

Creative Preschool Newsletter

January / February 2015

Message from the Director

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We here at Creative hope that the Holidays were wonderful for you and your family and that 2015 entered with peace and joy.

As I write this newsletter all of the children have returned to Creative after the long holiday break and are very happily readjusting! It is rewarding to see the children skip or run with exuberance into school after being away for so long (and we all know 2 weeks is an eternity to young children!) If only school will always bring such joy!

January and February will be busy months here at Creative. The children will be participating in winter activities, usually indoors, as the cold winter months are upon us! We will be preparing for VIP Day, held this year on February 16 this year, as well.

Look for Progress Reports to come home the week of January 12. Please remember to sign and return the ENTIRE report in the provided envelope. Please request a phone or conference meeting with your child's teacher if you have questions, concerns, or need clarification about your child's progress.

2014 has been a year of many blessing for our Creative Preschool family. It is our hope that 2015 continues the trend and we all enjoy happy times that create beautiful memories!

REMINDER!!! NO SCHOOL DAYS:

- January 19 - Martin Luther King Day
- January 22 - In Service Day
- February 16 - President's Day



News from Threes

Happy New Year! We will start the month of January off exploring – through discussion, activities, and art – the cold weather months of winter and the changes we see in nature. We have been evaluating your child's progress since the start of school. You will receive a written evaluation report the middle of January. Please sign and return it. If you have any questions or concerns, indicate your preference for a conference or phone call on this form. Please never hesitate to talk with your child's teacher at any time, however—we are always here to confer and help in any way!

We will begin the month of February by preparing for VIP Day, which will take place on February 15. A participation form will come home in January—we ask that you fill out this form and return it as soon as possible so that we can prepare for those attending. An invitation will be coming home, too, with a suggested arrival time. Please see that your child's special guest receives this. VIP Day is always a fun day for all!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 11 for the M-W classes and Thursday, February 12 for the T-TH class. Your child may bring Valentines and/or a small treat to school to pass out to their friends. Please do not address the envelopes, as no names make for easier "mail delivery".

News from Fours

Happy New Year! We hope 2015 is filled with many blessings for you all! We enjoyed our break, but it is



so good to see the smiling faces of each of your children as they return!

With winter fully upon us, during the month of January we will be participating in activities which are with snowy-themed. Magnets and the properties of magnetism will be introduced and explored, as well.

The children will be learning to recognize their last names in print and over the next few months they will be learning to recognize and recite their address – both "house number" and "street name". Please begin to repeatedly recite your address with your child now. If not already doing so, all of the children will be writing their name on their work. Again, practice at home will be helpful. Remember to refer to the letter formation sheet sent home at the beginning of the year so correct habits can be formed.

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During the month of February we will be preparing for Valentine's Day, as well. Valentine parties will be on February 12 and 13. The children will pass out Valentine cards/treats to their classmates on these days. PLEASE DO NOT PUT CLASSMATES' NAMES ON THE VALENTINES! Toward the end of February we will begin a unit on health and safety.

VOCABULARY AND CONCEPTS: magnetic, dissolve, sequence, freeze, melt, small, medium, large, texture, address, hibernate, pattern, rhyme

LETTERS: C, J, O, G, V, K, W, X

NUMBERS: review of 0-10, beginning the teens

News from Pre-K

Happy New Year to each of you! I wish you all many blessings in 2015! I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. It was good to have some time off; but it is also good to be together having fun again!

During the month of January, we will be participating in activities that deal with winter and snowy themes. Snowmen, mittens and hibernating animals are topics we will discuss and also create in Art. We will learn a little bit about Martin Luther King Jr., study magnets, and also begin our journey around the world. Towards the end of January, we will start to learn a bit about different places in other countries and then make Art related to the places we study. By the end of the year, we will have visited all seven continents. Progress reports will go home on Friday, January 16. Please remember to send back the ENTIRE signed report. If you have any questions or would like a conference, please let me know. I will call you and set up a conference date and time.

We will begin the month of February by preparing for VIP Day. This will take place on Sunday, February 15. Please look for information concerning VIP Day to come home soon. Please return the tear sheet at the bottom of this information to me as soon as possible. Look for an invitation to come home, as well, which should then be delivered to your child's special guest. Our Valentine Party will be on Friday, February 13. The children will pass out Valentines/treats to their classmates. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT CLASSMATES' NAMES ON THE VALENTINES!**



will be learning about, Paul Klee, was not only a painter and a graphic artist, but he was also a musician. From his love of music at a very young age came his love of art. Paul Klee's art was fun, using line and color. Your young artists will listen to and "feel" Ravel's *Bolero* while they make a continuous line drawing. Then they will use brightly colored paint to fill in white space. Look for these masterpieces to appear in the Art Gallery in February.

During February the children will work on recognizing and reciting their addresses - both house number and street name. Please practice this with your child at home. We will also discuss Ground Hog Day, the Chinese New Year, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; and we will begin a unit on health, safety and dental health.

