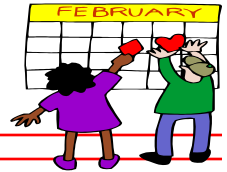




CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

MORRILTON



FEBRUARY, 2010

CUDDLY & BEES

A month is already gone in 2010. It is now February. There going to many different activities planned. The themes for the month are "I am special," hearty party, black history month. The first Friday on February is favorite book day. Let your children bring their favorite book to school. Please be sure to write their name on their book. The children in the Cuddly room are progressing well. We would like to say goodbye to Jamar and welcome Rylee to the Cuddly room. All the children are starting to walk and talk. They are such joy to be around. The Busy Bees are also progressing well. The children are picking up on new words and skills each and every day. There are going to be some changes for the Busy Bee room. Kristi will be working with an older classroom. Susan McMullan will be taking over the busy bee classroom. Please welcome Susan to her new room. Parents remember, if you send a coat or jacket with your child, put your child's name in it. Just remember to send your children every-day. You don't know how much they are missed when they are not here. I will miss the children in the Busy Bee room but look forward to working with the wonderful children and staff in the Rainbow Room.

RAMBLIN & RAINBOW

February is going to be a bittersweet month. Even though I am looking forward to working with the children in room 6 (most of which I had when they were younger), I am going to miss the precious faces in room 3. Janie, Jamie, and Suzanne have been great to work with and do a great job in that room. I'll just be across the hall and can still come across to get a hug from the kiddos.

This month the themes are: I am special, hearty party, shadows, black history month, post office, and Valentine's. Watch for notes from your child's room about the Valentine's party on February 12. The Rainbow room is saying goodbye to Breeonna and Xavier. They are moving up to Ms. Sandee and Ms. Laura's room. We hope

they have fun. The Ramblin' room is sad to see Juan and Emma moving up to room 3, but we're glad Rebekah is coming to play with us.

Thanks to those of you who have made sure your child gets here on time to receive his/her classroom services and therapies. We see a lot of improvement in these children whose attendance is consistent. Please make sure to check your child's cubby, back pack, or van driver for important notes that come home. It would also be helpful if you could label your child's items such as coats, backpacks, etc... With his/her name.

GROWING & SUNSHINE

This month started out with snow and ice and what a great opportunity to talk about what it is like to play in the snow and hear all the stories the children had to tell. This month Room 6 will be talking about shadows and how they are made in the room and outside. This will be a great opportunity for lots of movement activities. We'll all be celebrating Valentines Day this month, what it means and the colors that are associated with it. There will be a Valentines party on February 12th at 2:15. Each room will send home a list of all kids in the room. The rest of the month we will be reviewing shapes and learning our nursery rhymes. Room four will spend the first week of February learning what the postman does and maybe sending their own letters. They will end the month talking about "me" and how special each one of us are, ways we are the same and the ways we are different. We are going to have a wonderful February and hopefully spring will be here soon!

December 2009

Jamie Collins, Child Care Tech 5 years

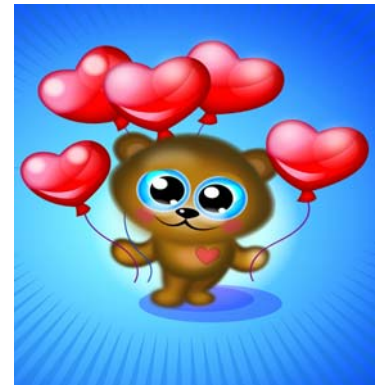
February 2010

ZeAndrea Anderson, Social Worker 6 years

Marla McNew, Child Care Tech 1 year

Andrea Holland, Program Director 18 years

KIDS FIRST VALENTINES PARTY FRIDAY FEB. 12TH 2:15



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Brayden	2/14
Carleigh	2/8/07
Cole	2/11
Dennis	2-11
Leah	2/11
Tiffanie	2/19
Jamar	2/22
Layne	2/20
Jaylynn	2/25

DRESS FOR WEATHER

Children need the chance to run, jump, and get exercise everyday. Unless there is rain or severe weather, children should play outside each day. Parents should dress children for outdoor play.

Let your child wear comfortable play clothes to school. Children like to dig in the dirt and roll in the grass. They need clothes that can get dirty and be washed. Shorts or pants and pullover shirts are most comfortable.

One way to prevent injury is to buy shoes that fit and protect the foot. Closed shoes with rubber soles, such as sneakers, are best for young children.

Sandals and open shoes, or shoes with slick soles, can cause your child to trip and fall. Going barefoot is not safe because children may step on broken glass, nails, or wires, or be bitten by bugs or snakes.

Children can get blisters if the shoes rub the skin. You can prevent blisters by getting shoes that fit and tie securely. Wearing socks also helps prevent blisters.

Children can play outside even when it is cold. Dress your child in layers of clothes, including a jacket, which can be removed if he or she gets too warm.

Although it may be cold outside, children can get hot while running and playing hard.

Discipline is not a 4 letter word.

When the word discipline is spoken, people immediately assume there is a problem. This is not the truth. We teach our children how to be disciplined people : how to act in our society.

To have a disciplined child, you need to be a disciplined parent. This means that you need to remain calm, and you need to be consistent with how you discipline your child. In other words, you must learn to stay in control when your child is out of control. One thing that you as a parent can do is to learn what to expect in each stage of your child's life. When you know what to expect from each stage of your child's life, you'll be able to recognize those behaviors that are normal for the age, and those behaviors that are not.

A child learns how to be a human being and how to live in our society by watching their parents and those around them. Do not assume that your child knows how to act. They must be taught and shown what the appropriate behavior is in order to learn what is expected of them.

Linda Martin
Special Educator

