



Barlina House Preschool February 2017



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News From the Director, Cathy Kuntz

Mrs. Anita and Mrs. G and Mrs. Nicol Tuesday/Thursday am class

February is a short month for us but still very busy. We are hoping for a bit of warmer weather so that we can get outside to play. The children ask every day if we are going outside and are sad when we cannot. The children are also working on dressing themselves for the outdoors. As you can imagine, it takes a long time with so many children. Please help your child practice getting dressed by themselves at home, you will be amazed at how fast they pick up these skills.

Using our helper box, we will be working on having the children recognize the first letter of their names. We will also continue to work with the children on sharing and waiting for their turn. In addition, we encourage the children to "use their words" to tell others what they want or need. The children are also working hard on following directions, which involves listening and then following through with the directions independently. Some of the children are beginning to recognize their names in print, which is wonderful, and we are so proud of them.

Some motor skills we are working on include: cutting, how to hold a writing tool and completing puzzles. Please practice these skills at home with your children, the more repetition the better the skill will develop.

Vision and hearing screenings will be done this month and also a field trip to the Library. Additional information will be sent home with your child regarding these activities.

Preschool registration is now open for next fall at the Park District Administration Office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding preschool registration, please free to contact me at the preschool, 815-477-5403, or by email, ckuntz@crystallakeparks.org.

All the classes will be attending a field trip to the Crystal Lake Public Library during the week of February 6th. Drop off and pick up will be at the Library. Information regarding this field trip has been sent home. If you are not sure of your child's field trip date, please ask a staff member. The McHenry County Health Department will be doing our Vision and Hearing Screenings on February 15th and 16th. Further information regarding these screenings, will be sent home and will include a practice sheet for you to use with your child. The screening will be easier for you child if he/she knows what to expect.

District 47's Kindergarten registration will be at their C.O.R.E. Center, 300 Commerce Drive during Feb. 22nd and 23rd. For information, regarding their dual language program, a meeting will be held on Feb. 2nd from 9:15-10:15am. Information is available on the District's website, www.d47.org.

Want a fun way to teach math and science skills to your child during these cold winter months? Try baking and cooking with your child. Following directions, measuring, counting and observing changes as you add and cook ingredients are all ways of building on your child's math and science skills. Another plus...children that help with the preparation are more likely to taste and eat the food!

Additional Park District activities are available for your child...check out the Park District website or brochure for more information. Here are a few: Daddy/Daughter Hoedown - Feb. 3 and Sweetheart Tea - Feb. 12.