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# The Early Learning Center Newsletter

## From the Director's Desk

Happy Chinese New Year and welcome to the Year of the Ox!

Please remember to keep sending in the snowpants, boots, mittens and hats every day. If it is above 20 degrees with the windchill, we want to go out and play. We love to take advantage of our outside time and run off that "cabin fever".

Speaking of weather, please be aware that if St. John Fisher College closes because of inclement weather, the Early Learning Center will also be closed. These

closings will be announced over the local television and radio stations. The Center will not be announced separately.

If you have a child in the School Age Room, please let Amy know if you plan on having your child here for the February break. She has a sign up sheet posted in her classroom. Please see me for the tuition rates for the break.

Amy and MaryBeth have been busy planning our School Age Summer Enrichment Program. Brochures

will be available by the beginning of March. This program is for children entering Kindergarten through those entering Fourth Grade in the fall of 2009.



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## Little Kids

Did you meet our new assistant teacher? I'll tell you a little bit about her. Her name is Shannon Laursen, and she's so excited to be here! She lives in Caledonia with her husband Chris, and their three children Jessica, Sami & Joey. She had

been working for the Caledonia Mumford Central School District before she became so lucky to work here. We have been teaching her how the classroom works. I think she has been having a lot of fun 'cause she smiles all of the time. We're still missing Jeanet-

tte and hope she gets better soon. Did you see that Rosie has come back? She's really missed us! She is going to teach Shannon everything she needs to know. So, if you haven't done so yet, be sure to meet Shannon, because she's looking forward to meeting you!

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## Middle Kids

February will be another busy month in our room! We will begin the month with a visit from Dr. Albreit's office. A dental hygienist will be teaching the children about proper dental care. In preparation of Valentine's Day, the second week of February we will be learning about different feelings and emotions. We are planning a Valentine Exchange Party for Friday, February 13th, which you are all welcome to attend. We will conclude the month with a unit on Fairy Tales and a visit to the TYKES theatre to watch a play of Cinderella. As always, please feel free to contact me with any

questions or concerns you may have regarding your child. Thank you!

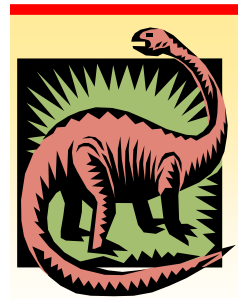


## Big Kids

I can't believe that January is over! We had so much fun with our fairy tale theme this month. The children enjoyed the stories and the activities. I think dressing up was a hit! Also, they had fun with our dinosaur theme. Our paleontologists dug for dinosaur bones, made fossils, and even made their own dinosaurs! With kindergartners around the corner we have been

busy preparing. Everyone is right on track! Please continue to work on letter recognition and number recognition at home. If your children are interested, continue enforcing letter sounds. This will help the children get a jump start on reading next year. With Valentine's day coming up, please have your children try to write their names on each card. Don't ad-

dress them, this way it will be easier to pass them out to the class. On February 27th, we will be going on a fieldtrip to the JCC to see the play "Cinderella". We can't wait!



## School Age

Welcome to February! We will begin the month discussing our feelings and emotions. Each day there is one or two books I will be reading that relate to the emotion we talk about that day. The next week is all about Valentine's Day. We will make lots of Val-



entine's day cards! The week after that we will be practicing to put on a circus show! The last week of February is all about the rainforest.

All of the Kindergartners are learning more sight words each week, we are working on writing as well! All

of the Kindergartners have learned so much and are keeping up the good work! **Please Remember: Pittsford February Break is 2/16-2/20** \*\*there is a sign up on the clipboard\*\* Also Mary Beth and I have been planning for the summer camp program and our brochure will be out in March! Thank you for all your help and cooperation, Amy



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