



Rock Spring Reporter

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From the office...

Happy February! The month of February is going to be full of exciting things at RSCC. We will be having open houses, parent get-togethers, and many new and exciting adventures for your children.

First of all, we will be having open houses on February 11th from 6pm to 8pm and on February 27th from 9:30am to 11:30am. The one consistent comment that we have gotten from the perspective families has been how nice it was to have current families and teachers attend. If you are able to attend either of

these open houses in February, please let the office know. We will have childcare and dinner for all open houses that happen in the evening.

Sometime in the near future we are going to be having a center get-together. This will be an opportunity for all of the families to come together and mingle among your child's classmates and their families. Keep your eyes open for a date.

Finally, we have added a formal curriculum called *High Reach Learning* to all of the

classrooms from age toddler and up. We are very excited for all of our new lessons!

Attached to the back of this newsletter are classroom lists if you would like to share a valentine with your child's friends. Please keep an eye out for Valentine's Day Party sign-ups.

Have a great month!
-Carrie, Betsy, and Sandra

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Happy Birthday...

Marcella: February 2nd

Chandrani: February 18th

Happy Anniversary...

Flora— February 14th: 4 Years





Guppies



The month of January went by very fast! Welcome to the month of February.

Our babies are growing so quickly. Three of our babies are crawling and Katherine is about to start! She can go anywhere she wants to go and loves reaching for toys. It is so much fun watching all of our babies move around.

Mason is ready to join the Tadpoles. We are so sad to say goodbye to our big boy Mason and his wonderful family. We wish Mason and his family a lot of luck!

Drew, Mason's pal, will really miss him. They are such good buddies. Drew told Mason,



Our Tadpole Babies are growing up and becoming very mature! Everyone is enjoying all of the activities that we have done with the children. For example, we have been doing puppet shows, sing along songs, dancing, and reading a lot of books. We have also been able to go on stroller rides around the building and occasionally outside. We have had a lot of fun!

Leah has been doing a great job since she came. She has adapted very well and is showing that she really likes being with us.

Diana is still our little

“Don't worry, I will follow you very soon!” Drew is pulling up on everything and everyone. He wants to walk so badly.

Alessandra is a very busy little lady! She loves to explore every corner of the room. She never sits in one place! Her favorite place to be is in the excersaucer. She loves to jump! She also loves her stroller rides!

Our sweet baby Rachael is an angel! Most of the time she is happy to sit on the color mat and watch the others as they crawl by. She loves to play quietly with her few favorite toys and loves to have the attention of all of the teachers!

Our little busy bee is

Tadpoles

Wills is our speedy boy that takes off at a blink of an eye! He moves a lot and explores everywhere!

William loves to play and run around with his friends. He loves to play with balls and always has a lot of energy. He is sweet with everybody and loves to share things with everyone in the room.

John is a loving boy that sends kisses to everyone. He loves to talk to everybody and start conversations.

Sydney is our little chatty girl. She loves to talk to everyone

Katherine is also all over the room. She likes the older babies to play with. Her favorite friends are Drew and Mason. When they get close to her she gets very excited. She is a very sweet little girl.

It is nice to have little babies again. Already we welcome two new babies... Michael and Jon. We already love their wonderful families.

Michael and Jon have both adjusted very well. Both of them are very easy going babies. We love both of them already!

Happy Valentine's Day!

We love you,

Dilruba, Rosa, and Nanda



and have baby talk conversations with all of her friends and teachers. She is very intelligent and loves to read books and study all of the pictures.

In this busy Tadpole room, everybody is growing together and is enjoying everything that happens in our room. Thank you for all the care and generosity that you bring to the classroom everyday! Thank you to Sydney and Wills for bringing in sweet treats for us!

Sincerely,

Maria, Soranjani, and Maritza

Salamanders

We have just finished the inauguration of the new president and we had a wonderful party. We are now looking forward to our Valentine's Day Party on the 13th. Please see the sign-up sheet that is posted on the door if you are able to contribute something to our party.

