



# JANUARY 2019

## AROUND THE CLASSROOM

It is great to have everyone back! The teachers are looking forward to having the children be happily engaged in our January themes: Winter, Snow, Mittens, and Bears.

Letters for the Pre-K are: "S" for Snowflakes, Seasons, and Science, "D" for Daddy stories, "P" for Penguins, Pajama, and Pancakes. "B" for Bear activities.

If any parent wants to share a talent, or an occupation, or read a story to their child's class feel free to contact your child's teacher. We love to have the opportunity to connect home and school.

## BEARS EVERYWHERE



The weeks of Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> we will have Bear Stories, Bear Art, and Circle activities about Bears. Books: "Bear under the Stairs," "Can't you Sleep Little Bear?" On Jan 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> each child is to bring their favorite bear or favorite stuffed animal to school for Bear awards and pictures.

## FALL ENROLLMENT

The school office should now be aware of the placement you want for your child or siblings for next September. If you have any questions about your child's placement, please stop by the office or you can call 408 867-3181 or email at [villagepreschl@aol.com](mailto:villagepreschl@aol.com).

## PRE-K PARENT CONFERENCES

Pre-K Teachers will begin doing their Pre-K assessments starting in February. Conferences will be scheduled for either March 1<sup>st</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your child's teachers to set up your conference time. There will be a 20 minute parent-teacher conference scheduled for each Pre-K student to assess their progress. (Parents should arrange childcare during this time)

Our two's, three's and early fours parents, please feel free to ask questions regarding your child's progress. We do not do formal evaluations at this age level since the expectations are so varied, depending on the individual child's level of development. Please let Linda or the teachers know if you have any specific concerns or goals for your child, or if you feel the need to have a conference.

## ENRICHMENTS

Our second semester will begin on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>- May 16<sup>th</sup>. If your child would be interested in: **Cooking** on Monday, **Science** on Tuesday, **Music** on Wednesday, or **Creative Art** on Thursday, Sign-ups will begin our first week back in January. Check with Carol or Linda in the office.

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - School Begins

Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> - Chapel with Miss Sarah

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> - MLK Holiday (No school)

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> - Bear weeks

## IN ADDITION:

Thank you for your continued support of our snack program. Your water donations have been so helpful. \*Please note that we have ample supply until February.

## CHAPEL

Our chapel story this month is Jan 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Miss Sarah is excited about teaching the children how Jesus' unconditional love helps to protect us.

## REMINDER

My annual reminder about the "Power of Play" and "No child Left Inside"....

In past workshops and presentations we have been reminded of the

power of play and the integral part it plays in neurological development.

We must remember as teachers and parents how essential it is in a child's

development, to have opportunities to run, jump, climb, play tug of war,

do wheelbarrow walks, jump rope, play hopscotch, and throw balls and to

swing and slide. As parents it is easiest for you to provide these opportunities in your neighborhood

parks or to encourage unstructured play and exploration in your own backyards. There are a

growing number of cases of speech, language and motor development problem, so it is essential, as

we become a more sedentary TV/computer generation to re-think what is most important to our

children's development. (Healthy foods, exercise and play, and plenty of sleep.)



**Don't forget to buy Hongs gift certificates -available in the office.**

## **Coming Next month:**

**Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Exchange**

**Feb. 18th-22<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break -No school**

We just want to again wish each and every one of you a blessed New Year.

It is always wonderful to see everyone as we start back to school.

Our staff wants to thank all of our families for their warm wishes, cards, hugs and gifts so

generously extended to all of us at Christmas. Please know that we so appreciate the

wonderful group of families we have here at Village.

Blessings to you, Linda & the VPS Staff

*A thought for the New Year....*

*Yesterday is gone... Tomorrow has not yet come, we have only today ...*

*Let us begin.....Mother Teresa.*