

## Communicating Effectively with Your Childcare Provider

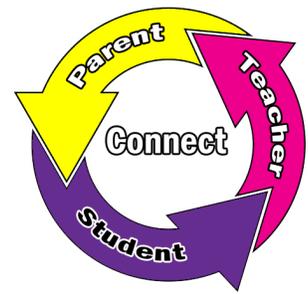
Your child's teacher may spend more waking hours with your child during the week than you do. For some parents this can be a frustrating reality, for others a welcome relief. Whatever your feelings on the matter, this person plays an important role in your child's life and it is important to have a good relationship with her and for the two of you to share information about your child so that you can both attend to your child's individual needs.

There are many ways that your child's teacher try to communicate with you about your child's development. Here at Toddler Town we share pictures, videos, and descriptions through the Teaching Strategies website; we put videos up in the entryway, we regularly update the bulletin boards with projects and pictures from your child's classroom; not to mention our monthly NEWSLETTER! Take advantage of these opportunities!

Beginning and end of the day conversations can be important too. Some teachers are more communicative than others (and some parents easier to talk to), but it is important to develop a relationship with your child's teacher so that these conversations become easy and natural. Remember not only to ask questions, but also to tell your child's teacher about what is going on at home and things that you may have noticed about your child.

Remember that when talking to the teacher about concerns that you may have about what goes on in the classroom to focus on emotions first and solutions second. Understand how you and the teacher may feel about the matter at hand and then discuss solutions. And don't forget to show appreciation from time to time for what your child's teacher does! For more information on this topic, check out this website:

[http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/dlc\\_parents/tutorials/week3.htm](http://www.perpetualpreschool.com/dlc_parents/tutorials/week3.htm)



*Parents and Teachers need to work together.*

### TAKE NOTE

- Please check your child's cubby to make sure that he/she has extra clothes that are weather appropriate. Send you child to school in layers so that they can be comfortable with both indoor and outdoor temperatures.



### UPCOMING DATES

- If you've scheduled a Parent/Teacher Conference, please mark it on your calendar so that you don't miss it.

### *Ms. Stephane and Ms. Vanessa's Bumblebees Class 2-year-olds*



V's on our Vase

March is here and that means spring is around the corner! The children will have fun this month celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday and St. Patrick day. For the month of March, our letters will be letter S and letter M! The

children will also work with the color green, red and white! Our activities are Dr. Seuss hat, "The Shape of me" collage, One Fish Two Fish, St. Patrick Day Hat, Hand print leprechaun and Shamrocks! Last month

we talked about letter V, the children made letter V collage on their pre-cut VASE! We will continue to work our basic numbers and colors in Spanish and English! We will also have a little green St. Patrick day party!

### *Ms. Sandra and Ms. Daulet's Chipmunks Class 3-year-olds*

February sure was a fun month for us! We talked about the letter "F", celebrated Valentine's day, learned about money and celebrated dental month

by having a dentist come to our school! This month we will continue our fun by celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday, St. Patrick's day, and welcoming

spring! Our activities may change; the learning is always continuing! Your child is always welcome to bring in their favorite book to share.



Piecing Together our Hearts

### *Ms. Alex, Ms. Tammie and Ms. Yoon's Butterflies Class 4-year-olds*



Valentine's Hearts

At the beginning of February, we learned about opposites, feelings, Valentine's Day, and teeth. As we watch the days on the calendar fill up, together we say, "So Long February!" and we welcome a fresh start in March. A fresh start brings fresh

learning experiences. This month, we will talk about our five senses, numbers, and outer space. If you would like to become a part of the fun, see the "Helping Hands" form to volunteer! I would like to encourage families to become involved in their

child's classroom. We would like to say thank you again to families who contributed to our Valentine's Day event. Please remember the weather is constantly changing and be sure to check your child's cubby for weather appropriate clothes.

### *Ms. Jaya and Mr. Dan's Sharks Class 5-year-olds*

Spring is coming! Having this harsh winter it feels like "Spring, where are you". The month of February was filled with fun activities including snow-fun, celebrations for Valentine's and President's

day and learning about dental health.

March promises to be just as exciting. We will study the themes: Dr. Seuss, nutrition (March is national nutrition month), St. Patrick's Day, and

spring weather. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday with parties. We can't wait to spend some time outside as the weather changes.

Happy Spring!



The children made "Me Puppets" and then created puppet shows.