In the winter time most of our typical outside time has been spent in the indoor play area. We are looking forward to nicer weather.

In the Salamander's our little kids have been having a lot of fun by helping to pull toy carts and playing ball games. We have also been playing with play

Dough, painting and getting messy with shaving cream.

During circle time we sing songs and they love to listen to "Big, Big, Fish Go!" and "Where is Thumbkin?" We would like to welcome Kiera and Michael to the Salamanders. We are sad to say goodbye to Sunny as she is moving on to become a Dragonfly.

We would like to share our sorrow with Nirosha on her father's death. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

In February the activities will be done about Valentine's Day. We look forward to having

our little party!

We would like to welcome Miss Carrie Wilson back to RSCC on 2/9.

Thank you for everything that you do for us and your child!

We love you,

Dulari, Chandi, and Ameena.



Frogs



January was a fascinating month and a month full of activities for all of the Frogs. We were able to see the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States of America.

We were also very focused on projects such as snowmen, colors, and other projects that let us practice using glue, sparkles, glitter, and construction paper. We love to play with play dough as well.

We would like to welcome with open arms all of our new children: Ethan, Matthew, Tian Tian, and Mark. We know that you will have a ton of fun with all of the other frogs.

The weather has been very cold so we have not been able to go outside as much as we would have

liked to in the month of January. However, we were happy to get out when the weather was nice and look forward to nicer weather in the near future.

We would like to thank Mr. Shaun and Mrs. Cristen for the wonderful Inauguration Day Party. It was such a success and we were very happy to take part in it! Thank you!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13th in the classroom. Please look for a sign-up sheet if you are able to contribute.

We are sad to say goodbye to Cade as he is moving on to become a Dragonfly. We will miss him very much!

As the season changes please make sure that the extra clothing that

your child has at school are weather appropriate and labeled.

We are very lucky to have Ms Marcella join the Frog Room. We love her already! Welcome!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us during naptime between the hours of 12:30 and 3:00. The teachers schedules are:

Sunilka: 7:00-1:00 (See will be back from vacation on 2/16)

Nirosha: 8:00 to 5:00

Asoka: 8:30 to 5:30

Marcela: 9:00 to 6:00

Thank you!

Your Frog Teachers

Dragonflies

We are stepping toward the second month of 2009. The month of January was special because of the inauguration. We celebrated the inauguration at the center. We would like to thank Mr. Shaun and Mrs. Cristen for their kind generosity in providing the teachers and children with food that day!

During the past month we did activities in the classroom with the children such as painting, gluing, and sorting. The children are having a lot of fun during the day! We have been going outside as often as possible but have had to stay inside quite a bit lately. We like playing in the indoor play area though!

When we are not playing we are talking about using good manners and how to use good words like thank you, please, sorry, etc. They have started learning about the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

Valentine's Day is celebrated in February and our kids will be engaged in activities preparing for the day. We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 13th.

We are so happy to welcome Cade and Sunny to the Dragonfly classroom. We are so glad to have you!

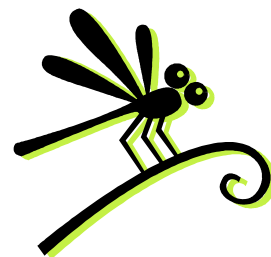
We are proud to announce that all of the Dragonfly children are drinking their

milk and water out of cups!

We thank all of our parents for their kind corporation in all of our endeavors.

Parents, please be sure that your children have extra clothing in their cubbies. We would like the parents to feel free to discuss any matters or problems regarding their children with the teachers!

Thank you,
Miss Roxana
Miss Chamida
Miss Padma



Butterflies

We started the month of January by talking about winter. We talked about everything from snowflakes to proper winter clothing.

In February we will continue to learn about our bodies. We will learn about dinosaurs. We will also talk about Valentine's Day. We will be having a party on Friday, February 13th at 3:15pm. If you would like to purchase valentine's for your child to share with their classmates that would be great!

We would like to welcome Tatiana and her family to

our room. We are very excited to have you join the Butterfly Room.

