



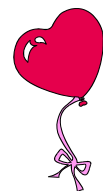
Our 43rd Year of Enriching Children's Lives



God bless America and God bless our troops!



Creative Garden Nursery School and Learning Center-Glen Burnie



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Embarking on this month's curriculum stirs excitement within us as we begin new lessons and projects such as writing letters, making bird-feeders, and creating valentines. The children will experience the pleasure of sending a valentine to you, their loved ones, and also sharing valentines with their classmates. **Our children will learn about the flag, our presidents, and how patriotism and love for our country makes it a better place to live.**

We especially want to extend a warm welcome to all new students enrolled at our Center. We know that their experience here will enrich their lives, and cause them to remember Creative Garden with fond memories throughout their lifetime. Please know that we welcome your communication with us, as our common priority is your children's happiness and comfort.

Fall Registration 2012

Discounted Registration Fee
\$40.00 ONE WEEK ONLY!
Feb. 6-10, 2012

If you wish for your child to attend the fall session which begins on August 20 2012, you **MUST fill out a new application** for 2012/2013, and pay the registration fee, which will be \$65.00 after Feb. 10. Please stop by the office for more information.

CALENDAR:

- THURS. FEB. 2 Please send in a legal sized self-addressed, stamped envelope, so that your child can mail a Valentine to you; and send in enough Valentines for the children in your child's class, signed from your child. Do not address the Valentines to anyone. Please leave the envelopes blank.
- THURS. FEB. 2 Ground Hog Day
- TBA Mail carrier visit
- Wk. of FEB. 6-10 **FALL REGISTRATION OPEN TO CHILDREN CURRENTLY ENROLLED.** Please stop by room 4 to fill out an application during this week, and you may give it to any office staff member. To receive the discounted registration fee, it must be paid when the application is turned in.
- MON. FEB. 13 Fall registration 2012 open to public.
- TUES. FEB. 14 VALENTINES DAY PARTIES - Check with your child's teacher for details.
- MON. FEB. 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY - CENTER CLOSED for staff meetings/training.



Reminders:

1. Flu season is upon us. Please Parents, please be aware of our policy: No child may attend school ill. Our policy also mandates that a child may not return to school after contracting an illness until he is fever and symptom free for 24 hours. (Refer to Parent's Handbook, Pages 8-9).
2. If someone not listed on your emergency card needs to pick up your child, please fill out the alternate pick-up authorization in the office.
3. Please dress your child appropriately for cold weather - warm coats, mittens, hats. Bring these items even if it seems to be a little warmer out, as the temperature has been known to change quickly.
4. Cars are not to be left with the engine running and/or children in the car while dropping off or picking up your children. We care about you and your children!!

Schedule Changes

Any time you would like to request a change in your child's schedule, please be sure to complete the form kept on the table in the foyer. **We must receive notification in writing.** It is also very helpful if you inform your child's teacher of any changes. We greatly appreciate your cooperation in these matters.



TAKE TIME OUT AND DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON YOUR CHILD:

(Some important suggestions to help control your temper)

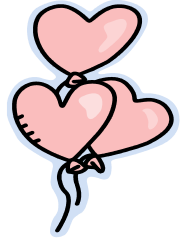
1. Stop in your tracks, step back, and sit down.
2. Take five deep breaths. Inhale. Exhale, Slowly. Slowly.
3. Count to ten.....or say the alphabet out loud.
4. Phone a friend, a relative, or visit someone.
5. Thumb through a magazine, book, or newspaper.
6. Do some sit-ups.
7. Pick up a pencil and write down your thoughts.
8. Take a hot bath or cold shower.
9. Lie down on the floor, or just put your feet up.
10. Put on your favorite music.

CURRICULUM GUIDELINES:

Newborns:



Listening & Talking: Words for baby's feelings
Creative Activities: Hold a music toy & listening
Physical Development: Large muscle - bicycle push; S
Small muscle - grab the mobile toy
Learning the World Around Them: Feeling Blankets Songs: "Muffin Man"



Infants:

Listening & Talking: "Wave bye-bye"
Physical Development: Large muscle - exercise with mirrors; Small muscle - beginning to scribble
Creative Activities: Handprint art; Songs: "Pop Goes the Weasel"
Learning the World Around Them: Sing "Number Songs"

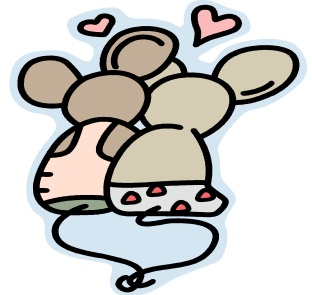
Toddlers:



Listening & Talking: "Where's your nose?"
Physical Development: Large muscle - dancing with streamers
Creative Activities: Valentine cards; Songs: Head, shoulders, knees and toes"
Learning the World Around Them: Nesting cups

2 Years Old:

Unit: My Family; Number concepts: 5; one to one relationship
Shapes: hearts, Shape jumping game; Colors: white, (red and white makes pink)
Phonics: review "p" pink, pear; Perceptual skills: Sorting colors
Language arts: I Love my Mommy and Daddy
Science: The world around me; Sensory play: Review of all senses
Music: Rhythm marching band; Art: Shaving cream on tables



3 Years Old:



Units: Our Flag; Mailing a Valentine
Number concepts: recognition and rote 1-7, like sets 1-3
Shapes: matching shape work sheet, hearts; Art: Make Valentines
Colors: relate red/white/blue to our flag; red & white = pink
Phonics: Introduce "h" (heart) review initial consonant sound; p,s,m,d
Perceptual skills: cutting; writing letters in name (using dotted letters)
Spanish: 1- 6: parts of the body, movement/Music: "Yankee Doodle"
Language Arts: Birthdays - "Presidents have birthdays, too!"
Science: Largest - smallest; Role Playing: Mail carrier

4 Years Old:

Unit: Our Country: Journey of a letter
Number concepts: recognition 12 - 13; like sets 1-8; unlike sets 1-3, counting 1-20
Shapes: hearts, review all shapes; Colors: mixing red/white to get pink
Phonics: Introduce "v" valentine "l" letter - reinforce "at" family; introduce "an" family (fan, man)
Perceptual skills: reinforce name writing or tracing skills; Role playing: Mail carrier
Spanish: Introduce 8; review: Yo me llamo es, gracias
Language Arts: Recognize Ff - Jj; Science: magnets, smell;
Music: "Yankee Doodle", "This Land Is Your Land"
Reinforce name writing skills using upper and lower case letters

Transitional:

Unit: Our Country: Voyage of a letter
Number concepts: Visual Recognition 1-12, count by 2's to 10, rote counting 1-25, 1 to 1 relationship, 12 = 1 dozen; Colors: Mix Red & white for Pink
Shapes: Review geometric shapes & hearts, Reinforce drawing shapes
Phonics: Introduce Ll, Ww, "ig" family; Perceptual Skills: Sequencing - party planning
Spanish: Introduce Levántate (stand up); Music: Singing; Art: Make Valentines
Sight words - Lincoln, Washington, President
Science: Magnets; Role Playing: Mail carrier

