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AVCCC Monthly Newsletter

February 2010



Washington

Administrative Corner

It was great seeing a small January thaw. We were able to sneak the children outside for a few days. Please don't forget to send in gloves and hats. We had to scramble around and find extras so that everyone could get outside.

The special Infant/Toddler training is going well. Family enrichment has given us some good ideas to provide quality care for your children. It has been exciting to see many areas that they targeted that we were already excelling at.

Feel free to stop in the office and check out the criteria and grades we received.

We are also excited to be relicensed for the next two years. The licensing recertification consists of state employees evaluating our whole facility and staff. They make sure all our files are up to date, everyone has criminal history checks, observe our staff to insure that they are acting appropriately in the rooms and much more. They even check to see if we have all the protective covers in the

outlet boxes so children don't try to stick objects in them. In the end, this is done to let parents know our facility is up to code with the state.

Also, please make sure that you return the CACFP forms that are being handed out. They help us provide quality meals for your children. Have a safe February and try to stay warm!

Scripture Corner

"No, O people, the Lord has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires; to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."
Michah 6:8

Features:

- Tidbits from each classroom
- Recipe of the month
- Birthdays of the month
- Lunch Menu
- Dates to remember



Tyler K.- 2/3
Jasmine D.- 2/6
Troy F.- 2/14
Gavin F.- 2/25

February Birthdays

Miss Jill- 2/1
Miss Courtney C- 2/14
Miss Malinda- 2/22



Monkey Room Antics—Toddler Room

January was a bit quieter in the monkey room. The children have been learning to use their words to express their wants and feelings. They have been working on individual and group art projects. The majority of the individual crafts have been simple painting, coloring, and collages. The monkeys came together to make a group

snowman they finger painted and brush painted. As we head through February we will continue with the collaborations as it helps the children learn to take turns, share, and bond. The monkey's craft projects will include making hats, gloves, and scarves.

Valentines will be focused on the second week and a "big

and small" theme the final week in February. As always a change of clothes and winter gear is appreciated! Thanks!



A Word from the Fishy Pond— Toddler Room

January was a month of changes for the Fishies. We said good-bye to Miss Joy and wished her well as she continues her education. We also said good-bye for now to Miss Jess. It will be exciting to see Lucas and to have Miss Jess back in the spring!

Along with good-byes, we said

hello to Miss Linda and Miss Cortney. We are having so much fun getting to know your wonderful children!

February will find us learning about friends, co-operation, flowers, and feelings. We will spend many days learning and exploring.



Valentine's Day brings

many fun craft activities and the opportunity to learn the "heart" shape.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to see me anytime!

Paw Prints from the Puppies and Kittens— Preschool Room



Brrr! We hope everyone is staying warm during our cold winter season! We have been staying warm playing in our classroom and in our motor skills room, although we look forward to getting back outside each day as warmer weather sets in. We have had the chance to play outside in the snow a few times this month and

we're going to continue to attempt to go out as often as we can so please remember to double-check your child's cubby for heavy coats, mittens, and hats! Thank you!

We had some fun winter weeks in January as we learned about polar bears and penguins! We also opened our new science center in

our classroom! February will bring just as much fun with our friends week, preparing for our Valentine's Day party, and our feelings week! We'd like to give a warm welcome to Mason as he makes his transition to his new puppy room from the fishy room.

The Bee Hive and The Bear's Den- Pre-K Rooms

Well, January has flown by and February has arrived. Hopefully, spring comes as quickly! The Bee's and Bear's have learned a lot this past month. We learned all about different kinds of animals. The children discussed the difference between mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, and amphibians. They also spent some time distinguishing between living and non-living things. F, A, and Z were our

letters for the month.

February's theme is "Construction Zone." The children will spend time building things, using tools, and talking about different kinds of machines. We will focus on letters B, M, and R.

Please remember to send warm coats, hats, mittens, snow pants, and boots for

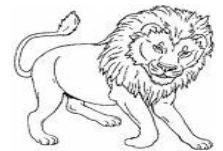
those rare days that we get the chance to play outside. Please feel free to keep an extra set right in your child's cubby so that you don't have to cart those things back and forth. Thanks!



