

## • • • February 2025 • • •



We love February! Even though it's still very cold, we're warmed by the friendships we've made and look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day. Plan to send 8 generic Valentine's (please do not label them for individual children) on February 13th. We will make bags for them in class earlier in the week.



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## WHY WE PLAY

## • • • For Innovation • • •

Innovation is the greatest resource of our time. The most successful doctors, business leaders, teachers, technology giants, parents, engineers (and on and on and on) stand out because of their ability to do things differently.

They are able to see and create something that didn't exist before.



When children are allowed to imagine, create, and direct their play, they are innovating -- creating something new that didn't exist before.

When children play, they answer their own questions and collaborate creatively with friends. "What could I do right now?"



"How can I get my friends to play too?" "Where is the best place to play?" "How can I make a fort from what I have?" Play helps children to think outside of the box, create, collaborate, problem-solve, and become innovators today and in the future.

Famed child development theorist Jean Piaget stated that "Play is the answer to how anything new comes about."

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