

## Message from Mrs. Tepe



It may be cold and dreary outside but the minute you step in our doors you feel the warmth! With our Valentine's celebrations this month we are focusing on celebrating the love and friendship we all share at Creative. Seeing everyone's smiles when you come in the doors warms our hearts! This surely is a 'Happy Place' full of many things that warm our hearts. Thank you for all you do each day as you raise wonderful little people who cherish friendships and spread happiness!

Friendly reminder, the children will be participating in winter activities, usually indoors, as the cold months are upon us. However, we like to take advantage of warmer days when we get them. Please make sure they always have warm coats with them! We do try to make it outside whenever possible!

Registration for the 2023-2024 is in full swing. If you have forgotten to register and need registration papers just let me know. Also, if you know someone who is interested in Creative Preschool, please encourage them to call or email. Thank you for spreading the word to your friends and family! For those who have already turned in registration paperwork, class placement letters will be sent out beginning on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. These families have a deadline of February 11<sup>th</sup> to request changes.

## Progress Reports

The week of February 6th you will receive an email with the link to your child's progress report. Also, in your child's cubby you will find your child's Progress Report Parent Review Sheet. **Please remember to send back the review sheet with your child's name and your signature promptly to your teacher.** Please indicate, by checking the box on the sign off sheet, if you would like a conference. Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time to talk or meet. If you have any questions before Feb 6<sup>th</sup> regarding placement for your child next year and registration, please reach out to your teacher and or Mrs. Tepe.

## A message from the Board President

### **Interested in Joining the Board?**

We have several Board positions we need to fill for the 2023-2024 school year. If you would like more information regarding these positions or have any questions, please contact Erin Lind at [creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com](mailto:creativepreschoolparentboard@yahoo.com)

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



### JANUARY

2/10	Valentines Party FF
2/13	Valentines Party- MW, MWF
2/14	Valentines Party-TTh, TThF
2/15	Tuition Due
2/20	President's Day/No School
2/22	Dino Dig MWF, MW
2/23	Dino Dig TH, TThF
3/4	Playground Cleanup

## News from Friday Friends



Happy Valentine's Day Families. This month we are going to talk about Valentine's Day and Friendships. We will explore magnets in our Science Center. We will talk about how magnets attract each other and how they can push each other away. Children will

demonstrate this attraction while magnet painting, using magnets and paperclips. The children will create a Bee my Valentine craft using heart shaped cut outs and markers. We will talk about people they love and who are important in their lives. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday Feb 10th. The children will take turns passing out their Valentine's to each child. We have 10 children in our class. During this month we will also talk about Dinosaurs and enjoy a visit from the Museum Center and their Dino Dig program. The children will also create their own dinosaur using paint and then dipping it in sand. We will talk about how the sand feels and liken it to scales that the dinosaurs could have had on their bodies.

### FRIDAY FRIEND'S MONTHLY FOCUS

Colors.....	Red and Pink
Numbers.....	1-4
Shapes.....	Hearts

## News from Three's



In the beginning of February, we will be making Valentine art projects to help decorate our houses. Our Valentine art projects will include making a bumble bee with a special message on its wings and a puppy using different colors and sizes of hearts. We will also be making a Valentine card for our parents. We

will be talking about magnets this month. We will be doing some experiments with magnets and doing a painting using magnets.

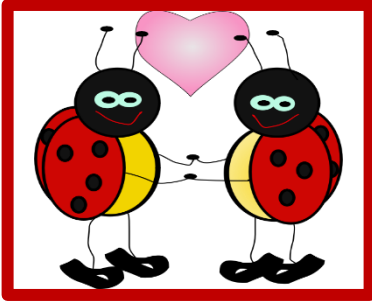
Later in the month we are going to be talking about dinosaurs. Dinosaurs will be in our classroom for us to play with. We will be making a couple art projects with dinosaurs. One of the dinosaur art projects will be using dinosaur stamps and painting them with different colors of paint and then stamping them onto our papers. We will also be practicing cutting by making small cuts on a green piece of paper and then gluing it onto a white piece of construction paper to make grass for our dinosaurs to walk on. For the other dinosaur art project the children will get to choose a dinosaur and paint it and then put the dinosaur in sand. On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> Cincinnati Museum Center is coming to our school and we are going to be doing a Dino Dig. This is going to be such a fun learning experience for all of us! The sensory table this month will have red, white, pink and purple pom poms in it. Hidden in the pom poms will be magnetic numbers 0-10. The children will find the numbers and then try to place them in numeric order on magnetic squares. At the Science Table the children will have the opportunity to use magnetic wands and determine if the items on the trays are magnetic or not magnetic.

