



News from Strawberry Preschool



~February, 2018~

Strawberry Families,

February Curriculum: Animals

Our animal theme will be continuing throughout the month of February. We enjoyed learning about the first two types of animals: domestic animals and animals that are native to the state of California. Thank you to the families that brought in their dog; the children enjoyed learning all about them, including what they eat, where they sleep, how old they are, etc. As we continue with this theme, we will be focusing our attention on the following animals:

- World Animals: The weeks of February 5th & February 12th
- Ocean Animals: The weeks of February 26th & March 5th
- Reptiles: The week of March 12th
- Birds: The week of March 19th
- Bugs: The Week of March 26th

Children have a natural curiosity for animals. Taking walks near the bay allows the children to observe the different animals that live near our school. Reading books allows the children to ask questions about what they are hearing (why do they live there? What kind of food do they eat? How can they survive in the cold, in the water, in the desert? Etc.) Art allows the children to create projects based on what they are learning while working on those important fine motor skills.

Valentine's Day: We will be having a Valentine's Day Exchange on Wednesday, February 14th for M/W/F and 5 Day children. We will **NOT** be doing a Valentines exchange with the T/TH children. The Tuesday/Thursday children will have the opportunity to create fun art projects and have a special snack. If your M/W/F or 5 Day child would like to bring Valentines, please remember the following:

- Bring only enough Valentines for your child's group.
- Say who the Valentine is **from**, but please don't put who the Valentine is **for**. This will help save us time and confusion while we are passing them out.
- Please, **no candy**, we will be having a special snack that day.

Messages From Our Board

Mom's and Dad's Night Out: The Social committee would like to remind you that you are invited to join us for a mom's and dad's night out. The deadline to sign up for this fun night out is today: Friday, February 2nd.

This will be a great opportunity for parents to continue to get to know each other better and build a sense of community over a glass of wine and appetizers!

A REMINDER OF THE EVENT DETAILS:

- When: Wednesday, February 7th, 2018
- Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
- Where: Zinz Wine Bar: 207 Corte Madera Avenue. Corte Madera, CA 94925
- How Much: \$25 per person

A collection envelope for cash or checks is at the drop off area of the school. Alternatively, you can pay via PayPal. Emma R. is collecting payments for the evening-you can find her on PayPal at emma.reilly2010@gmail.com or (415) 203-8476. Just remember to add your name in the notes section.

Please remember to reply to the evite or directly to Emma at emma.reilly2010@gmail.com to confirm your attendance.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Parent's Night Out: Join us on Saturday, March 24th at Servino's in Tiburon for our school fundraiser. This is a great chance to mingle with parents and teachers and maybe even leave with an auction/raffle item or two!

A big thank you for the donations that have been received so far. A polite reminder to please submit your donation forms in the envelopes provided at the school or to stacey.johnson.strawberry@gmail.com.

Here are a few examples of items that we are looking for:

- Vacation Homes
- Music, Sports and Theatre Tickets
- Special Experiences
- Art, Collectibles and Sports Memorabilia
- Gift Cards
- Services: do you have a skill or service you can donate?
- Sign-Up Parties: do you have a fun idea for a sign-up party that you can host?
- Any other great items you're willing to donate

We are also seeking wine donations:

- Bottles of good quality wine for our wine pull and cases of wine for consumption on the evening

We thank you for your generous donations and look forward to celebrating with you!

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A Message from our Financial Administrator

For billing questions, Please contact Rose Lofrano, our COO. Her contact information is: (415) 246-4941 or rosespl1@yahoo.com.

A quick reminder that invoices are emailed on the 5th of each month and will include the month's tuition along with the previous month's childcare. Please remember that a late fee will apply to all payments made after the 25th of each month.

A Few Notes and Reminders

Summer Camp: We are busy finalizing our Camp Strawberry summer schedule. Our summer program consists of a total of 6 weeks, starting the week of June 18th (we will be closed the 4th of July week), and running through August 3rd. Additional information and brochures will be provided the beginning of March. Camp Strawberry is a great opportunity for new and returning families alike to enjoy a wide variety of projects, activities, water play, walking field trips, and so much more, all in a safe and familiar environment.

Nut-Free School: Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Many staples may seem to be nut-free, but they may actually contain traces of nuts. We ask that you please read the ingredients carefully. Thank you for helping us to keep all of our kids safe.

Conferences: The second round of conferences are set to start February 28th. The teachers are looking forward for the opportunity to talk with you about your child's growth at school this year. Sign-up sheets will be posted above the cubbies in the entryway of the preschool starting **Friday, February 9th**, please sign up for a time that works best for you. The dates for the conferences are as follows:

Elephant Group: February 28th, March 1st & 2nd

Seahorse Group: March 3rd, 7th & 9th

Lizard Group: March 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th

Frog Group: March 20th & 22nd

Fish Group: March 27th & 29th

Is Your Child Under The Weather? If your child seems to be a little ‘off’ when they wake up in the morning, we ask that you please keep them home. We are in the middle of a pretty nasty cold and flu season, and children who are ‘fighting’ something tend to get worse as the day goes on. Giving them an extra day at home is sometimes all they need, and greatly helps us keep our teachers and children healthy, as well as helps us prevent the spread of all those nasty germs. We thank you in advance for your support in this.

Important Upcoming Dates

- We will be closed the week of February 19th for Mid-Winter break
- Conferences start on Wednesday, February 28th
- Closed Monday, March 12th for a staff in-service day
- Mom’s & Dad’s Night Out: Wednesday, February 7th from 7:00-9:00 at Zinz Wine Bar in Corte Madera
- Parent’s Night Out Fundraiser: Saturday, March 24th at Servinos in Tiburon

Here’s to a great February!

Lisa Woods and the Strawberry Preschool Staff