# **Classroom Corner**

This section is written by the Merryhill teachers. It is a place for you to find specific information about your child's classroom.

#### **Infants**

Ms. Desiree & Ms. Makenna

Old MacDonald had a farm in the Infant Room. The infants will engage in farm related activities and art experiences. They will meet "horses" as they feed them in our oat sensory table. The infants will use gross motor skills by crawling and enjoying tummy time in the classroom.

Please provide two crib sheets for naptime and remember to take used sheets home on the last school day of the week to be cleaned.

Happy 1<sup>st</sup> birthday to Austin. ☺

#### **Toddler A**

Ms. Brittney, Ms. Holly, Ms. Taja & Ms. Tracy

In January the toddlers learned lots of new things. They learned new vocabulary such as; twirl, cave and chef. We have also introduced a new song to the children ... "Slippery Fish." This song is a big hit with the toddlers.

In the month of February we will be introducing new simple songs as well as using instruments. We will encourage the children to stretch their imaginations by wearing costumes and pretending to be new characters. We will also focus on gross motor skills and introduce a bouncy ball into some of our activities. We will also introduce the colors pink, red and purple with paint and crayons. Be sure to check out the bulletin boards for all of the colorful masterpieces.

Please remember to take home bedding every Friday evening (or your child's last day of the week.) Also, check for weather appropriate extra clothes. Take any food/drink home from the refridgerator at the end of each day.

Thank you. Toddler A Teachers ©

### **Toddler B**

Ms. Alyssa, Ms. Danielle & Ms. Tharon

This past month we really focused on building our vocabulary by saying the words and using baby sign language. We learned "animal," "party," "pig," "cold" and "lady." Just to name a few. We will continue to help build the toddlers' vocabularies by listening to stories and naming objects in the book as well as naming objects in the classroom.

In the month of February we will be introducing new simple songs as well as using instruments. We will encourage the children to stretch their imaginations by wearing costumes and pretending to be new characters. We will explore our artistic sides with fingerpainting and painting with a paintbrush. We will also introduce a bouncing ball into some of our activities to strengthen those gross motor skills.

Please mark your calendar for our Valentine's Party on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for the potluck sign up sheet.

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday to Riley and Sahil. ☺

## **Beginner A**

Ms. Ashley M., Ms. Ashley S. & Ms. Elizabeth

We hope everyone had a wonderful time over the many holidays in the past few months. The class has fallen back into our routine and we are learning more than ever. The children have been working hard on recognizing their first and last names. We are also very excited and proud of our friends that have been potty training this past month. Way to go!!

During this month we will be focusing on a few skills in particular. Since many of our friends are learning to use the potty we will be learning to use buttons, snaps and zippers. We will also focus on counting 1-20 and using our fingers to indicate numbers. Some other important skills we will be working on is speaking using a variety of vocabulary and using newly acquired vocabulary during our shared reading.

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party on the 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be a potluck so look for the sign-up sheet. Also, a friendly reminder our school is a "nut free zone." Please be cautious when bringing food items from home for potlucks and meals/snacks.