

River Road Reader

February 2018



Welcome to February River Road Families!

Letter from the Director

This month is a busy month for the Preschool as we begin the process of putting together contracts for our current families and welcoming all of the new friends who will be joining us for the 2018-2019 school year. Please keep an eye out in early February for your child's contract which will be mailed directly to your home. Please return your child's contract to the office by March 1st.

January came to us with a great deal more snow than we are used to and more school closings than any of us would like to see. The preschool will now be open on February 19th (previously scheduled to be closed for Presidents Day). Although we are unable to make up all missed days due to the snow, we will follow Henrico's plan for this particular make-up day in the hopes we can give back to those families who have missed the most time. Fingers crossed we will not see any more snow this season!

Sincerely,

Lyndsay McGreevy

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Dates to Remember

February 9th—School Closed for Teacher In-Service
February 12th & 13th—Chapel (3 year old—Jr. Kindergarten)
February 19th—School Open

March 5th—March Adventures start this week
March 8th & 9th—School Closed
March 19th—Family Night from 5:30 pm — 7:00 pm
March 19th—23rd—Scholastic Book Fair
March 26th— New sessions of Sports & Inspire begin this week
March 26th & 27th—Easter Chapel (Families welcome)

April 2nd—April 6th—School Closed for Spring Break
April 10th—12th—Pony Pictures
April 23rd—Chick Hatching Program begins!
April 26th—School Closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences

May 1st & 2nd—Spring Program (3 yr—Jr. Kindergarten)
May 10th & 11th—Muffins with Mom 8:30 am-9:00 am
May 24th—Last day of school

All God's Children

One of the goals of our All God's Children program is to help our children understand that helping others is an important value.

During the month of February, the children will be creating different artwork in their classrooms to be laminated into placemats and delivered to the Meals on Wheels program.

We hope to make a difference in the recipients lives and to brighten their day with the children's gifts of love.



Summer Camp

Even though we are in the midst of cold weather we are already gearing up for a fun and exciting summer camp experience! We are



excited to share that we will continue to offer special visitors and activates every Wednesday during camp.

Summer camp is an option for children from all of our programs as well as children who are not currently enrolled at River Road.

Camp will be offered:

Week 1: Tuesday, May 29th –Friday, June 1st

Week 2: Monday, June 4th—Friday, June 8th

Week 3: Monday, June 11th—Friday, June 15th

Keep an eye out for more information in the coming months.

Teacher Continuing Education

Did you know that all of our teachers are required through our accreditation (National Accreditation Council) to complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education each year? On February 9th our school will be closed to our students while our teachers are introduced to new ideas and concepts and gather deeper understanding of our children learn.

Topics for this training session will be STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (offered by Lego education), Building Blocks for Positive Child Behaviors (Presented by Gina Coats, Professor of Early Childhood Education), and Sensory (presented by Ilyse Canfield, owner of The Write OT).

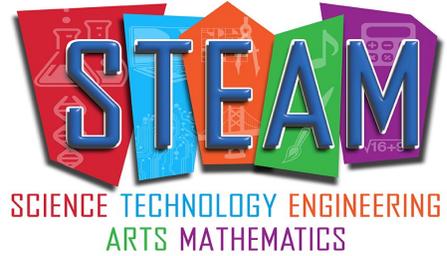
Training days provide wonderful opportunities for our teachers to get excited about new ideas and stay up-to-date on changes throughout the early childhood field. We all get excited about these wonderful opportunities and time together as a team.

Other trainings provided for our teachers have been:

- * Puppetry in the classroom
- * Child Abuse and Neglect
- * How to communicate with parents
- * The Visual Classroom
- * Illness Prevention
- * Early Childhood Speech Development
- * Concept Development
- * Agriculture in the Classroom

Family Night

Mark your calendars for Family Night on March 19th from 5:30—7:00 pm with a new STEAM theme! What is STEAM? Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math! Join us for dinner, games, activities, music and more! Keep an eye out for RSVP's in the coming weeks.



Things to Do around Richmond!

Thursday, February 1st

Cuddly Creatures: 10:30 am or 4 pm. VMFA Art Education Center for ages 14 – 30 months. Exploring pets of all kinds in this animal-themed adventure. Fee

Saturday, February 3rd:

Dads & Donuts: 8:30am – 9:30am. Romp n Roll. Dad-friendly gym activities, music, donuts and coffee. Pre-registration required. Space is limited. Fee

Kids Workshop – Valentines Bean Bag Toss: 9:00am-Noon at Home Depot Stores. Join this hands-on kid's workshop. All kids can keep their project and receive a certificate of achievement, work apron, and commemorative pin while supplies last. Free



Thursday, February 8th:

Frozen Sing-Along: 4:30pm at the Glen Allen Branch Library. For all ages. Dress as your favorite Frozen character and join the sing-along version of the widely popular Disney film. Refreshments will be provided. Free

February 9th

Richmond Ballet's Sleeping Beauty: Carpenter Theater. Visit the website for show times and ticket prices.

February 16th

Chinese New Year for Preschoolers: 10:30am at Twin Hickory Area Library. For children 3-5 years. Celebrate Chinese New Year with music, stories, and movement. Free