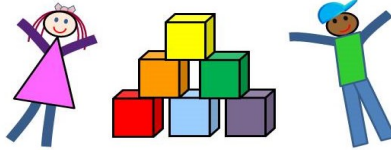


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Dear Parents,

The month of February is all about "Healthy Habits". The children will have the opportunity to discuss different foods as well as activities that are healthy for their bodies. In connection to activities that are healthy and learning how our bodies grow, please be sure to periodically check the extra clothes your child has to be sure they are appropriate for the weather, how tall your child has become, and that he/she has extra socks. With the time we spend inside and out, we just want to be sure that each child is prepared for the different temperatures each season brings.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held during the weeks of February 20 — March 2, 2018, for the opportunity to share details about your child's growth. You will be able to have an in-person or phone conference with your child's classroom teacher(s) to discuss your child's progress. Each class will have sign-up sheets posted for conferences by February 13th for you to schedule a time that works best for you.

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be open to our current families and First Church in Windsor members the week of February 26-March 2, 2018. Each family currently attending First Church Early Learning Center must reregister their child/children for next school year to attend our school. As a reminder enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Mrs. Slate or I if you have any questions. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elith Howard

Events

February 2 — Groundhog Day

February 13 — First Church in Windsor's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 6-7:30 pm in Nelson Hall

February 14 — Valentine's Day

February 16-20 — Ms. Sanborn's Half Class **CLOSED** for Winter Break

February 19 — FCELC is **CLOSED** for President's Day

February 20 — March 2 — Parent-Teacher Conferences- Sign-up sheets will be available on February 13

February 23 — Dr. Chu visits for a dental hygiene discussion with the children about what is healthy and unhealthy for our teeth

February 26 — March 2 — Registration for our current families and First Church in Windsor members



Kindergarten Registration

For our families who live in the town of Windsor and have a child who is of age to attend elementary school in the fall, we have sent information about your child's eligibility for kindergarten to Windsor Public Schools. You should expect to receive information in the mail within the next few weeks with details about registering your child for kindergarten. If you live in a town other than Windsor, please contact your town's Board of Education to be aware of their requirements for kindergarten registration. If you have any questions about your child's kindergarten eligibility, please speak with your child's teacher(s) or Mrs. Howard.

As we prepare to discuss "Healthy Habits" during the month of February, one of the best habits to teach children is about the importance of washing their hands. In Mrs. Mitton and Mrs. Drangenis' class, the children discussed what germs are and the best way to get rid of them. The science project helped the teachers to show the children how to get rid of germs by using soap when they wash their hands.

What happens when we use soap to wash away GERMS?



By using a bowl of water and black pepper (to represent germs) the children were able to use a piece of bar soap to make all the "germs" scatter. During this science activity the children were observed meeting performance standards and benchmarks from the CT State Department of Education Preschool Assessment Framework (PAF) and the CT Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS).

Benchmarks observed include:

PAF: Personal/ Social 3: Participates in teacher-led group activity, Cognitive 1: Engages in scientific inquiry, & Cognitive 7: Demonstrates spatial awareness

ELDS: Cognition: Strand A— Early learning experiences support children to develop effective approaches to learning

Early Scientific Inquiry: Strand A — Early learning experiences will support children to apply scientific practices, and Strand D: Early learning experiences will support children to understand physical sciences.

The children used model magic, googly eyes, pipe cleaners, markers, and pasta to make what they think GERMS look like!



Benchmarks from this art activity include: PAF: Personal/Social 2: Sustains attention to task/goal that child has set out to accomplish, Physical 2: Uses coordinated small muscle movements, Creative Expression (CRE) 1: Builds and constructs to represent own ideas, and CRE 2: Draws and paints to represent own ideas

ELDS: Cognition: Strand B: Early learning experiences will support children to use logic and reasoning & Creative Arts: Strand A: Early learning experiences will support children to engage in and enjoy the arts