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# DURANT ROAD PRESCHOOL FEBRUARY 2012

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Hailey and Helen at the classroom post office

## PRESCHOOL

Our preschoolers have a lot to celebrate in February and that leads to many interesting activities. The month begins with the Chinese New Year and Ground Hog day. It is Dental Health month, Black History month, and Abraham Lincoln and George Washington's birthdays. And yes, it's Valentine's Day!

In blocks, we'll build the Great Wall of China in honor of the Chinese New Year, set out the Lincoln logs and craft sticks to encourage log cabin building, and build a tunnel for a ground hog. In honor of George Washington, we'll build the Washington Monument – and measure it, of course!

In our math center, we'll label baby food jars 1 – 10 and have the children put the correct number of pennies in each jar. We love to estimate! Look for the candy heart guessing game in the

lobby-open to all children and their older siblings!

In language, our preschoolers will talk about dental health and healthy foods. We'll make a good health chart and cut out pictures of healthy food. We'll sponge paint the letter "t" for tooth and "v" for valentine.

Dramatic play is so much fun when there are so many different events in the month. We'll set up a post office for our valentines and a florist shop.

In science, we'll make our own toothpaste with baking soda and salt. We'll drop an egg in iced tea and then brush it with toothpaste until the stain disappears (teeth and egg shells are both made of calcium).



## Mark Your Calendars

- 1 Candy Guess Game begins (in lobby)
- 7 Dental Health Workshop – older classes
- 13 Museum visit
- 14 Valentine parties in classrooms-wear red!
- 14 Candy Guess Game winner announced!

## FUN FRIDAYS

- 3 Elmo's Birthday - bring all things Elmo to share!
- 10 Parachute Games on the playground
- 17 Team Day – wear your favorite team shirt!
- 24 Storytime "SwitchUp"

## WEEKLY READER TOPICS

Spring Is Near  
I Have Healthy Teeth  
Presidents' Day  
Wind Is Air That Moves

## Our Specials

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>Tumblin' Tots</i>	<i>Computer Class</i>	<i>Music Class</i>	<i>Spanish Class</i>



Parker smelling and shaking sensory bottles

### INFANTS & TODDLERS

Everything a young child knows about the world is learned through one of the five senses. This month our infants and toddlers will be exploring *seeing, touching, hearing, tasting and smelling*. They will look at different shapes, sizes, and colors. By touching, infants and toddlers learn about the world through their fingers and toes.

Our children will have the opportunity to sense cool and warm, soft and hard, smooth and bumpy, wet and dry, even before they can speak the words. They will learn that the ear is the organ through which they hear sounds.

Two other ways infants and toddlers learn about their world is through their sense of taste and smell. They'll explore hot, warm, and cool, and learn about their mouth, tongue and nose. ***Watch out for our independent centers that highlight the senses!***



### NC Museum of Natural Science

This month the museum presents, ***Tropical Treasures***. Where are the

tropics? We will discover where the tropics are and meet some of the exotic animals that live there.



### BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading, ***My Tooth is About to Fall Out*** by Grace Maccarone. A little girl is waiting for her tooth to fall out. It wobbles, it wiggles, it joggles and jiggles. Our book of the month tells us all about baby teeth until their root shrinks making room for big teeth.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ella	Emily	Ryan
Jordyn	Jacob	Kydn
Nathan	Nicholas	Max
Madelyn	Dania	Justin



### Spanish Class

Como Estas? Bien, gracious!  
Talking about our feelings in February is fun! We will be learning new songs and reviewing winter words we learned last month. Our children "*amor*" Spanish!



### Music Class

Young children love shakers – they're easy to play and make a loud and festive sound. There are many kinds of shakers (maracas) and different ways to play them. This month, we'll learn how!