



## February Newsletter 2017

### Tumbleweeds

January was a very exciting month. As the Tumbleweeds welcomed in the New Year, we also welcomed in new babies and teachers. While January was a time for change and new adventures, February will be all about taking care of ourselves and being kind. Expect to see more tummy time and silly smiles as the month goes on. ~ Miss Tyler, Miss Summer, Miss Amy, and Miss Diamond

### Bluebirds

We learned some exciting new nursery rhymes in January. Itsy Bitsy Spider, Rock a bye baby, and Mary Had a Little Lamb to name a few. We are also working hard on our sign language. Please feel free to ask when you do not know what your child is trying to tell you. We will be learning all about how to take care of ourselves and Valentines Day this month. We are excited to learn with you! ~ Miss Amberly, Miss Yavely, Miss Aracely, Miss Celeste

### Wolves

One month down, eleven more to go! We wolves have learned so much this month! We learned all about our favorite nursery rhymes and about the colors silver and white! We are so excited to see what February has in store for us! We will be having our Valentines Day party on Feb. 14th during snack time. Also a little reminder to take home art and blankets every Friday. Please label all winter accessories and jackets. Any jackets or winter accessories not picked up on Friday will be moved to lost and found. Wolves teachers have changed and little bit. Miss Kacidee is now morning for little wolves. Miss Corinne and Miss Kelly will be afternoon. Miss Mariela is now lead. Miss Erika will still be full time with big wolves. Have a great February everyone. ~ Miss Mariela, Miss Erika, Miss Kacidee, Miss Corrine, Miss Kelly

### Rattlesnakes

Hello Rattlesnakes families! I'm sure you've noticed some new faces teacher wise in our classroom. Miss Eden is our new lead and is also full time, coming to us from the Foxes classroom. For the Purple Rattlesnakes, we have Miss Kamrynn. We will be talking about everything from dressing ourselves, to washing our hands, to feeding our bodies healthy food. We go outside now matter the weather, so dress those kiddos for the cold when necessary! Happy February everyone! ~ Miss Eden, Miss Kamrynn, Miss Cyndi, Miss Maggie



### Director's Corner

We use language to express our intentions, describe our feelings, and understand the ideas of others. It's a skill that can easily be taken for granted, yet as a parent, you have the privilege of watching the stunning language growth that occurs from birth through a child's early years.

**Word knowledge is among the most critical pieces of language development.** Children who acquire a substantial vocabulary are often able to think more deeply, express themselves better, and learn new things more quickly. They are also very likely to be successful not only learning to read, but also in reading at or above grade level throughout their school years. Research shows that children who reach school age with smaller vocabularies, less depth in prior knowledge and background experiences, and fewer experiences with hearing stories and exploring with print are more likely to have significant problems in learning to read. We know now that if we boost children's language and literacy experiences early in life, later difficulties can be alleviated or even avoided.

#### TIPS TO HELP

Building up your child's vocabulary: Read to your child on a daily basis

Expanding what your child says and being a model for good grammar

Teaching your child social language (e.g. please, thankyou): This helps to develop conversational skills and social communication and is important for both behavior and also building up friendships.

Grab a complex Vocabulary word list and see how many new words you can introduce to your child in 2017

#### Foxes

Thank you parents for showing so much patients with us while we improve our school. It was sad to see Miss Mikayla leave, but we are excited to see her progress in her field of study. The foxes have been enjoying the playground with Miss Eden and her new rattlesnakes class. We are very happy to see her grow in our school and become a lead teacher. We welcome Miss Cassie as the new red foxes teacher.

#### Mustangs

Hello Mustang families! Only 7 months away from entering kindergarten?! There are still many ways you can help prepare your child. Reading to your child for 20 minutes minimum is the most beneficial task you can do for just that. This month we will be learning about nutrition and dental health. We will have many fun activities incorporated in our classroom. Thanks for all your interest in abcmouse.com. If you have any questions about it let us know! ~ Sincerely, Miss Tausha, Miss Shannon, Miss Cate, Miss Jaci, and Miss Keegan

#### Kindergarten

Happy February Kindergarten Families! Once again the month has just flown by. We have been kindergarteners for 100 days! This month we will continue reviewing our sight words, building word families, and practicing our writing skills. In math, we have been reviewing number words and number values, and this month we are beginning to build and identify patterns. We have also been learning about winter animals and their habitats. Ask your kindergartener which animal hibernate and which animals migrate. Looking forward to a fabulous February! ~ Mrs. Tate

#### Tips for Nutrition and wellness

Encourage children to be active and play everyday

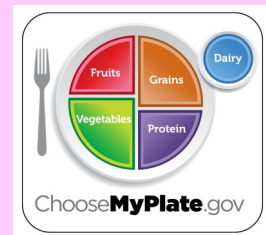
Allow children to plenty of time outside to explore

Offer and encourage children to eat fruits vegetables, grains, protein and dairy

Avoid having fatty and sugar filled foods in the house

Set good examples by eating healthy

When preparing meals refer to the "Choose My Plate.gov" for proper serving amounts



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>PJ Day!</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 <i>Crazy hair day</i>	10	11
12	13	14 <i>Valentines Day Party! Wear pink</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Presidents</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Spirit Day</i>	25
26	27	28				

#### Sponge Painting

\*Cut sponges into different sized heart shapes.

\*Have children dip the sponges

