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Happenings in the classroom...

Elisa & Yari: Winter is in full bloom, and Room 1 has been discussing the many changes occurring during this season. To create a winter effect indoors, the children made Epsom salt paintings. These beautifully, glazed pictures are on display just outside Room 1's window. In addition to our winter theme, we are cruising down our alphabet and have made various arts & crafts pertaining to our letter of the week. We also made paintings using balloons as our brush, and crowns for letter C. We sang numerous songs such as the letter B and C songs.

Judith & Janina: The month of January is almost over, February is just around the corner, and in room two we have continued to learn about the winter season and the letters of the alphabet. In this month the children have made letters, talked about things that begin with the current letter of the week and worked on various projects related to the season and the alphabet. We continue to have snacks and conduct cooking projects related to the letter of the week, and science experiments that are so much fun. For circle time we are having discussions based on what should we wear during this season and what kinds of activities we can do at wintertime.

Natalie & Jennifer: This month we have been discussing winter. The children made snowy scenes and cotton ball snowmen. As a class we wrote a winter story called "Super Friends Play in the Snow." Each child got to write a sentence for our story and they drew a picture illustrating his/her sentence. The book was laminated and put into our library. We are also learning about penguins. Each child will be making his/her own penguin book with icy scenery. Along with other fun penguin themed books and games.

Maria's Spanish Class: En Enero, In January the Spanish Class has been learning about the Seasons/las estaciones. We have learned about the many different winter activities /actividades and have created beautiful snowmen /muñecos de nieve and winter scenes. The children have also created beautiful winter collages out of magazine clippings that they have brought in to the class. Los niños/the children have also been practicing their "chocolate song". They all love a cup of hot chocolate/una copa de chocolate/ on cold winter days/ dias frio en el invierno. Please check out their collages; it's beautiful!!!/ muy bonito.

Notes from the office...



Just a reminder... *The Barclay Street School* will be **closed** on **Monday, February 15th** and **Tuesday, February 16th** -Presidents' Weekend

Volunteers... We have a few new faces in our classrooms... **Roman & John** are seniors at Xavier High School. They are volunteering their time with us every Monday (9am-3pm) until May as a part of their Christian Service Program.
Student Teachers... 3 students from BMCC will be joining us every Tuesday from 8:45am-12:45pm. Please take a moment and introduce yourself to the volunteers and student teachers.

Scholastic Book Clubs... The February Scholastic is now available online. If you would like a paper copy please see Yari. Scholastic orders are due by **Thursday, February 18th**. The latest Scholastic book orders are available online at: www.scholastic.com/parentordering
username: barclaystreet
password: bookorders

Valentine's Day... the BSS will be celebrating Valentine's Day. During the party the children will have the opportunity to pass out their Valentine's Day cards (a class list will be emailed home). If you would like to contribute something to the party, please sign up outside your child's classroom door.

Dentist Visit... Dr. Sara Fikree will be visiting all the AM classes on Wednesday, Feb. 3 to discuss good oral hygiene.

Sounds of The Barclay Street School

Letter B Song:

Big Bobby's baseball bat and ball,
He loves to play all day.
For words that start with B,
the people run to see,
words like Big Bobby's baseball bat and
ball, BBBB BBB.



Letter C Song:

Cute Cathy's cookie carrot cake,
She loves to snack all day.
For words that start with C,
the people run to see,
words like Cute Cathy's cookie carrot cake,
CCCCCCCC.

EL Chocolate /The Chocolate:

Uno, dos, tres, CHO,
uno, dos, tres, CO
uno, dos, tres, LA,
uno, dos, tres, TE...

chocolate, chocolate,
bate, bate el chocolate.



Recipe Corner

Banana Bread

Ingredients:

4 spoonfuls of soy spread or butter
1 ½ cups brown sugar
2 eggs
2 cup flour (whole wheat or gluten free)
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon nutmeg
3-4 ripe bananas smashed
1 cup raisins or cranberries

Cream butter, add sugar, & cream more. Add eggs, mix.
Add all ingredients in the order of the list, one at a time,
mixing well.

Butter and flour loaf baking pan. Add batter. Bake at 375
F for about 30 min or until brown on top and dry inside to
the touch of knife.

