

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!!!

Dear Parents,

1/27/2012

The Valentines Day party..... will be from 12:30-1:30 on Tuesday, February 14th with the remainder of the day being a regular school day. We will be having frozen yogurt sundaes. If you would like to bring something special, please let us know, otherwise I will plan on buying the ice cream and if everyone else could bring in \$2.00 again, we can get this party planned! Last week we sent home the names of the 28 children in our classroomPLEASE purchase enough Valentines or make enough for every child in the classroom. I have had some experiences in the past with some children not receiving cards from each and every child in the classroom and to see the hurt looks on their faces is devastating. If you cannot afford Valentines please let me know and I will send some home for you to work on. Please let your child write the names on his/her own Valentines as this is an excellent writing experience for them! Also, I had not checked over the list, and found that Mya's name had been spelled incorrectly. SORRY MYA!!!

This week we worked on identifying and writing numbers to 30. We also continue our focus on counting by 1's to 120, 2's to 30, 5's to 100 and 10's to 100. We have also begun to order numbers from 0-30 and 30 back to 0. These are all assessments that kindergartners need to know. Practice writing numbers in order to 30 at home as well! We are all enjoying reading to each other and learning new strategies on how to become better readers. This week our focus was on looking at beginning and ending sounds in words. Please remember to have your child point to each word whenever they are reading to you. Also, don't forget to ask them comprehension questions whenever you are done reading anything to them. Another focus this week was looking at characters, setting, the problem (in a story), the solution, the main idea and events that took place in the story. We also continue to work hard on our small moments (writing about real things) and working on chunking out words! Ask us how we do this, and we will be happy to show you! I am almost completely finished with testing for the mid-year. As these are tests that help me group children and decide strategies, the results don't go home (as they are in education jargon) but if I have a concern about your child's assessments I will definitely be getting a hold of you! Also, I am writing out notes to parents that I would like to meet with concerning their children's most recent testing scores....

*****Next week Friday our classroom GREEN DAY celebration will be to have some "football fun" in our room, if your child has any kind of a sports jersey, please let them wear it on that day! JUST A NOTE..... about homework..... There are parents adamant that their child have it, and others just as adamant that they don't! Your children does SO MUCH WORK & sitting all day long that I tend to believe that when they get home I want them to have time to be little kids....I think that it is GREAT to read to them and with them and spend a 15 minutes practicing skills & words or writing, but not the entire night and I definitely don't want to send worksheets home for them to be working on all night! LOTS TO THINK ABOUT! Thanks! Renee'