



Stepping Stones Newsletter

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Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation, is rested and ready for the fun month ahead of us. We have lots of exciting things planned so please pay close attention to your calendars and notices. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead this Saturday!

Thank You

We would like to thank our room parents. Your help with the Valentine Day parties was greatly appreciated! A good time was had by all.

In the Classroom

All classes will be studying the theme Community Helpers at the beginning of this month. Dramatic play will become our local hospital and eventually include a fire station.

Trains will be arriving this week in the block area. Ramps with balls and match box cars will follow in a couple weeks. Construction vehicles and props will be added to the sand table enabling children the ability to create neighborhoods. Actual wood, screws, screwdrivers, nails and hammers will be at the work bench for the older children.

We have lots of special people working on this unit with us. The Fours will be traveling to the Fire Station and our Threes will enjoy a visit from the Derry Firefighters right here at school. We have also scheduled a Police Officer to speak to all our children about staying safe and at the end of the month a Dental Hygienist will be coming in to talk to our Fours about caring for your teeth.

In addition to our Community Helper talks we also have tickets for a fun show at Pinkerton's Stockbridge Theater this Friday and our Fours have been invited to take some sample classes in music and art at a local arts school "Let's Play

Music". It is a very busy and exciting month, indeed!

In preparation for our visits with the firefighters, make sure you have "the talk" with your children about where to meet outside your home in the event of a fire. At school we meet at the mailbox. Don't forget to change those smoke detector batteries! We will also be conducting drills with each of the classes this month.

The Threes

The three year old class will have great fun this month in dramatic play. Here they will have the opportunity to "drive" our classroom fire truck, put out fires with its 30 foot hose, and make sure everyone gets the emergency care they need. With our extensive collection of trains out in the block area soon it too will be a popular spot in the classroom to play. It is going to be an energized month!

The Fours

In March our Fours will not only focus on community helpers but will also explore different methods of construction. We are in need of donations of oodles of your empty cardboard tubes, clean (no meat) foam or cardboard trays, and fat straws. Thank you for your help.

This month Miss Mary will return on the 29th for another Enrichment Class. This time her workshop will be based on the story "What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?" Can't wait to see what she does this time! Minimum class size 10

Kristen and Karen will also be offering the first of a series of Science workshops starting this month on the 13th. This one will focus on the properties of water; water density and water displacement. Like other Enrichment Classes it

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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Thank You
- ☺ In The Classroom
- ☺ News From Kristen
- ☺ Important Dates

Important Dates:

Threes Class

Visit from Police Officer
Monday March 19th

Visit from the Firefighters
Wednesday March 21st

4's Field Trips

Stockbridge Theater
Friday March 9

Fire Station @ Derry Rotary
Friday March 16th

Let's Play Music
Tuesday March 20th

Guest Speakers:
Police Officer: March 15th
Dental Hygienist: March 30th

Enrichment Classes

Fun with Science Water

Tuesday March 13th

"What Do You Do With A Tail Like This"

Thursday March 29th

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Fours Continued

will be offered from 12:00-2:00. Children should bring their own lunch and the fee will be \$20.00.

Please send the permission slips back as soon as possible so that we know we have enough children to plan for the activities.

Minimum class size 8

News From Kristen

We are so proud of our very own Kristen who is working on her CDA Credential (a National Gold Standard Training Certification) towards her Director Certification. This credentialing process includes eight separate disciplines the first of which is Health and Safety.

As part of this first segment Kristen is expected to present lessons to your children on Health and Wellness. This is perfect timing as it will tie in nicely with our curriculum this month.

We are so excited for this new chapter in Kristen's life and look forward to the new ideas she will bring back and share with us. Please join us in congratulating Kristen in her newest endeavor.



Think Spring