We would like to say happy birthday to Luke in February. We hope that you have a wonderful day!

We would like to also say congratulations to all of our children who are working very hard on potty training. Everybody is doing such a good job! Keep it up!

If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to call us. Our extension number is 228.

Take care,

Asha, Dee Dee, and Doris



Otters

Hello Otter Families,

I hope everybody is doing great and enjoying the snowy weather. Its been a great month. In the month on January we learned about letters g-i, and went over our numbers, practiced our please and thank you. As you all know, we starting potty training last month and for the most part everybody is doing pretty good. the kids are actually starting to ask to go potty themselves... which we are very happy for, because we can see their input. We only started with a couple hours a day so it would not be overwhelming for them. Everything is marching along as we expected! This month we will be increasing the time and we will be taking them to the potty after breakfast and for nap. Everyone is going to sleep in diapers and then they will be in underpants again after nap till pick- up time unless we feel their is a child that is not ready for all day yet. We have also introduced *Once Upon a Potty* so

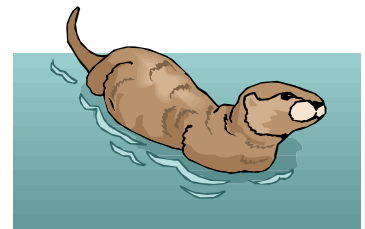
they can have a better understanding on what they are doing and why they are doing it .

This month we will work on letters k-m, numbers, manners, shapes, and season related projects. With that we want to remind you that Valentine's Day is around the corner. We would like to invite everybody to our Valentine's Day Party that will be held in the turtle room on Friday Feb.13. We have posted a paper with the info on our door.

We want to thank all the parents for working with us and giving us the opportunity to work with your child. We can see all the improvements they have made and hope to see many more. Our goal is make a healthy, educational, loving, environment

that your child enjoys being in. To conclude, we want to remind all parent that everything must labeled such as clothing, lunch and personal belongings. We had couple of incidents were items were sent to the wrong home because they weren't labeled. Hope everyone has a fabulous February!!!!!!

-Idalia.Luiza,Rosy



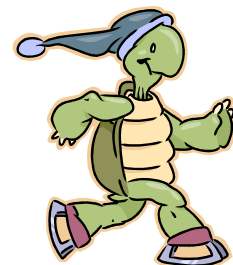
Turtles

February is going to be a fun month to be a Turtle! First and foremost we are going to continue working hard on our potty training. Everyone is working hard and so far we've got almost half of the class consistently using the potty, but we want to get everyone there and no accidents! We have a lot of fun things planned for the month starting with learning about Groundhog's day and doing some fun activities with our shadows! Other things we plan to cover include; Black History, our Families and of course, Valentine's Day! Don't forget we are going to have a Val-

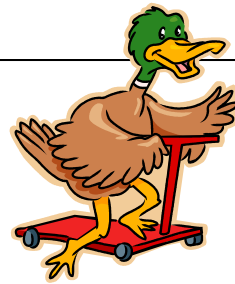
entine's party on Friday the 13th at 3:30pm. There is a sign up sheet on the door so please sign up if you are able to bring something to share. We have also added a few things to the classroom. On the outside of the classroom you may have noticed the "At Home" and "At School" signs on the wall. When you drop your child off at school and pick them up each afternoon, please help them place their photo in the right place. We also will

be assigning class "jobs" each morning during circle time to help encourage everyone to play a part and be responsible in the classroom. This will also help your child feel a sense of pride for their job each day. It's going to be a great month!

-Erin, Charlene, and Illiana



Geese



Hello everybody! We hope you are enjoying, or should we say surviving, the winter. We would like to thank all of our parents for being so involved in your child's time here. We appreciate your enthusiasm!

We had so much fun learning about transportation. We did a lot of fun activities. We're starting a new unit on community helpers and have a ton of fun projects lined up. We are also learning our letters and numbers through games and fun dot-to-dot worksheets!

