



TURTLE TIDBITS  
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Happy New Year! While Mother Nature has put some challenges in our way with the cold and the snow, the children are all happy to be back with their classmates and Turtle Class routines – we hopefully will have an entire week of school this week! On the playground last week, we really enjoyed rolling giant snowballs, building snowmen, shoving and sledding!

Our current theme of Construction/Deconstruction has been an area of engaging activity and creativity for the class. We have enjoyed stories such as Dig, Dog, Dig, On The Building Site, Backhoe Joe, Iggy Peck, Architect, and Who Made This Cake? to name a few. We have painted with construction vehicles and gears, traced foam shapes to make buildings, made pictures on sandpaper with chalk and used all kinds of manipulatives and blocks to make many varied structures – including

the Eiffel Tower! Children constructed their own snack from pretzel sticks and marshmallows, made graham cracker houses with “magic” (royal icing) frosting, and baked, frosted and decorated a cake!

To help all students to be prepared for next school year, the Turtle teachers are working on practicing foundational skills which should ensure optimal success. Children are now responsible for checking off “have to” activities which is practice for getting to “centers” in kindergarten. We are encouraging them to have all of their paperwork and belongings packed up and organized after rest time so that they can practice being ready for the bus line or walker’s line next year. We have designated different areas of the classroom for each small group to get ready in outdoor gear before lunchtime, and the children are becoming very adept at gathering all necessary belongings and some of them are getting quite speedy at getting ready! We would encourage you to have your child practice this at home whenever possible.



We will be celebrating Valentine’s Day on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>! We will have a community snack (we will have a sign-up sheet for families to donate some fun yummy items) and any child who does not typically attend TCW on Wednesdays is invited to come with a parent to participate (approximately 9:30 – 10:15).

We are asking that your child bring a valentine for each Turtle Child (a total of 21, not including your child). He/she may sign the cards with their names, but we request please **NO CLASSMATE NAMES ON THE VALENTINES!** This allows for quick and easy delivery to other classmates valentine’s bag. After each child’s

valentines have been delivered, their bags will be sealed and put into their cubbies to be opened at home.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask!

Thank you,

Ali, Carrie, Margot, Mary & Niki

