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Tiny Tots and Tumblers Preschool Newsletter

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Hello Families,

It is hard to believe that our kiddos have been in school now for 5 ½ months! The academic and social progress we see in the kids have been inspiring and so rewarding for our teacher's to see. We know the kids will love our Valentine's Day theme and of course our Dinosaur unit (always a favorite!). We have a field trip planned to the Denver museum of Nature and Science this month; See the last page of this newsletter for more information.

Please mark the dates to your right on your calendar to reference. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in the classroom with a special snack time. The children will hand out their Valentine's Day cards to their friends then. Please *only write your child's name on the cards*. We want it to be easy for the children to hand out cards without having to look at names.

As always if you have any feedback for us, please let us know. You can contact your teacher via phone or email and of course you can contact Jen at any time as well by phone or email. We have enjoyed so much spending the time with your children; we are looking forward to so much more fun and learning!

**May you be surrounded by much LOVE this
Valentine's Day!**



February dates to remember:

Friday February 3rd –
DATE NIGHT!! RSVP TODAY

Friday February 10th –
3yr old classroom Valentine's Day party

Monday February 13th –
Field Trip to the Museum 9:30-12:00

Monday February 14th –
2-3yr old and pre-k classroom
Valentine's Day parties

Monday February 20th –
No School –President's Day

Wednesday February 29th –
Visit from a Dentist Mommy. 11:30-12:00

*I love you as BRILLIANT as
each sparkling star,
as WAY OUT as space, I love
you THAT far!*

~Marianne Richmond



For Tax purposes here is our information:

Legal Name: Tiny Tots and Tumblers LLC

EIN #: 20-1489935

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Ms. Melissa's 2-3yr old Tue/Thur classes

We have finished our farm theme and the kids had fun talking all about the farm animals. We made our very own stick ponies and cowboy/cowgirl hats and had our own "rodeo" in the gym. I took pictures of all the kids riding around and posted the pictures onto Shutterfly. We also read several fairy tales, and will move onto some Nursery Rhymes.

During the month of February we will read one Nursery Rhyme a week, as well as discuss dental health and dinosaurs. During dental health we will talk about why we brush our teeth and what a dentist does. We will spend the rest of the month talking about Dinosaurs. We will start our dinosaur unit by going to the Museum of Nature and Science on Monday February 13th. Even though we do not have class on Mondays, you are welcome and we would love to see you there!

On February 14th we will have our Valentine party. I will put out a sign-up sheet if you would like to donate supplies. This will just be an extended snack and pass out valentine cards. You are more than welcome to bring in Valentine cards/goodies at the beginning of class; however this will just be a classroom party. If you could, please only put who the cards are from that way it is easier for your child to hand out their own cards to their friends.

We are going to continue working on name recognition as all the kids are picking up on this really well and beginning to learn the 1st letter in their name. We will also talk about patterns during circle time and our activities.

As always if you have any questions/concerns please feel free to speak to me.

Thank you,
Melissa



Ms. Melissa & Ms. Mikayla's 3-4yr old Mon/Wed/Fri Class

We just wrapped up our farm and fairy tale units. We are now ready to jump into dental health, valentines and everyone's favorite dinosaurs. We will begin the month with the dental health. We will discuss what things are good for our teeth and what things are bad for our teeth. We are also going to have a dentist come talk to us on February 29th. Our dentist is scheduled to come at 11:30, class may run a little late that day however we ask you to come at normal time since we do not know how long the dentist will be.

We are going to begin our dinosaur unit with a trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. We will be focusing the trip on the dinosaur exhibit with the fossils. Our field trip will be on Monday February 13th. Due to our field trip being scheduled for this day we will have our Valentines party early. We will do the Valentine party on Friday February 10th. We will put out a sign-up sheet if you are interested in donating supplies for our party. Your children are also welcome to bring Valentine Cards/goodies, we ask that you only fill out who it is from so your child is able to just easily drop one into each of their friends bags without having to search for names. Just like our Thanksgiving party the Valentine party will just be with the kids, unfortunately we do not have enough space for the parents to attend.



We will be finishing up introducing the last of our letters, and begin to also review all the letters in the alphabet. As well as keep working on last name recognition, and sight words. This month we will also introduce measurement and talk about what we measure and what we can use for measurement.

If you have any questions/concerns please feel free to speak to one of us.

Thank you,
Melissa and Mikayla

Ms. Mikayla's 4yr old Pre-K Class

The month of February is upon us! We will start this month off by celebrating dental health month. We will focus on how to take care of our teeth and why we take care of our teeth. We have lots of fun activities planned! We will also have a **dentist visit on Wednesday February 29th from 11:30-12:00**. We will also be handing out a brush chart, which we would like you to fill out with your child to help reinforce the importance of brushing! When they bring it back at the end of the unit, they will receive a special surprise! We will have our **Valentine's Day party on Tuesday February 14th**. Please feel free to bring in valentine cards for your child's classmates. We will have a sign-up sheet for the party the first week of February, please look for it in the classroom. The second half of the month we will focus on dinosaurs! We will be attending the **Denver Museum of Nature and Science on Monday February 13th** to begin our unit. We have a lot of neat and exciting activities planned for our dinosaur theme, including an erupting volcano! We will be reading Jane Yolen this month, who writes lots of funny and entertaining stories about dinosaurs!

We will continue to work on letter sound and sight recognition. We have almost made it through the entire alphabet! We will continue to work printing and number recognition as well. We have started working on counting by fives and learning our addresses, and will continue with these concepts into the month of February. We will also begin a unit of measurement this month for our math concept. Please feel free to come to me with any questions or concerns! Thanks!





Monday February 13th Museum of Nature and Science Field Trip Meet at 9:30am

We are excited to be offering this field trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science! School groups and their chaperones enter the museum for *FREE!* We will be meeting as a group at the museum and then going on a scavenger hunt. It would be fun to explore the museum as a group, however you are more than welcome to tour the place at your child's pace, we would like to meet up for lunch and to gather your child's scavenger hunt prize at noon though—if your child permits.

We have RSVP'd each child in the program and one adult to accompany your child. More than one adult per child is welcome to join us but we ask that you let us know if you will have more than one adult so we can let the museum know our final numbers.

We will be entering the Museum at **9:30am**. You must be on time to enter with the group and receive free admission. If you are late, you will need to enter through the main entrance and pay regular admission price. School groups enter through the east doors of the museum. We will meet just inside the entrance on the east of the building.

See this link for a museum floor map:

<http://www.dmns.org/plan-your-visit/floor-maps>