

PRESCHOOL PRESS

ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOLS PRESCHOOL

Preschool Site/Date: SEC Room 210 / February

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IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6/7 - Class Picture Day

Feb. 13/14 - Friendship Day

Feb. 18 - NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day

Feb 19 - NO SCHOOL Staff Development

HOMEWORK

Watch for the following homework activities to be sent home:

Feb 11: Pattern Detectives

(23. Demonstrates knowledge of patterns)

Feb 25: Shape Hunt

(21. Explores and describes spatial relationships and shapes)

FEBRUARY STUDIES

Feb. 11 - Feb. 14 : Friendship Study

Feb. 20 - Mar. 7 : Boxes Study

FRIENDSHIP DAY

Students are invited to bring in friendship cards/treats for their friends if they wish. Students will be decorating friendship bags, which will be sent home with any cards from classmates.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM FOCUS

Physical Development:

Demonstrates fine-motor strength and coordination: Uses writing and drawing tools.

The art curriculum in the preschool classroom provides children with opportunities to:

- Use a variety of drawing tools- crayons, markers, paint brushes, and pencils
- Tear paper
- Cut paper using scissors
- Develop eye-hand coordination as they create works of art
- Squeeze glue bottles
- Finger-paint

Children also develop fine-motor strength when squeezing and rolling play-dough. Stacking blocks or legos allows children to practice their fine-motor skills and develop coordination.

THINGS TO DO AT HOME

- Provide a variety of writing tools-markers, crayons, pencils
- Have child-safe scissors available
- Provide blank paper for writing and drawing
- Let your child tear or scrunch-up paper
- Have your child help you make lists-let them write words on the grocery list (apple, milk, bread)
- Give your child a paintbrush and a bucket of water-let them paint the driveway
- Use sidewalk chalk for outside drawing

We are enjoying your children, thank you so much for sharing them with us!