

Directors Corner Dear Families,

February is such a special month to be an early childhood educator! The children have formed wonderful friendships and are engaging in cooperative play every day. It's truly heartwarming to witness these relationships grow, especially this year. They are also making progress in using their words to express feelings and resolve conflicts, with support from their teachers as they start solving problems on their own.

There's nothing sweeter than seeing the children dressed in red, white, and pink, happily exchanging Valentines with their friends. At Jack and Jill School, everyone is a friend, and we grown-ups could certainly learn a thing or two from our preschoolers!

Warmly,

Katrina

February 2025

**Valentine's Day** Each classroom will have

its own special way of celebrating Valentine's Day.

Your child's teacher will provide details in their weekly updates, so keep an eye out! Please note that all Valentine's cards must be free of food items, including chips, pretzels, candy, and similar snacks. When preparing the Valentine's cards, leave the "to" section blank and have your child only fill out the "from" section with their name.

Join us for a family Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM! Admission is a donation of baby diapers or wipes. We look forward to seeing you and your family on the dance floor!

## **Morning Routines**

Just a friendly reminder! Please have your child use the bathroom before entering their classroom in the morning. This small step helps us greatly reduce early morning bathroom trips. While it can be tempting to skip this step if you're running late, children often end up needing to go during circle time, which can be disruptive to their peers. Thank you so much for your cooperation—we truly appreciate it!

#### <u>Kindergarten</u> Registration

The Attleboro Public Schools will host **Kindergarten Information** Night on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. I will share specific times once the information is released. If vou are unsure what school your child will be attending, please reach out to me and I can look it up for you! If your child will not be attending Attleboro Public Schools please reach out and I will do my best to get you the information you need for registration.



I want to remind everyone about potential choking hazards in packed lunches. Certain foods can pose a significant risk for young children, especially when served whole or in certain shapes.

The following foods are frequently sent in and pose a choking hazard:



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**Whole grapes**: Please cut grapes in half lengthwise (or quarters for younger children) before sending them.

**Whole hot dogs**: These should be sliced lengthwise and then cut into smaller pieces.

**Coin-shaped hot dog slices:** These can be a choking hazard and

should be cut into smaller, safer pieces. **Marshmallows**: Due to

their sticky texture and size, they can easily block a child's airway. By cutting foods into smaller, manageable pieces, you help reduce the risk of choking and ensure mealtime remains a safe and enjoyable experience for all children. Please see the attached flyer about choking hazards.



Supper Wrap Up

Thank you to all of those who baked, donated, volunteered and attended our event on January 18<sup>th</sup>! We raised about \$1,000.00 and had so much fun doing it!

Everyone had a great time playing bingo and the candy prizes were a big hit! A special thank you to Upham's House of Pizza and Briggs Corner Pizzeria for their generous and delicious food donations. Thank you to Katherine Legare and Maria Vamvakis for all their help behind the scenes.



<u>Dates</u>

Lifetouch will be here to take our individual and class photos on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

W 4/2 will be Mixed Age M/W/F Class & 4 Day Pre-K TH 4/4 will be Mixed Age T/TH and 5 Day Pre-K.

We do not have the ability to schedule make-up days or retakes.

If you are interested in having sibling pictures taken of your currently enrolled students, please reach out to me by 3/28 to secure a sibling session.

## February School Vacation

School will be closed Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. School will reopen on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

# 2025-2026 Registration

Open House was a great success! It was such a pleasure connecting with our current, new, and alumni families.

Enrollment for next year looks fantastic! If you haven't registered yet and would like guidance on the best class for your child, please don't hesitate to reach out. If you know anyone looking for preschool for next year, please send them my way.



## Summer

<u>Preschool</u>

We are excited to offer summer preschool again this summer. We will be offering 7 weeks of summer fun and learning. Registration packets went home in mid-January, please reach out with any questions. We hope to see you for some of the summer.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

2/10 Tuition Due

**2/13** Family Valentine's Dance

2/17 Board Meeting

**2/17 – 2/21** February Vacation