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Parent Newsletter

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School Calendar Now ONLINE

Go to the School of Imagination website at

www.schoolofimagination.org

Click on **School**, and click on **School Calendar**

Keep updated on important news, school events and schedule changes. 😊

Parent Advisory Council Meeting

The Parent Advisory Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm at Happy Talkers offices. We invite new and returning parents to attend.

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PLEASE NOTE: Classroom doors open 5 min. before class so teachers can prep their classrooms. Please wait outside the classroom if you arrive too early.

After class, there is a 5 min. Grace Period for parents to pick up their children. After the Grace Period, parents will be charged \$1/min.

Updates from Your SOI Classrooms

Mrs. Von Bergen's-K1 News

Can you believe that it is already February? Before you know it, it will be June! This coming month is filled with fun activities for the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. The stomach bug has been floating around so please make sure your child is getting enough rest, eating healthy, and washing their hands frequently!!

We are continuing our unit of study, "Writer's write for many Purposes." We have just finished writing different kinds of lists. A great way to practice writing is to have your child write your grocery list for you! I think it would be great if you wrote a letter to your child, sent it to school for them to read it and write you back. After writing letters, we will work on writing how-to's.

Valentine's Day is Wednesday, February 14th. We will be having a small celebration on that day. There is a sign up sheet in this week's Friday folder. If your child would like to pass out valentines to their classmates, they need to bring in 37 because both classes will be here since it is a Wednesday. They do not write individual names on the cards. They only need to sign their name on the valentine. This makes passing out the cards much easier on the class.

On Tuesday, February 20th, we will be going on a field trip to the play. If you have not returned your field trip permission slip, please do so next week. If you signed up to be a chaperone, I will let you know next week if you will be going. We had several volunteers so I will have to draw names out of a hat this time. Also, the field trip is on a Tuesday this time, which means all kinders will come from 8:15-11:40. Please make sure

your child wears our green field trip t-shirt.

There will be no school on the following dates in February:

President's Day – February 16th and 19th;
Field Trip – February 20th (ALL Kinders 8:15-11:40);

Science – I am looking for one parent to come help with Science on Wednesdays from 9:40-10:15. If you can volunteer please email me. Thank you to Cindy Lee for helping every Wednesday for the first part of the school year!!

100th DAY!! The 100th Day of school is getting close! Please make sure that your child's 100's day collections projects are turned in on Monday, February 5th. I would like to have them on display for the 100th day on February 9th. This does not need to be an elaborate project. It is a project that should be done mainly by the student. It can be as simple as a plastic baggy full of 100 cotton balls that is labeled. You and your child can be as creative as you would like. They are all wonderful projects when they are hanging up in the room. We are looking forward to seeing you on Friday, February 9th from 12:15-1:15 for our 100th day activities!!

Happy Birthday to David Abdelmalek on February 26th!

I need your help! We will be doing a project with fruit loops on that day. I am looking for 4 boxes of fruit loops. If you can bring in one box, please email me and let me know it is on the way. We will need them by Thursday, February 8th.
THANK YOU!!!

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Ms. Gayli's Preschool: 4-5 Class

January flew by! The children loved experiencing winter through sensory activities, art and science. Making snow, blizzards in a bottle and exploring blocks of ice with salt and water were all a big hit with the children. In social studies we learned about the Festival of Kites in India, Martin Luther King, and Chinese New Year. We talked about healthy habits and the children made doctor's bags and their own toothpaste!

In February we will be celebrating Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Black History

Month. Groundhog Day will give us an opportunity to learn how shadows are made and in addition to President's Day we will start exploring money; pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters.

Please save your milk cartons and bring them to school no later than Friday, February 6th, as Dawn (Tyler's mom), will be preparing them so the children can make mail boxes for their Valentine cards (A.M. & P.M. Classes).

Valentine's Parties: A.M. Class – 11:00 A.M. Friday, February 13th; P.M. Class – 3:30 P.M. Friday, February 13th.

Parents are invited to the party and are asked to bring finger foods for the potluck. Each child should bring Valentine's cards to exchange with their friends. The A.M. class currently has 12 students and the P.M. class has 6 students. Do not address the cards, just have your child sign their name. This will make it easier for them to distribute their cards in the mail boxes. Due to children with restricted diets, just cards are preferable for the exchange.

Thank you so much for the donations of blue painter's tape, white computer paper, large crayons and party supplies!!!

Ms. Chrissy's Preschool :2-3 Class

Welcome to our class! I am so excited to have a place where we can share information about what your children are doing in class. The month of February will be full of love. We are going to be talking about the various things that we love and the reasons why we love them. We are also going to finish our section on polar animals. Last month we learned that polar bears eat

fish and we got to see real bunny rabbits.

Thursday Feb 12th and Friday Feb 13th we will be having Valentine Day Parties. YAH!

Don't forget that we will still be having sharing on Thursdays and Fridays look on the calendar to see what letter we are on.

NO SCHOOL- MONDAY FEB 16

If you plan on returning to SOI, please fill out and return the reenrollment forms no later than 2/28/09. Looking forward to seeing you at the school.

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Ms. Azi's Stepping Stones Class

Last month's theme of "Imaginary Play" was a HUGE success! Each of your children did a fantastic job using their imaginations to make boxes into spaceships, shoes and bear caves and sticks into bean stalks and snakes. We also used purple crayons to take a trip to the zoo in our helicopters, cars and buses and the whole class had a great time playing "It's raining!" as ice cream, ladybugs and binoculars rained on top of our heads!

Please continue to work on imaginary play with your child at home and be sure to ask them to describe what they are doing while they are using their imaginations. Through imaginary play our class was given even more

opportunities to interact and involve one another in their play. Thank you in advance for helping to keep these skills familiar to our students since this will help them to continue to grow in their social development.

Monthly Theme. Our students are in for another exciting month filled with games, a cooking project, a Valentine's Day party and a field trip. Through this month's theme "Community Helpers" we will expand our imaginary play skills by moving on to role playing. We will be learning about community helpers such as police officers, chefs, doctors and grocers through role playing games, art activities and group projects. If our beautiful "spring-like" weather continues we will end the month off with a field trip to the Dublin Library on the 28th to learn first hand about

librarians.

Important Dates:

Thursday February 12th—Stepping Stones Valentine's Day Party
Monday February 16th—School of Imagination is Closed
Tuesday February 17th—Cooking Project: Fruit Salad- Please have your child bring their favorite fruit to eat
Thursday February 26th—Field Trip to the Dublin Library PLEASE PICK YOUR CHILD UP AT THE DUBLIN LIBRARY ON CIVIC CENTER DRIVE (across the street from Sierra Court) AT 4:30PM.

Questions or concerns?

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