

Poppin' into Penner's World

Welcome back friends and families! We've had a fabulous start to the new year, and I anticipate many more months of learning enjoyment! The special education room is hopping with great work and lots of fun activities to take us into the new year. Literacy has us making daily predictions with the weather and we are getting pretty accurate in our temperature predictions. Our next literacy focus will be identifying and developing effective endings in stories, and we will be creating our own and presenting them to our friends! Math will encompass measurement and numeracy, as well as a review of time and money, things that continue to be really important. We can't wait for better weather and our trips to the grocery store!

Our weekly excursions to the YMCA continue to be a huge success. We use a wide variety of equipment and the cooperative play that ensues between friends is really amazing to watch. They will continue this month on Thursday afternoons, with the exception on Thursday, Feb 16. Thank-you parents for your continued support in this area.

We will also be having another movie day on Monday, Feb 13 with the special needs class of Stevensville PS at the Boutique Theatre in Ridgeway. We will be seeing James and the Giant Peach and if the movie is as good as the book it will be amazing! We are almost finished our novel study and are really looking forward to this event. If you have not yet returned the permission form and fee, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks to Ms Vetrecin for helping us with the cost of this trip.

We have another SNAP session coming up on March 1, 2012. I already have your completed profiles, so will not be sending home any paper work regarding this trip. I will send a reminder note and permission form home closer to the date.

The Heximer character trait this month has been optimism. We look at this as continuing to put your best foot forward and having a positive outlook no matter what. Nick Fisher has recently joined our class and has really had a positive influence within the room. He is working really hard at developing independent work skills and we are happy to have him with us. Justin Michaud is back on a full-time basis

and we are all optimistic that he will try his best to stay awake and do his best each and every day! Congratulations boys! Keep up the good work!

Please remember that winter is still here, and to dress your child accordingly. Boots and snow pants are a must, for we go outside twice a day and it's not much fun if you're cold.

Look for report cards and IEPs in the very near future. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Happy February!

Mrs Penner