

Barlina House Preschool *February 2017*

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News From the Director,
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We came back to school with great enthusiasm. Everyone was ready to dive right into our classroom and get back to learning new and exciting things. It is hard to believe we are starting the second half of the school year. The children have made such great progress from the beginning of the year. We have a great class. Be sure to set up a time to come in for a visit so you can experience a day at school with your child. We're sure you will enjoy yourself.

We have completed the letters O, P, Q and R. The children have mastered this task as they all completed the work with very little assistance from the teachers.

We learned about all the different animals that live in the North and South Pole. They had a lot of fun making polar bears and snow owls. We also made our own North Pole. We painted a box white and made it into a cave for the animals to dwell. The children had a great time role playing with their caves and animals.

Our science activities included making icicles with Borax, water and pipe cleaners; a snow ball that does not melt and snow using Ivory soap. I hope they enjoyed being little scientists.

The children's writing skills improve as they continue practicing writing their names. We will be sending home lined paper with their names on it, so they can practice at home. This month, we will begin writing site words and will also work on the letters S, T, U, V and W.

Thank you for all your support.

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 feel 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 your 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.