

# First Congregational Learning Center



## Director's Notes:

I am excited to be working with the children and getting the artwork ready for the annual art show on February 10th! I hope all can come and see what the children have accomplished this year. As always, feel free to call, email or make an appointment to talk in person. (kchoate@uccdg.org/630-206-4910) *Ms. Kimberly*

## Infant News (Room 204)

February is here and the infant room is very excited for Valentines Day and the art fest. We will be doing a lot of fun activities to prepare. We will focus on fine motor skills and improving hand and eye coordination with all our art projects. The past month has kept our classroom inside a lot. We are hopeful that February brings a little bit of better weather so we can get out for fresh air and a change of scenery.

Please remember to sign your children in and out everyday.

The sign in sheet is an important part of our evacuation procedures. Also please call if your child will be coming in late, as we try to go for a walk every day, and we want to be sure you do number is given to Ms. Gail for snack and lunch counts.

We try to prevent the spreading germs, so we wash the children's hands often. That, in addition to the cold weather, causes very dry skin. If you would like to provide lotion for your child, we are happy to apply it throughout the day. As always, we are available if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you all at the art fest.

## Toddler News (Room 202)

This month the toddlers are getting right to work with exploring color through painting and using different art materials as we prepare for our February 10th Art Show. We are listening to our teachers talk about the different artists as we express our creativity through various art experiences. We will have opportunities for learning math concepts as we are introduced to classification with graphing and sorting games. In manipulating objects with building towers and stacking, we can experiment with quantity and numbers. We are also scientists by nature, and we will use our curiosity through learning experiences like exploring sand, snow and ice. In our sensory table we can experiment with volume by scooping and dumping. We will begin to learn to describe and discuss our observations through conversations with our teachers and peers.

## Preschool News (Room 203)

February is going to be a busy month for room 203! There are many different celebrations and events happening not only near us, but all over the world! We will first see what the ground hog has to say on February 2nd, and see if we get an early spring, or more winter (we are hoping the groundhog does not see its shadow!). Starting February 8th, the winter Olympics will be making its way to Pyeongchang, North Korea. The Olympics will also be celebrated in our room, as we work on fun Olympic sized activities, from making our own medals and rings, to creating STEM courses and learning about some of the sports we might see the athletes perform! We will be having our Valentine's Day Party on the 14th, as well as discussing and honoring Chinese New Year on the 16th! There's a lot happening in February and we are excited to get started!

## Preschool News (Room 205)

February will begin with 2 weeks of Valentine's and the importance of friendship. The homework assignment will be to record acts of kindness on a paper heart cut-out and return them to school to be read aloud. We'll also celebrate friendship with a class party on Valentines day, when the children can exchange Valentine cards.

The following week we will discuss dental habits and enjoy a visit from Ms. Peggy, who is a dental hygienist. She always comes prepared to teach us how to take care of our teeth and the importance of good dental hygiene. We will continue our study of the alphabet, one letter each week. Many friends are starting to notice letters around the room and practicing the sounds they make. One of our enrichment activities involves naming words we know for each letter. This might be a fun activity to try in the car or at home too!