

Parkside Post

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EXPLORING BOOKS IN BABIES

WHOOOA, WE'RE HALFWAY THERE...

Early February is the halfway point between the Winter Solstice and the Spring Equinox! This is a nice time to consider what growth we hope for this Spring in ourselves... and our gardens! As many of you know -- at Parkside-- we love being outdoors! We are so excited to move even more activities outdoors as the weather warms up! We hope this Winter season has helped all of our children learn resilience and awareness of the changing seasons. That being said, since we are approaching a rainy season, please help prepare your child's school wardrobe to accommodate outdoor play in rainy weather-- rain boots are especially helpful! We are excited to provide full body rain suits for most of our classes this Spring. We plan to have enough for Waddlers and up!

On another note, we are coming up on our 3 year Anniversary as a school!! The past few years, we have celebrated this time with a children's Art Gala and sharing a meal together. This year, we are still celebrating-- my how far we have come!-- but we are pushing the event to the Spring to allow us to comfortably move the event outdoors. We look forward to all that this year has to offer!



FINE MOTOR IN TODDLERS

Happy Birthday!

Feb 3rd- Nixon

Feb 4th- Drew

Feb 7th- Collins

Feb 8th- Charlotte

Feb 22nd- Morgaine

BABIES

BY MS. BRIGITTE

Bundled up babies have enjoyed stroller rides around the parking lot on less frigid days. They listened to teachers singing "We are going/went/will go/ have gone etc up/down the hill!" Just another way our babies experience exposure to our complicated language! We have been exploring ways to play with balls including rolling, throwing, catching and kicking. The collapsible tunnel has been a favorite lately. Babies made footprint penguins in January and are working on a February paint project. Some prefer to tear the paper or rub the paint in their hands, but all are having fun! Thank you for sharing your babies with us, we enjoy being a part of their growth!

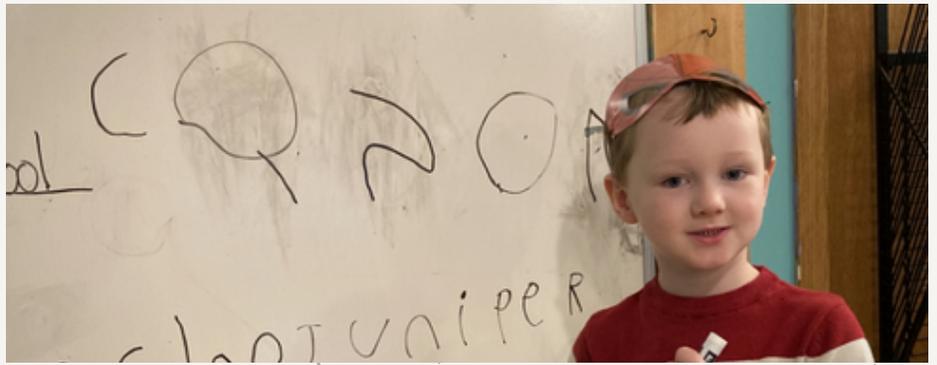
WADDLERS

BY MS. CAMEO

In January, we worked on scribbling with crayons. We will continue with washable markers this month! In February, we will be working on identifying emotions in our classmates. This will help students develop empathy and provides them with words to express how they are feeling. A few reminders: please label items sent to school with your child including blankets, jackets, hats, etc. We also ask that children arrivals/drop offs happen before 11:30 a.m. and after 2:30 p.m. as that is lunch/nap time. Thank you parents for all you do!



READING IN WADDLERS



SIGNING IN IN PRE-K

TODDLERS

BY MS. WHITNEY

February is here and we are approaching winter's end and preparing for warm spring weather! This will be my last full month with our class before my maternity leave begins mid-March, so I plan to make the most of it! Mrs. Paige will graciously be filling in for me during that time. This month, we will be working with different medias of art such as watercolors, markers, crayons and more! Tying in art with learning about our emotions is a fun and creative way for the children to express themselves.

JUNIORS

BY MRS. AUTUMN

Yay, February! Please send your child gloves and hats if you have not already! Remember to send your child in shoes they can take on and off on their own as we like to encourage independence. At school, we are focusing on recognizing emotions and using our words. Focusing on things like "Can I have more milk, please?" or "I need space." It is a work in progress at this age, but consistency is key! I am so happy to work with your children every day!



JUNIORS PARK DAY

PRE-K

BY MRS. PAIGE

This month, we plan to have a class Valentine party, and I will be sending out more info on that through Brightwheel. All of our activities this month will center around Valentine themes, and we will expand on that and move into emotions and working hard on empathy and how our actions affect others as well as how are actions determine our days. I love seeing your children learn and grow so much!