



The Penguin Monthly Newsletter

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Through this monthly newsletter, we will be highlighting the upcoming themes and activities for our little Penguins. We will be having an exciting and adventurous month through these themes:

Themes of the Month:

1. Teeth
2. Valentines & Friendships
3. The Works of Laura Numeroff
4. Dr. Seuss


Books:

- How Many Teeth by Paul Showers
- I Love You, Little One by Nancy Tafuri
- If You Give A Mouse A Cookie by Laura Numeroff
- The Cat In The Hat and Dr. Seuss' ABC Book

Teeth

The Penguins will have a fun month learning about teeth! Even though some of the Infants do not even have any teeth yet!

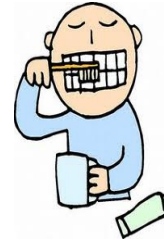
We will count our teeth and will look in our mouth to see

if any new teeth will be appearing! 

The Penguins will enjoy reading How Many Teeth which will be about how we start out with no teeth and how important it is to take care of our small pearly whites. Also, we will look at Smile! and we will see pictures of other babies' teeth.

Our teachers will give us something interesting to explore: a toothbrush! We will talk about how we brush our teeth and the babies can imitate.

We will play a fun game called "Blanket Roll." This will encourage the children to practice rolling over to their destination. Also, another game will be "Crunchy or soft? We will feel the texture of the life cereal which is crunchy and rice cereal which is soft.



Parent Reminders

Please make sure that you label your child's bottles with their FIRST and LAST name and date. This is a licensing requirement.

THANKS!

Please remember to sign your child IN and OUT on the sign in sheet on the door.

THANK YOU!

Valentine's Day and Friendship

The Penguins will be enjoying warm, fuzzy feelings this month because we will talk about the Valentine's holiday and being friends!

We will practice giving "nice touches" on our baby dolls and how to be kind and gentle with our friends.

The older Penguins will practice blowing kisses during our goodbyes.

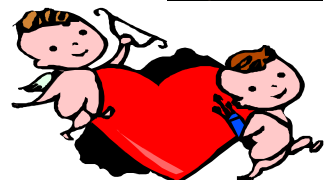
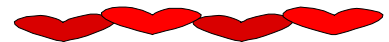
We will read some nice books about love and Valentine's Day. One will be, Where Is Baby's Valentine? Which have flaps to lift and shiny textures to feel. Also, we will read, I Love You, Little One, which is about mommy animals and their babies.

We will enjoy the activity "Rolling Balls to Each Other." For this game, we will learn each others names and will interact with our friends. We will pass a colorful ball from one baby to another while we will play. This game will help us recognize names.

In a music and movement activity, the Penguins will dance to the songs "Barney's", "Friendship", and a Spanish song, "Beso es un Kiss."

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Infants
and
Toddlers
are
welcome
to
attend
all
activities

The Works of Laura Numeroff

This week the Penguins will read some clever stories by the author, Laura Numeroff.

She is best known for her book, If You Give A Mouse A Cookie. We will enjoy reading that book and also will like If You Give A Pig A Pancake, which is silly! In keeping with our cookie theme, we will listen to the "Cookie Monster Song", "C is for Cookie" and will practice saying "cookie."

The Infants will also put on their chef hats and will cook up a storm with their play bowls, spoons, and cups. We will pretend to make pancakes and stir the spoons inside the bowls. Another fun activity we will be trying a string to a spoon and connect it to our table chair during lunch time. We will toss the spoon over the edge and then will pull it back up! We also will practice feeding ourselves with the spoons.



Dr. Seuss

What a wild, crazy, silly, zany month the Penguins will have listening to the clever stories of Dr. Seuss!

To increase our language, we will enjoy reading The Cat In The Hat about a mischievous cat that gets into trouble. After reading The Cat In The Hat, we will practice putting on hats!

We will enjoy putting on our own socks after reading Fox In Socks. Another book we will read is Dr. Seuss' ABC Book and we will sing the ABC song.

The Penguins will practice their fine motor skills by picking up toy fish and putting them into a basket. Then, we will dump them out and we will do it again! We will play "One Fish, Two Fish" and even will eat some goldfish crackers that we count! Another game will be "Pushing Cars." We will collect all of our colorful toy cars and will practice pushing them on the floor. We will also talk about the noises that a car makes such as, "vroom!" and "beep, beep!"



Art Project: We will be engaging in messy art this month to explore and utilize new materials and textures!



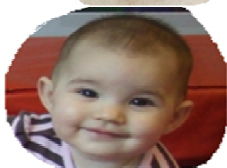
The Penguins are Really Growing!



Harlee enjoys crawling around the room!



Caden likes to pull himself in to a standing position!



Sophia will have her 1st birthday on Wednesday, February 15th!



Macey coos and "talks" back to her teachers!



Sacha is scooting backwards around the room!



Zoe shows wonderful smiles while her teachers talk to her!



Joshua is walking independently around the room! He is visiting his friends in the Toddler classroom!