

What's
happening in
our school!

BIRTHDAYS:
Infants:

Grady P. 1/25

Toddler One:
Noah Shaffer
1/14
Connor F 1/25

Preschool -2
Amy A 1/8
Maddie S 1/23
Jacob R 1/23



Mountain Lakes Country Day School

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Read Anything and Everything with Your Child

At school, children are introduced to different kinds of writing — storybooks, books about topics they are studying, magazines, how-to guides, recipes, and content on the web. These are the kinds of writing that children and adults read in school and in daily life. You can read anything and everything with your child. This helps your child learn how and why writing and reading are important and useful. Here are some ideas.

Read magazines and newspapers. Talk about the photos and illustrations. Find an article by using the table of contents page. Discuss the different sections, such as sports, local news, and advertising.

Write a letter together. Use it to say "Thank you," "I hope you feel better soon," or just "Hello." Explain why you write the date and include the name of the person whom you are writing to. Sign it and have your child sign her name too. This can also be adapted to send an email.

Follow a recipe in a book or instructions on a food container. Work as a team to gather the ingredients. Then follow the directions step-by-step. Ask your child to help you figure out what comes next.

Read a variety of books. At the library, help your child pick storybooks, nonfiction books, and books to read together. Your child might choose a book of poems or a book with lots of detailed pictures to look at together.

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Message in a
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"The way we talk to
our children be-
comes their inner
voice."

Peggy O'Mara



Let it snow!



Please be sure that your child has a warm coat, a hat, and mittens or gloves for outside play.

PreK

In the beginning of January we worked on our Road Study. We drew maps, made a traffic light snack, cooperated in groups to build bridges and discussed road safety.

The next few weeks will be filled with activities based on our new study, the building study. We

will be using all kinds of materials to build different kinds of buildings.

We also have discussed tools and what they are used for.

We have also begun to count attendance in Spanish!



Traffic Light Snack

Preschool One

This past month Preschool One finished up the Building Study. They took a close look at our building to see if there was anything special about it.

The class discussed who builds buildings and the kinds of tools that construction workers use. They discussed the materials need to build a building and what makes buildings strong.

The class built structures in

the block area and used a variety of building materials.

A discussion of the kinds of buildings in their neighborhoods led to the beginning of the Road Study.

The class has been creating road signs, identifying signs by their shape, and learning what different road signs mean.



Preschool Two

Preschool Two started their Clothing Study this month. They “designed” Clothing templates and used tie-dye technique in an art project. The class has been busy graphing all the different features of clothing.

The class has been practicing buttoning, zipping, snapping

and more. They will be discussing where we get clothes from and planning on opening a class Clothing Store.

Preschool Two is excited about celebrating Valentine’s Day. They have been making heart collages and symmetry hearts in preparation.



Toddler One

- This month we focused on the season of winter. We really enjoyed playing in the snow in the sensory table.
- We did snowy day process art using snow and tissue paper.
- We learned about what animals do in the winter and read *Baby Beluga*. It quickly became our favorite story!
- We are staying in shape with animal yoga poses.
- We all wished Noah a very happy 2nd birthday.
- We are looking forward to learning about healthy habits and Valentine's Day!



Snow fun!

Toddler Two

- Toddler 2 had fun bringing the snow inside and building a snowman that looked like the one in their story.
- The class created winter process art using a variety of materials; oil, paint, and tissue paper. They crafted 3-D icicles that shone in the windows.
- They learned about artic animals and Penguins were their favorite!

Infants

- We've been working on our snowflake mural and are just getting started on some Valentine fun!
- Congratulations to Gabriel, Grady and Zachary, who are on the move!
- We also wished Grady a Happy First Birthday .
- Congratulations Jadyen and Dylan for moving up to toddlers!

Things to Know:

We will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of President's Day.

Please call the office to report your child's absence from school.

