

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

### THIS MONTH

Our storytelling each month has become a favorite of the children in both classes! After we've read several different versions of each story, I'm amazed at how many small details they are able to pull out as we compare same and different. In February we will be exploring the story "Little Red Riding Hood".



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Feb. 2nd Enrichment Friday
Feb. 8th NO SCHOOL
Professional Development/
Parent Teacher Conferences
Feb. 13th Valentine Celebration

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 12th Luke Feb. 15th Becca



It's OK to be Sad, Mad, and Scared

### RECYLABLES

Please collect the following recyclable items this month:

Yogurt/Pudidng Cups (rinsed out please)



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### MHY PLAY??

#### CREATIVITY UNLEASHED: THE JOURNEY OF PROCESS ART

Process art is a creative method that emphasizes the act of making art, the exploration of materials, and the journey of discovery, rather than focusing on a finished product. In process art, the experience of creation and the learning that happens along the way are prioritized over the aesthetic outcome. It encourages individual expression, innovation, and creativity.

#### **BOOSTS MOTOR DEVELOPMENT**

Manipulating art materials like paint brushes, scissors, and glue helps children develop their fine motor skills, which are crucial for tasks like writing and other important life skills.



## NOURISHES CREATIVITY AND SELF-EXPRESSION

Children experiment freely with colors, shapes, and textures in a way that reflects their unique personalities and perspectives.

## BOOSTS SELF-ESTEEM AND CONFIDENCE

As children steer their own creative journey, they experience a sense of achievement, thereby fostering self-assuredness and positive self-perception.



#### IMPROVES FOCUS AND SELF-REGULATION

Art can be therapeutic for children.
It is intrinsically motivated and provides a safe avenue to express feelings and emotions that may be difficult to verbalize





## SPARKS IMAGINATION AND SYMBOLIC THINKING

As children make choices about materials and techniques, they're practicing decision-making, problemsolving, critical thinking skills and expressing abstract ideas.

Encourage your child's creativity byembracing process art—it's more than just acreative outlet, it's a learning journey. Remember, the "mess" is a beautiful map of exploration and discovery, pivotal to their growth and development.

"ALL THE BEST IDEAS COME OUT OF THE PROCESS; THEY COME OUT OF THE WORK ITSELF."

CHUCK CLOSE

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