Coconut Cookies

Ingredients:

4 spoonfuls of butter or soy spread
1 cup brown sugar
2 cups wheat free flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 cup molasses
1 cup organic shredded coconut

Cream butter. Add sugar. Mix well. Add flour and all dry
ingredients, mix. Add molasses and coconut. Mix well.

Butter or grease cookie sheet and make small balls with
dough. Arrange separated about 1 inch from each other
because they expand. Bake at 350 F for about 15 min or
until brown on sides. Separate from cookie sheet before
cooling, then let cool and enjoy.

Potty Talk Overheard at BSS...



Teacher: Do you feel okay?
Child: I have a hamokache.
Teacher: What is that?
Child: My head and my stomach hurt.

While in group, the calendar helper was asked by the teacher: "What month are we in?" The helper responds: "Januawinter!"

Routines for learning... Keeping Your Child's Teeth Healthy



When should I schedule my child's first trip to the dentist? Should my 3 year old be flossing? How do I know if my child needs braces? Many parents have a difficult time judging how much dental care their children need. They know they want to prevent cavities, but they don't always know the best way to do so.

When to Start Caring for a Child's Teeth:

Proper dental care begins even before a baby's first tooth appears. Remember that just because you can't see the teeth doesn't mean they aren't there. Teeth actually begin to form in the second trimester of pregnancy. At birth your baby has 20 primary teeth, some of which are fully developed in the jaw. Running a damp washcloth over your baby's gums following feedings can prevent buildup of damaging bacteria. Once your child has a few teeth showing, you can brush them with a soft child's toothbrush or rub them with gauze at the end of the day.

Pediatric Dentists

You may want to take your child to a dentist who specializes in treating kids. Pediatric dentists are trained to handle the wide range of issues associated with kids' dental health. They also know when to refer to a different type of specialist such as an orthodontist to correct an overbite or an oral surgeon for jaw realignment. A pediatric dentist's primary goals are prevention, heading off potential oral health problems before they occur, and maintenance, ensuring through routine checkups and proper daily care that teeth and gums stay healthy.

Preventing Cavities

The American Dental Association (ADA) recommends that a child's first visit to the dentist take place by the first birthday. At this visit, the dentist will explain proper brushing and flossing techniques (you need to floss once your baby has two teeth that touch) and conduct a modified exam while your baby sits on your lap. These visits can help in the early detection of potential problems, and help kids become accustomed to visiting the dentist so they'll have less fear about going as they grow older. Brushing at least twice a day and routine flossing will help maintain a healthy mouth. Kids as young as age 2 or 3 can begin to use toothpaste when brushing, as long as they are supervised. Kids should not ingest large amounts of toothpaste—a pea sized amount for toddlers is just right. Parents should always make sure the child spits the toothpaste instead of swallowing.

As your child grows, plan on routine dental checkups anywhere from once every 3 months to once a year, depending on the dentist's recommendations. Limiting intake of sugary foods and regular brushing and flossing all contribute to your child's dental health. Your partnership with the dentist will help ensure healthy teeth and a beautiful smile.

A Note From The Director... Why Mixed-Aged Groups?

Mixed age-group classes most closely resemble our own families. They are special groups of people who support and take care of each other. Mixed age groups of two through five year olds learn how to care, help, work, play and cooperate with each other. Children learn from one another as they interact in a school setting. Their social and intellectual development is enhanced by this method of age grouping. This mixture of ages allows the children to learn from each other. The older children help the younger ones with various problems and activities which allows the younger children to become more independent and not to rely totally on adults. The older children learn to be patient and tolerant of others, especially as the younger children learn accepted social behaviors. They are often wonderful at soothing hurt feelings or helping new children to adjust. Older children reinforce (emerging) concepts they have learned or are developing by teaching their peers. Younger children model appropriate social and academic strategies by watching their older peers.

Learning in a mixed age group stimulates greater interest and encourages cooperation. The younger children learn through observation of the older children. The older student also has the opportunity to become a leader and reinforce their knowledge as they help their younger friends. Mixed age groups enhance both younger and older children's motivation and self confidence. This legacy of responsibility and helping others is the focal point of the mixed age-group setting.

February Birthdays



Room 1:

February 15th: Henry
February 20th: Mirabelle

Room 2:

February 4th: Eduardo
February 15th: Keira
February 28th: Fay

Room 3:

February 28th: Liam