**Please make a note of the Important Dates listed on Page 1.**

### THREE'S MONTHLY FOCUS

Colors.....	Red and Pink
Shapes.....	Hearts
Letters.....	Recognizing their name in print
Vocabulary...	Magnets, Dinosaurs.

## News from Four's



During the month of February, we will be preparing for Valentine's Day. Valentine parties will be on February 13 and 14. The children will pass out Valentine cards/treats to their classmates on these days. Please do not put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier "mail delivery."

Toward the end of February, we will begin a unit on health and safety. The week of February 20, we will have a visitor come to share Dino Day with us. In preparing for Dino Day the children will make a few Dino crafts to get them excited for our special visitor.

In addition to reviewing all of the skills introduced to date, during the month of February we will work specifically on the following: • Learning to recite our ADDRESS, both house number and street name. Please point out your street sign and house numbers and help your child to learn them. Repetition is the key! • Reinforcing rhyme: Please play rhyming games and play with rhyming words with your child. Perhaps you can choose books to read to your child which include rhyming words. Point out the words that rhyme. It is fun and educational to leave the second word, the one which rhymes blank, so that your child can predict or "read" that word in the sentence. • Story sequencing: please ask your child questions about what you read, including what happened first, what happened next, then what happened, and what happened last. These pre-reading skills are important for your child's development and practicing these skills in fun ways is most beneficial!

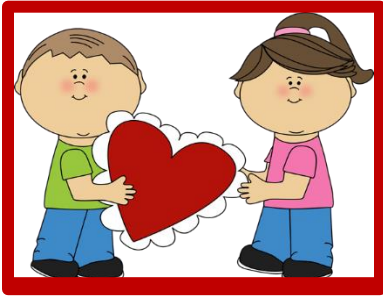
We will begin our health and safety unit. Earlier in the year the children learned about our senses, which included discussion and activities surrounding the use of their eyes (sight), nose (smell), ears (hearing), mouth and tongue (taste), and hands (touch). As we begin our unit on Health and Safety the week of February 27, we will be learning about other body parts, those we cannot see, and what those body parts do for us. We will learn about our heart and lungs, bones, muscles and brain. Our unit on Health will include discussion and activities which will help the children to understand and promote healthy habits, including eating habits, exercise, proper hand washing and dental hygiene. The children will have the opportunity to see real doctor's equipment and real pictures of bones (X-rays), as they engage in play by being a doctor or nurse in our doctor's office, which will be located in the Discovery Room the week of February 27. A Grocery Store will appear in the Activity Room that week as well, providing the opportunity for the children to shop and pay for healthy foods!

### FOUR'S MONTHLY FOCUS

<b>Letters...</b>	L, V, D, X
<b>Numbers...</b>	0-20
<b>Vocabulary...</b>	sequence, address, hibernate, pattern, rhyme



## **News from PreK**



We have an exciting month in PreK! We will start by creating something special that we will send through the mail as we learn about addresses and how the postal system works. We will spend all month (and the remainder of the school year!) mastering our addresses- both house number and

street. Please work with your child at home too because repetition is key! We will work this month on turning our letters into Lighthouses, Volcanoes, Dinosaurs and more for our alphabet books that will go home at the end of the year. Our Valentine Party will be on Monday, February 14. The children will pass out Valentines/treats to their classmates. Please **DO NOT** put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier “mail delivery”.

Later this month, we will start a new unit on dinosaurs and that will include a visit from the Museum Center for a “dino dig” activity.

Finally, we will end the month by beginning our health and safety unit. This will see our science room turn into a Doctor's office for fun and important dramatic play!

