. Color—orange; shape—oval; number—4.

**The 4 year old classes** had fun predicting if Pennsylvania's famous groundhog Paxatawny Phil would see his shadow—they all wanted more winter! They also learned a groundhog song and saw a video of Phil coming out of his hole. For Valentine's Day, they gave out cards, made cardholders, created several art projects and played valentine-themed games. To celebrate Presidents' Day, they learned about our previous Presidents and Mrs. D. made a life-size Abraham Lincoln, which each child had a chance to stand next to—the children were amazed at how tall he was at 6'4"! Some of the classes were asked what they would do if they were President; their answers were posted in the stairwells. To help them learn their addresses, the 4's made houses to hang in their classroom. Once they learn their address, they make take their paper house home. Letters worked on included L, R, X, Y, and Z. They are also being evaluated in preparation for moving on to Kindergarten.

### Tuition Reminders

#### 3RD & FINAL INSTALLMENT

Due now.

#### 6TH MONTHLY PAYMENT

Past due.

**If you haven't already, your payment needs to be made IMMEDIATELY to be current.**

#### Register for 2017-2018!

Forms available on the website or from a teacher. Pass the word to family & friends—your referrals are always appreciated.

### Themes for March

#### All Classes

Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day

2's—Kites

3's—Wind, Safety, Farms, Easter

4's—Wind, Dinosaurs