From now on we will have a weekly theme. In the first week of February we will be looking into community helpers

again. The second week we will talk all about Valentine's Day. The third week will be about families and caring for our friends. And last but not least, the final week in February we will be discussing manners. Each week we will have "show and share" on Fridays. Please have your child's object reflect the theme of the week if at all possible.

Here are a few friendly reminders:

- 1- Label all clothes, shoes, etc.
- 2- Sign in and out each day.
- 3- If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to talk with one of the teachers in

the classroom. We are always able to set up conferences as well!

-4- Check your child's cubby on a daily basis for drawings and notes to take home.

We would like to welcome three new students to the Geese class... welcome to Jessica, Justin and Roman. We are happy that you have joined us!

Love,

Mary Beth and Jessica

Ducks

What a fun month we have planned in the Ducks! We had an awesome month in January. We learned all about dinosaurs. Those ducks love their dinos! Thank you to everyone who brought in dinosaur books. We really enjoyed reading them.

In February, we will start by doing a week about feelings. Sometimes four year olds get their feelings hurt very easily by their friends. We will be discussing how certain words make us feel. Also, we will learn how to express our feelings when we are mad, sad, happy, etc. Then we will be doing a week on Valentine's Day. We will learn about how it all started, We will talk about the people we love too! Of course we will be having a Valentine's Day Party on February 13th starting at 3:30. Please remember to dress your child in red, white, or pink that day.

Then, the last two weeks of Febru-

ary we will be doing a unit on sports. Because we have so many Ducks going to the Caps game on March 1st, I am trying to get the ducks familiar with the game of hockey and a couple of the players. We love the book "Z is for Zamboni" in the class. So, if you have any books on sports, please bring them in the last two weeks of February. We have also started doing a hockey player a week. We started with #8 Alex Ovechkin. Ask your child who #8 on the Caps is and they should be able to tell you. Hopefully by the time we go to the game on March 1st we'll have a couple of key players names down.

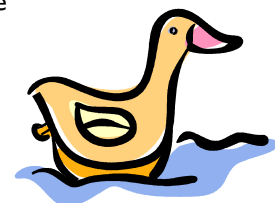
We have some birthdays in February! Happy 4th birthday to Aidan R on February 18th and happy 4th birthday to Lauren on

February 22nd! We hope you guys have awesome birthdays!

Please check your child's cubby and make sure they have enough extra clothes. Also, please bring in hats and mittens because we go outside everyday unless it's way too cold! Thank you!

Please call us anytime with questions or concerns. We are always available. We love you!

-Miss Stephani, Miss Maritza & Miss Brooke



Swans

Goodbye January and hello February! We had a fun and packed month of January with Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Barak Obama, Chinese New Year, birthdays, and winter snow and ice!

February will open with Groundhog's Day for us! We will do some fun activities to celebrate. We will then focus on Valentine's Day, family, and L-O-V-E! We will do lots of pretty projects, baked goodies (or 2), and remember all the ways to show someone that you love them. We will end the month with some fun science experiments! We will mix things and get our heads

dirty and explore what will happen!

Check out the High Reach Curriculum newsletter to see what we will be doing academically this month. The newsletter will go home with the homework packets. The Swans are coming along so naturally with the curriculum. They really are learning the material. I see a noticeable difference!

Happy birthday on the 3rd to Courtney. She will be 5! They grow up so fast.

Please join us on February

13th for our Valentine's Day Party at 3:30. Hope to see you there!

Thank you!

-Heather and Jessica



Valentine's Day Parties

Your child's classroom will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 13th. Please check your child's classroom door for details.

Thank you!

Open Houses

We will be having open houses on the following days and times. If you are able to be here as a parent representative, please let the office know!

Wednesday, February 11th from 6pm to 8pm

Friday, February 27th from 9:30am to 11:30am

Wednesday, March 25th from 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday, April 22nd from 6pm to 8pm

Babysitting and dinner are provided for all of the parents who volunteer from the evening open houses.

Thank you for all of your help!

We will be closed on February 16th for Presidents Day! Have a great day!