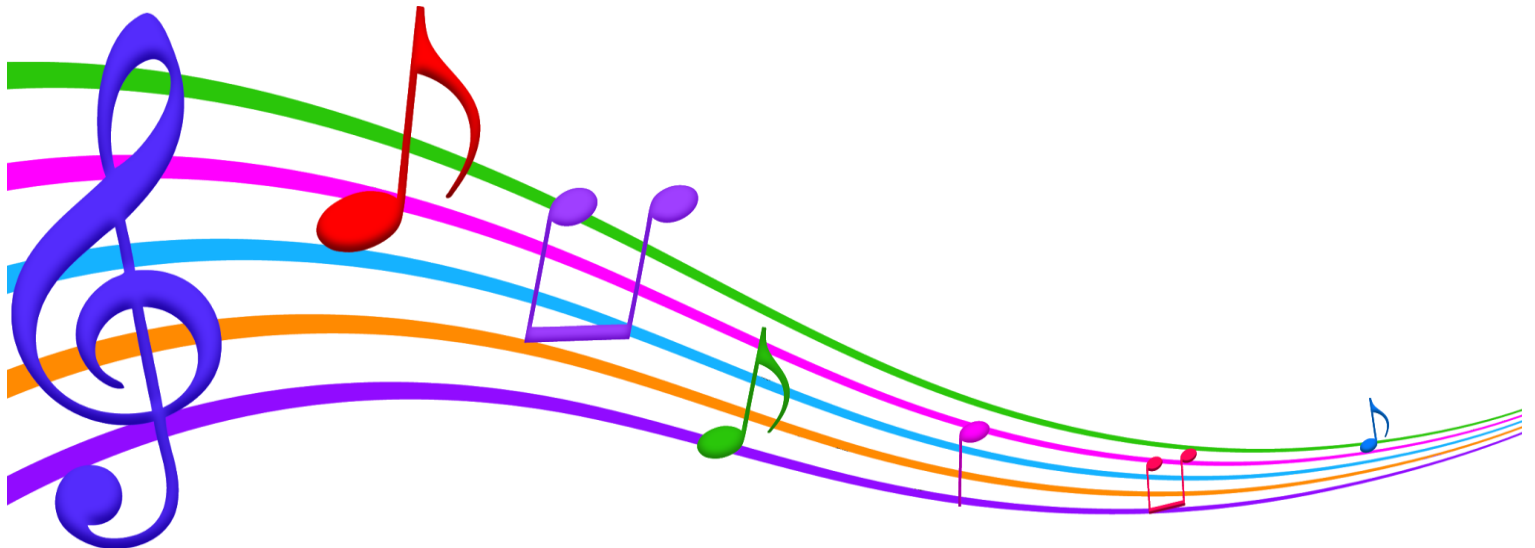
### **PREK MONTHLY FOCUS**

<b>Letters...</b>	L,V,D,X
<b>Numbers...</b>	0-20
<b>Vocabulary...</b>	Address, dissolve, carnivore, herbivore, prediction

## **News from Motor Skills and Music**

In the month of February, Ms. Keena will be here for yoga!

We will be working on special awareness, running, hopping, jumping games and other assorted large muscle fun! In Music with Ms. Hudak the children will be introduced to new assortment of instruments specifically for a marching band, pretend to be in a marching band and practice marching while playing instruments.





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## VIP Day



March 25<sup>th</sup> is VIP 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 can help, please contact Erin Lind at [linderin@yahoo.com](mailto:linderin@yahoo.com)

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## Playground Cleanup

Mark your calendar for the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 13, 2023, and be sure to "like" our Facebook page at [facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival](https://facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival)

We are sure Santa was good to your children, so if you are cleaning out 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. Tepe's office.

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## Inclement Weather

In the case of inclement weather, Creative will **follow Oak Hills School.**

### **Oak Hills Delay-**

- Creative's morning classes will be CANCELED.
- Afternoon classes will begin on schedule.

### **Oak Hills Closed-**

- Creative will be closed
- Delays and Closings are also posted to the Creative Preschool Facebook page.



## CHILD HELPER DAYS

### What Do I Do on Child Helper Days

On your child's Child Helper Days, he/she will be the class Child Helper.

On that day your child:

- will provide snack and drink for his/her class. Please be sure to refer to the snack requirements (found in the Handbook which you will receive in August) and attend to any food restrictions in the class. If there are restrictions, you will be informed within the first week of school.
- will be line leader and snack manager.
- will be special leader for other activities.
- may bring one child-friendly item for Show and Tell.

This assigned "Child Helper Day" is also **your** opportunity to be the Adult Helper in your child's class. Remember, the Adult Helper can be Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt, Uncle, sitter etc.—any adult able to handle being with a class of active preschoolers. The helper is asked to assist the teacher with activities, clean-up, and supervision.



## **Registration 2023-2024**



### PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal Facebook page that Creative is now registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2023-2024 school year!

Creative Preschool registration for FIRST TIME ENROLLING families begins January 4:

- 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 (see information below)
- NEW students will be assigned to their first or second choice class, if available, in numbered order.
- Confirmation of class placement for new students will begin no later than February 17.
- 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 2023-2024 school year will also take place in January:

- Priority Registration packets will be sent home ONLY to current 3-year old's and current 4's who are continuing to Pre-K.
- 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 2023 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, COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND THE \$100 REGISTRATION FEE, MADE PAYABLE TO CREATIVE PRESCHOOL MUST BE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3 PM ON JANUARY 20! Confirmation of class placement will come home through your child's cubby beginning on February 3rd. If you do not receive yours that week, please check with Mrs. Tepe.

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news & calendar updates and "Like" us on Facebook.



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