VOCABULARY AND CONCEPTS: magnetic, dissolve, estimate, hibernate, evaporate, address, continents, north, south, east and west directions

LETTERS: C, J, O, K, V, W, X, G

NUMBERS: We will begin the teen numbers.

News from Friday Friends

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year! Upon our return to school we will explore the changes we see in nature during this season of Winter. The theme of our Art projects will be Winter-related, as well. I have been observing and working with each child as much as possible during the last weeks in order to evaluate their progress. An evaluation will be sent home January 16. Please sign and return the ENTIRE report! If you have any questions or concerns, indicate your preference for a conference or phone call on this form. Please never hesitate to talk with me at any time, however—I am always available to help in any way! FF will celebrate Valentine Day on February 13. Your child may bring a valentine and/or small treat for their classmates. Please only put your child's name on their Valentine card, NOT the names of the classmates. It makes "mail delivery" much easier! VIP day is February 15. Please look for a participation form to come home by the end of January and return the form as soon as possible afterward!

News from Motor Skills and Music

Now that winter is officially is here, we will be having some wintertime fun in Motor Skills. Be sure to ask your child how they make it snow, ice skate, and have a snowball fight -- all indoors! Snow is cold but we'll keep our bodies warm with an obstacle course, relay races and some fun "island" music and dances like the calypso and the limbo. How low can you go? In Music, we have had a great time learning about the percussion family of the orchestra. In January, we will be exploring music from different countries around the world and introducing the other instrument 'families' of the orchestra - brass, strings and woodwinds.



News from Art

I will not be meeting with your children again until the beginning of February for Special Art, but when we meet we will definitely be doing something special! The artist we

VIP Day

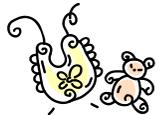
VIP Day, February 15, is a day set aside for the children to bring a Very Important Person --usually someone who may not get to participate in their daily school routine!--to school. This might be Dad, Mom or someone else special. Your child and their guest will share some time at school in the classrooms, make a themed craft, enjoy a snack together, and get their picture taken. Please mark this day on your calendar. Parent Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, serve snacks and with picture taking. If you are able to help, please contact Allison Kathman at 251-9331 or allikathman@hotmail.com

VIP Day Arrival Times

1:00	MW	AM	Mrs. Brothers
	MWF	AM	Mrs. Goertemoeller
1:30	MW	PM	Mrs. Brothers
	MWF	AM	Mrs. McGowan
2:00	MWF	PM	Mrs. Johnson
2:30	Friday	Friends	Mrs. Docter
	TTH	AM	Mrs. Fleming
3:00	TTH	AM	Mrs. Ewry
	TTHF	PM	Mrs. Fleming

Welcome Future Creative Preschoolers!

Congratulations to the Smith family who welcomed baby Julia into their arms and hearts on December 26! Congratulations to Mommy Marie, Daddy Brandon, and to a very happy big sister, Olivia, in Mrs. Johnson's class!



Board Meeting

The January board meeting is Tuesday, January 13th @ 7:00. All are welcome to attend.

Carnival

Mark your calendars for the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival on Saturday, May, 16, 2015, and be sure to "like" our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival! We are sure Santa was good to your children, so if you are cleaning out the old to make room for the new, please consider donating your gently used (or new!) toys and stuffed animals. Any donations can be dropped off in Mrs. DePaoli's office. We are beginning to seek donations of food items (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, drinks, etc.) for the day of the Carnival as well as donations for our gift baskets. Last year many local business and families generously contributed to the success of our Carnival by contributing gift certificates, gift items, etc.. for our raffle baskets! If you or someone you know might be able to contribute, please contact Amy Huwel (amyhuwel@yahoo.com) or Lauren DeFranco (laurendepaoli@yahoo.com).

Registration for 2014-2015

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION BEGAN ON JANUARY 5!!!



Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal facebook pages that Creative is now registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2015-2016 school year!

Creative Preschool registration for **FIRST TIME ENROLLING** families began January 5. Families may register their child(ren) by making 2 class time choices and by turning in their completed registration forms and the \$100 registration fee. *Forms will be numbered in the order that they are received.* **AFTER** current and returning families have registered and been assigned to a class, which will be completed by February 1 (see below), new students will be assigned to their first or second choice class, if available, in numbered order. Registration fees will be refunded only if families do not receive their first or second choice for class day/time and choose to withdraw.

Priority Registration for **CURRENT AND RETURNING** families for the 2015-2016 school year will take place in January, too. Beginning January 12 Priority Registration packets will be sent home **ONLY** to current 3 year olds. Others can get one from the office that week. Please remember that PreK is intended for children who are older and/or ready for more academic challenge and structure than our Four Year Old classes provide and no child will be accepted into PreK without recommendation and signature of the current year teacher. Children who are not yet 4 years of age by September 30 of 2015 and wish to be accepted into the 4s program will be accepted only upon teacher or director recommendation, as well.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PRIORITY REGISTRATION STATUS, FORMS MUST BE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 PM ON JANUARY 30!

All registration information and forms are available at our website: www.creativepreschoolcincinnati.com.