



February 2012 Newsletter

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Winter Garden

VALENTINE'S PARTIES

Each of our classrooms will be having Valentine's Day parties on Tuesday, February 14. If you would like to bring a special treat for your child's party, please see the sign-up sheet in each classroom.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

This month's Parent's Night Out program will be on **Friday, February 3.**

We will have pizza and movies for the children. The price is \$20 per child. Parent's night out is held normally on the first Friday of every month except on holiday weekends when it is held on the following Friday. Space is limited and reservations are required. If you sign up and can not attend please notify the front desk by noon on Friday to avoid having your account charged.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Orange County schools will be closed on Monday, February 20, in observance of Presidents' Day. StarChild Academy will be providing full-day care, including a fun-filled field trip and/or activities on this day off from school. Field trip details will be posted at: www.StarChildAcademy.com

TAX STATEMENTS

Thanks to Federal tax rules, your family may be eligible for a credit on your income taxes for child care expenses. Your accountant can provide you with the details. Summaries of your family's payments to StarChild Academy are available at the front desk.

SPRING PICTURES

Images 4 Kids will be taking spring pictures of StarChild Academy's students between Thursday, March 22, and Friday, March 23. Sign ups will be posted in your child's classroom.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

PLAYGROUND SAFETY - For the safety of all our children, we ask that parents please *refrain* from using playgrounds outside of classroom time (before drop-off AND after pick-up times). Thank you for your understanding!

PERSONAL ITEMS - We would like to request that parents refrain from permitting their child to bring *toys or backpacks* from home due to limited space in their individual cubbies.

CLASSROOM START TIMES - Our full-time Preschool, Advanced Preschool, Pre-K, Private Kindergarten, Private First Grade classes begin classrooms lessons at 8:30 a.m. Half-day Preschool and Pre-K classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. *We ask that all parents bring their children on time for school.*

FEBRUARY CURRICULUM

During the month of February, our *Toddler* theme is Up in the Sky. Throughout this month, the toddlers will discover what makes flying creatures so special, how we make machines fly, and where weather comes from.

Our *Preschool* classrooms will "visit" with Children Around the World. They will focus on letters Mm-Pp, number identification 1-11 and counting to 20.

Our *Advanced Preschool* classrooms will explore The Five Senses and how they can use their senses to help them understand, function in and enjoy the world.

Our *Pre-Kindergarten* classrooms will study Patriotism through their Red, White and Blue unit. Through literature, the children will read stories that inspire feelings of national pride.

Our *Kindergarten* classrooms will learn about Perserverance or the ability to keep trying. They will explore stories and historic figures to understand how this skill is necessary to accomplish many goals. Our *First Grade* class will study Fossils and learn how fossils provide evidence about the plants and animals that lived long ago, and how scientists learn about the past history of Earth by studying fossils.