

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents:

February is a very short month but it is definitely action packed. Check these exciting events and be sure to join us if possible

Valentine's Day Party- Tuesday, Feb. 14th.

Our party will begin at 9:45 a.m. continue to 11:00 a.m. We will have story time, music, games and Valentines!

If you would like your child to bring in Valentines for the party, please bring them in on or before Feb. 13. This will give the children a chance to deliver them to the Valentine Bags. Have your child sign them -To my Friend, from their name. This is a real wonderful opportunity to encourage your child to notice letters and recognition skills too.

Friday, Annual Rodeo Party. Friday, Feb. 24th... We will have special cowboy beans and cornbread for lunch. The Rockin' Star Ranch Ponies will be here to give the children pony rides. The festivities will begin after breakfast. Parents and friends are invited to join us for lunch. We will post a reservation sign up list.

Scholastic Book Orders are due Feb. 24th. Checks or cash can be used to pay for your books. I have discovered that calling in the order insures our books arrive here a lot sooner. We are awarded new books, games and other educational materials with our bonus points. We do appreciate your orders. Have you thought about taking an order form to work and see if other parents might be interested in ordering?

New Rates are coming!

I would like to schedule informational times for parents who have questions regarding the new enrollment form and rates. I will have a sign-up sheet at the front desk so we can schedule times. Young Explorers really appreciates your cooperation and understanding.

QUALITY FIRST VISIT

Our first visit with the Quality First Representative is coming soon. We are looking forward to our visit. Our coach will be Josi Terrell. She was such a wonderful coach at our Bellevue School where we were able to receive our 3 Star Rating. We will keep you posted. There have been many changes in the program so it will be interesting to see the new process.

CURRICULUM CORNER

Valentine's Day is an excellent way to encourage your child's literacy skills. Take time when the children bring home their Valentines to read them and discuss the words and letters. Have your child dictate their greetings to grandparents and special friends. If you would like your child to know what happens with "snail mail," you might even mail your child a card so that they can have the experience of going to the mail box. If you would like to mail a Valentine to your child at school, use our P.O. Box 14614, 85732 address.

Take advantage of your time during your drive to and from school to encourage your child to look for letters. Children know a lot of words because they have experienced them. Most children recognize M for McDonalds and other restaurants too. Every day each of us have the opportunity to encourage children to become aware of the "reading environments!" By encouraging your child to share their recognition skills you can begin to see an emerging eager reader! Enjoying reading is the goal!

I hope you picked up the YES! Valentine Song Flyer. We will be singing our songs daily and at our Valentine's Day Party too. This might help you understand some of the words your child may be singing.

Happy Valentine's Day for all!

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