

**Wooddale Community
Nursery School Newsletter
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Now that the holidays are behind us, we are looking forward to some fun units and exciting visitors and adventures. At this point in the year we can see how much the children have grown and blossomed into good friends and more confident school children. They have all grown so much!

We learned a lot from the Children's Museum's visit to our school. We saw many items that helped us learn about Hmong, Mexican and Native American cultures. We listened to music, tried out some instruments from faraway lands, and tried playing different versions of hopscotch, which was the children's favorite activity that day. We talked about some complicated concepts but we think they learned some interesting things. We are looking forward to Beach Day next week. It's great fun coming to school in shorts or even swimsuits!

Soon after that we will be getting ready for Valentine's Day – a favorite! After Valentine's Day our unit is teddy bears and real bears and a member of the Teddy Bear Band is coming to perform some fun songs with the children. On March 5th, we'll take a bus trip to the Children's Theater to see their preschool production "The Biggest Little House in the Forest." Both morning and afternoon classes will travel together by bus that morning. Riding the bus and going on a field trip are milestones in their young lives and are all part of the valuable confidence building that happens during this preschool stage of life. We'll have more details closer to the date.

Dates to Remember

January 29 – Beach Day – wear shorts or your swimsuit
February 12 – Valentine's Day parties
February 18 – Pajama Day!
February 19 – Visit from a Teddy Bear Band member
February 26 – Optional spring conferences – No school
March 31, April 1-2 – Spring Break – No school

Registration for Next Year

We are busy taking registrations for next year. As usual, we have more demand for the morning session. If you think afternoons might work for you, let us know and we'll make the switch. Last year some morning parents switched to afternoons for their child's second year and found their mornings a little more relaxed! Thank you for recommending us to friends and neighbors!

Upcoming Units

- * **Sculpting/Sculpture**
- * **Beach Week**
- * **Valentines**
- * **Teddy Bears and Real Bears**
- * **Biggest Little House in the Forest**
- * **Unicorns**
- * **Dinosaurs**

Valentine Parties

We will have Valentine parties on Thursday, February 12th. Please have your child bring valentines in a bag labeled with his/her name. You may send enough for your child's small group or for the whole school. We will help the children put them into Valentine bags, which they will make at school the week before. Please have your child's name signed on each card, but please do not write names of individual children on the envelopes. Most children cannot read the names, so it is much easier to pass them out without names on the envelopes. We would like to invite families to come and listen to our Valentine songs at 11:10 a.m. and 2:40 p.m. that day. If you would like to bring Valentine napkins or special cookies or treats for our party, please let one of the teachers know.

Tax ID numbers

In case any of you need these for your taxes, our Federal ID# is 20-2957184 and our tax ID# is 7839824.

Optional Spring Conferences

Thursday, February 26th, we will not have a regular school day. This day is reserved for our optional spring conferences. We feel that we touch base with you regularly about your child's progress and any concerns you ever have, so a spring conference isn't necessary. On the other hand, if you'd like to take this time to talk more about your child's school experience, please sign up. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the big bulletin board downstairs the week after Valentine's Day.

Remember to check us out on Facebook – Wooddale Community Nursery School. We've been posting lots of pictures from our days of play and some great artwork.

**Thanks for sharing your children with us!
Beth, Sue, Sylvia, and Virginia**