The Eagles— School Age Room

The month of February is going to be a fun one. The eagles will be talking about family, friendship, and Valentine's. Parents, if you could please send in family pictures with your kids, that would be great! Also, Friday, February

12th will be our Valentine's Day party after school. Feel free to send in snacks and Valentines. There are 12 students in our class and I'll be sending home a class list. Thank you!



Lions — School Age Room

Well our first month of our New Year has been filled with lots of fun and excitement. We made our New Year Resolutions, planned a monthly goal for all to help in our community and wrote a new year poem for our bringing in the New Year week. For our week of "What lives

in the cold?" we learned about polar bears, igloos, Eskimos, and we even made a marshmallow snowman snack. For our week of "What lives in the dry?" we learned about cactus plants, deserts, camels, and even snakes. And finally during our week of Chinese New Year we have

started making Chinese lanterns, designed and drew our own dragons, and we are working on our "Guess who is what?" as well as our Chinese animal chart. Our next month will be just as fun filled but with lots more experiments that the kids can share at home.

Dear Families,

The school age children at Abide in the Vine Child Care Center have made a New Year's resolution they need your help with. They have decided to collect different items for a different charitable group within the community every month.

The specific charities for each month are listed below, with the items they so greatly need. You may donate an item for any charity ahead of time and we will keep it until the specific month it is needed.

Please drop off items in the Lion's school age room with Miss Kathy. She will also be available for any questions.

The community thanks you for all your help and support.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Charity</u>	<u>Items Needed</u>
Feb & Mar	Rural Ministries	soups, toilet paper, lotion sanitizer, soap
April	Cortland Nursing Home	yarn, crochet needles, board games, card games
May	Stray Haven via Owego Pennysaver	dog food and cat food
June	Libraries	books
August	Abide African Orphanage	markers, crayons

Recipe of the Month

Ham and Potato Soup

3 1/2 cups peeled and diced potatoes	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup diced celery	1 teaspoon ground white or black pepper
1/3 cup finely chopped onion	5 Tbsp butter
3/4 cup diced cooked ham	5 Tbsp all-purpose flour
3 1/4 cups water	2 cups milk
2 Tbsp chicken bouillon granules	

Combine potatoes, celery, onion, ham and water in a stockpot. Bring to a boil, then cook over medium heat until potatoes are tender, about 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in the chicken bouillon, salt, and pepper.

In a separate saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat. Whisk in flour with a fork and cook, stirring constantly until thick, about 1 minute. Slowly stir in milk as not to allow lumps to form until all of the milk has been added. Continue stirring over med-low heat until thick, 4-5 minutes.

Stir the milk mixture into the stockpot, and cook soup until heated through. Serve immediately.

February Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 tuna sandwich bread tropical fruit diced carrots	2 Meatloaf mashed potatoes sliced peaches wheat bread & butter	3 French Toast sticks sausage links hash browns applesauce syrup	4 macaroni & cheese green beans pears	5 chicken nuggets hot broccoli pineapple wheat bread & butter
8 ham & cheese sandwich wheat bread cucumbers & dip applesauce	9 pb&j sandwich wheat bread sliced peppers & cauliflower & dip mandarin oranges	10 macaroni & cheese green beans tropical fruit	11 English Muffin individual pizzas tossed salad apples	12 chicken salad pita raw broccoli & dip mandarin oranges
15 pb&j sandwich sliced peppers & cauliflower & dip mandarin oranges	16 grilled cheese vegetable soup hot peas apricots	17 tuna sandwich tropical fruit diced carrots	18 cheese tortellini in meat sauce tossed salad sliced peaches	19 ham & cheese sandwich cucumbers & dip applesauce
22 deli plate cucumbers wheat bread & butter apricots	23 English Muffin individual pizzas tossed salad apples	24 pasta with meat sauce mixed veggies tropical fruit bread & butter	25 cheeseburger tator tots hot green beans pineapple	26 chicken salad pita raw broccoli & dip mandarin oranges

Dates To Remember!!

Feb. 5th– half day for Owego students

Feb. 15th– no school for Owego students

*All lunches are served with 1% milk.

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www.abideccc.org

