**Important Dates**

**February is Dental Awareness Month and Black History Month**

January 31st Monthly and Bi- monthly tuition due at drop off

February 14th Bi-monthly tuition due at drop off

 Valentine’s Day Party.

February 17th President’s Day. **Childcare Closed**

 No School SD2

February 28th March monthly and bi-monthly tuition due at

 drop off.

 Pajama Day

March 2nd-6th **Childcare Closed**

**Parent Participation Opportunities**

We are offering parents different opportunities to participate in their child’s experience while at childcare. Along with volunteer opportunities, we are also including ways for parents to contribute in other ways to their child’s learning experience. The opportunities this month include:

* If anyone is interested in reading to the children between 10:00 and 11:00, please contact Erica to set up a date and time that would work best.
* If you would like to bring a special treat for our Valentine’s party, please make sure that it doesn’t include nuts of any kind.

**Special Dates**

* Friday, February 14th will be our Valentine’s Day party. We will be handing out Valentines, playing games and enjoying some snacks.
* Pajama Day will be Friday, February 28th.

**Winter Clothing**

Just a reminder that your children need to be supplied with weather appropriate items every day. A lot of kids are still coming without most of the items that are critical for staying warm in our cold Montana winters! If your family needs help getting any of the following supplies, please let Erica know. The items that are needed each and every day include but are not limited to the following:

* 2 changes of clothing (tops, bottoms, socks, underwear)
* Heavy coat
* Hat, scarf and mittens or gloves
* Snow pants
* Snow boots
* Sweater or sweatshirt
* Heavier blanket for naptimes

Please keep in mind that we go outside **EVERY DAY**! The State requires us to take the children outside for fresh air every day, the only restrictions are if the temperature has a below zero wind chill or is below freezing. The only exception to these conditions is for infants and in that case, more limitations on weather conditions will apply. If you feel your child shouldn’t be outside due to a cold or other illness, they are too sick to be at childcare. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather and make sure that your child has the appropriate outerwear for the weather conditions, if they are brought here and do not have these items, we will ask that you return home to get them or your child cannot stay in childcare. It is not fair to the other children or to your child if everyone isn’t dressed ready to play outside!

**Valentine’s Day Party**

To celebrate Valentine’s Day we will be having treats and passing out valentines Friday, February 14th. All of the kids will be making their own valentine bags to take home all of the treats and valentines that their friends give out.

If your child brings valentines or treats for their friends, please be sure that there are enough for 20 children. Please do not put names on the valentines because doing so makes it difficult for the children to hand them out by themselves.

Please DO NOT bring any treats containing any kind of nut. We have children allergic.

Thank you!

**Family Conferences**

We will be scheduling family conferences Mid-March. There will be a sign up sheet for your convenience located on top of the cubbies. Please sign up for a date and time that works best for you. If none of the times prescheduled work for your family, please see me about making other arrangements.

It is important that we are able to meet with each family for family conferences. At these meetings we will be reviewing previous conference notes, setting individual development goals for your child and going over your child’s Assessment results. This is also a good time for us to share any concerns we may have and gives us all a chance to sit down in private with no other distractions.