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Showing Gratitude This Valentine's Day

Perhaps more than any other popular holiday, the actual origins of St. Valentine's Day seem to be lost to history. There are several different options for both the Saints as well as the story, but today it is really an opportunity for those in love to express their feelings for each other.

While it is often seen as more of a special day for adults, there is absolutely nothing wrong with getting your children, even young children, in the Valentine's Day mood and sharing their love and appreciation for the people in their lives.

Homemade Valentine's Day Cards

Teaching children about love and gratitude is not a one day program, but this is a great day to get creative about showing how important people are in your child's life.

You can start by providing your kids with construction paper, sparkles, scissors, glue and crayons and letting them create their own Valentine's Day cards. You can even buy an assortment of pre-cut hearts, cupids, arrows and flowers that they glue onto their card designs.

Mom and Dad, or the children, can then print a special personal message of gratitude and appreciation in the card. Parents can talk to children about why they are appreciative of the individual that that card is designed for to help develop the concept.

Writing Thank-You Notes

You may also want to have your children write or draw thank-you notes to people that they appreciate in their life. These notes can be written or drawn on red, white or pink paper and they can be decorated around the edges with anything that the child wants to add.

These are a great gift to teachers, neighbors and professionals that the child interacts with or those adults and older children that spend time with your child.

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Throwing Sleepovers

If you have children, sooner or later they are likely to want to have a sleepover with a few of their friends. Sleepovers help kids and young teens to create lifelong bonds and memories. The first thing to know is when your child is actually ready to have a sleepover, then you will need to work out how to plan a successful event.

Parental planning is essential to making slumber parties and sleepovers work as they should. Ten is generally the age where children are thought to be old enough to have friends over or to be away from home, although this can vary depending on the individual.

Strong rules should generally be avoided, so long as the children behave and are nice to each other, as the whole point of a sleepover is for them to have fun together. It is a good idea to keep them within earshot however, as some supervision is still recommended while still ensuring that they have enough of their own space.

Host parents might want to have some activities planned to avoid boredom, such as a movie screening or pizza.



Take A Look At What We Are Doing...

This month's theme is: "Big Truck and Machines"

- **Infants:** We will show pictures and read books associated with trucks and machines. Our objective is to recognize names of objects while having one-on-one interacting. In practicing gross motor skills, we will roll trucks and cars back and forth while imitating sounds of different machines and objects, such as planes, trains, and cars.
- **Toddlers:** In the month of February, we will focus on "Trucks and Big Machines". The children will be taught that trucks are used for things such as hauling furniture, supplies, and much more. They will learn that big machines are used for building, farming, and other things. During center time, we will have trucks and other big machines as a choice of play and pretend.
- **Twos:** The twos will be focusing on trucks & machines. We will be talking about how big machines are used to help build buildings and homes. We will discuss how trucks are used to carry our foods, get us to safe zones, and more. Our color of the month is red and we will talk about red foods we eat that are healthy for us. We will talk about Valentine Day & how we give to others that we care about. We will paint with red & white to make the color pink. We will discuss our conversation cards, and work on our alphabets and numbers. We will continue to do finger plays and flannel boards story time. We will also talk about water safety.
- **Threes:** We are so excited about our new trucks, boats, and other goodies we have added to our centers. We are all wishing for a big snow, therefore we will talk about the different trucks and machines that are used to make the roads safe for driving. We will also talk about the big truck that stops every Monday and picks up the trash. Valentine's day will be coming up and we will also talk about how much we love our friends and family and will celebrate with a little sweetheart party.
- **Fours:** This month, we will be talking about the importance of trucks and how they transport our food and clothes and we will be doing a graph of different machines and trucks. As we are talking about trucks and big machines we will be discovering different shapes and counting the sides and corners of the windows, doors, and tires. We will do collages focusing on the numbers 4,5,6 and apply it to our ages. We will also focus on things that are red.
- **After-schoolers:** We will be discussing how big trucks and machinery is used in our society today. We will talk about the construction that we see as the state continues to build the Monroe bypass. Also, we will be celebrating "Black History". Each child will write about what they want to be when they grow up and what they will change. On President's day, we will talk about the current, past, and what a future president should be like. We look forward to celebrating Valentine's Day. LOVE.



Happy Birthday!

Feb 1 William Feb 13 Jayden
Feb 4 Raider Feb 18 Tatiana
Feb 7 Zachariah Feb 18 Jaymarie
Feb 9 Susana Feb 22 Trinity
Feb 12 Kaniya

Staff Birthday:

Ms. Margaret Feb. 12



Center News:

Our Arts and Crafts this month will include the children's creativity for Valentine's Day. We will also include nutritional activities using red foods that we love.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



Parent Questions and Answers:

Question: Do you follow Union County Public Schools inclement weather delays and closings?

Answer: No, CDS has its' own policy for delays and closings. It is posted on our Facebook page, WSOC 9 and if possible posted on the center door.