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# DURANT ROAD PRESCHOOL FEBRUARY 2018

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Scarlet buying groceries from Eli

## ***Preschool Investigative Study: Grocery Store***

This month we will continue our grocery store investigative study. Our preschoolers have really enjoyed our classroom grocery store. We've been counting money, writing shopping lists, writing receipts, sorting food, counting inventory, and reading food labels. Our grocery store has allowed groups of children to work together as they decided what they wanted to buy, collected items in their cart or basket, and moved through the checkout line to pay.

Connecting classroom centers with children's real experiences helps them move to a higher level of thinking and assist them as they try to understand how things work and how they can participate in their world.

Our preschoolers have more celebrate in February than the grocery store. 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!

## **Mark Your Calendars**

- 1 Candy Guess Begins - in lobby
- 2 Groundhog Day – make shadows!
- 7 Make Valentine Cards for the elderly
- 8 Funky Slipper Day-*all classes*
- 12 Hearts Hop a Long (Toddlers/Two's)
- 12 Museum Visit – Busy Birds
- 14 Candy Guess Winner Announced
- 14 Valentine's Day Parties –*all classes*
- 16 Spanish Class with Ms. Mariela
- 21 Dentist Visit - Preschoolers
- 26 'Storytime Switchup' -Preschoolers
- 27 Hallway Dance Party -*all classes*

## ***FITNESS FRIDAYS***

- 2 Bounce & Catch
- 9 Body Shapes & Sizes
- 16 Hopping
- 23 Follow the Leader

## ***Our Specials***

<b><i>Mon</i></b>	<b><i>Tues</i></b>	<b><i>Wed</i></b>	<b><i>Thurs</i></b>	<b><i>Fri</i></b>
Math Lesson	Computer Class Literacy Lesson	Music Class Tumble Bus	Spanish Class Soccer Shots	Math Lesson



## **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.



Lucas using his sense of touch to explore snow

## 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. They'll learn shake, jingle, boom, bump and clap.

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.

## 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!



## Book of the Month

This month our preschoolers will read the Caldecott Honor book, *Snow* by Uri Shulevitz. “No one thinks one or two snowflakes will amount to anything. Not the man with the hat or the lady with the umbrella. Not even the television or the radio forecasters. But one boy and his dog have faith that the snow will amount to something spectacular, and when flakes start to swirl down on the city, they are also the only ones who know how to truly enjoy it. This playful depiction of a snowy day and the transformation of a city are perfectly captured in simple, poetic text and lively watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations.” *Check it out!*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cooper H. Griffin  
Brayden Joseph Jaxon  
Mason F. Charlie L.

## Spanish Class

Como Estas? Bien, gracias!  
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!

