

WILD LILAC PRESCHOOL

HONORING ALL CHILDREN

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Daffodil House February 2010 Newsletter

What We Have Been Up To:

Our play theme involving babies has expanded after we did research for photos of babies engaging in activities such as building with blocks, eating, and swimming. The research was driven by the kids' questions of "What can babies do?" and "What can babies not do?" We discovered some surprising answers after we found some particularly interesting photos of babies swimming underwater.



Exploring pictures of snow

We have also been researching several questions that have come up during outside playtime such as, "What is growing on our tree stump?" (an interesting white fungus) "What do we know about worms?" and "What kinds of bugs can live in sand?" We are so excited about all the insightful questioning and curiosity going on at Daffodil House and are constantly amazed at

where it takes us during our days at school.



Matt rocking a baby

Our exploration of feelings and emotions has also continued. Our feelings chart and several of our children's books have led us to discuss some other interesting emotions such as curiosity, surprise, and concentration. We loved hearing everyone's examples of his or her own or a family member's experience with these feelings. Thank you to Miri and her mom Jodi for introducing this new idea and bringing us pictures of people experiencing these emotions.

What's Coming Up:

The kids have been very busy working on their mailboxes for Valentine's Day. We still need a few, so if you have any tissue or shoe boxes lying around, we would love to put them to use. Thank you to all the parents who have already brought them! The kids have already started preparing Valentines for family members and classmates and are really excited about giving and

receiving them! We will celebrate with a Valentine's Tea on Friday February 12th at 11:30am. We would love for you all to come.

Note to Parents:

If your child wants to make or bring Valentines from home to give to school friends, the teachers request that you bring one for each child in the class. Teachers can provide class lists for parents if necessary. We really want everyone to feel included in this lovely holiday!

Welcome Annika

We want to welcome a new student, Annika, to the Daffodil House. We are so excited to get to know her, and we already love the enthusiasm and excitement she brings with her to school.

Book Club

Our book club this month was a great combination of interesting discussion and a fun time to hang out. The book, *The Language of Art* has a lot of great information about how to talk to your child about their art, ideas for new ways to introduce materials, and how to support your child's art in a way that fosters creativity. Our next book will be: [That's Not Fair! A Teacher's Guide to Activism with Young Children](#) by Ann Pelo and Fran Davidson. Although it

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focuses on the classroom, the information within it is easily adaptable to the home environment. We are VERY excited to read this book with you all!

Parent Discussion Night

Please join us for our next Parent Discussion Night on March 16th at 7:00pm. We will be talking about Math and Science in the classroom while munching on some yummy food made by our lovely Michelle. We hope to see you there!

Calendar

February 12- Family Event-
Daffodil House Valentine's
Day Tea, 11:30am

February 15- No School –
Presidents' Day

March 16- Parent Event –
Parent Discussion Night,
7:00pm

March 22-26- No School –
Spring Break