



The Cuddlebug Times

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A Note from the Director

I am happy to announce that we officially will have a waiting list for most of our classrooms for summer and fall. I hope that you secured your spot, if not; you need to speak with me immediately if you plan on attending this fall. We have many events coming up over the next few months- the biggest one is our End of Year Program on May 28th. Time is just flying by!

The SPOT- Ms. Martie

March 8th will be an early release day for RCPS. There is no additional fee to attend if you regularly attend after school care. Spring Break is approaching in April. We will have a sign up posted for those that will be attending.

Preschool- Ms. Sara

The first week of March will be spent learning about Dr. Seuss! The rest of the month our focus is *Growing a Garden*. We will learn how plants grow and begin a straw bale garden out front. We will also work on number identification and some fun St. Patrick's Day crafts.

Twos- Ms. Sandy

This month, "Spring has Sprung!" We will be talking about the changing weather, the colors pink & gray, and the shape oval. Every Friday continues to be show-n-tell. Please have your child bring in a favorite item and wear the color purple. If it is alive or large, please speak with Ms. Sandy prior to bringing it in.

Toddlers- Ms. Sandy

This month the children will be reading the book "Mrs. Wishy-Washy" by Joy Cowley. We will focus on opposites like dirty and clean, but also talk about the different farm animals found in the story. We will also spend time creating rainbows for St. Patrick's Day and fun projects for Easter.

Infants- Ms. Rowena

"Hickory, Dickory, Dock" is our nursery rhyme focus this month. To go along with that we will be talking about opposites: up/down, hot/cold, clean/dirty. Please don't forget to make sure all of your child's bottles are labeled with name & date!

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The week of March 11th, Lucky the Leprechaun will be visiting us leaving tricks & surprises until St. Patrick's Day! On Friday, March 15th, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We will have a special St. Patrick's Day lunch for the children- corned beef hash & cabbage and a special afternoon snack! We ask that your child come dressed in green! If you would like to attend the party please join us at 2:30pm for a special afternoon snack that we will be providing!

Spring Fundraiser

We are excited to partner with Midland Fundraising again this spring for our fundraiser! We will begin our fundraiser on March 6th and all money & forms are due back by March 20th! Please remember checks need to be made out to Cuddlebugs. All proceeds will be split between playground restocking at Cuddlebugs/SPOT and money towards "lettering" our SPOT bus! We will pick the highest seller at each location to win 1/2 off tuition for a week and the top 5 sellers at each location will get a special prize! This is on top of the prizes offered by Midland!

Snow Delays & Closings

If there is snow or ice, we always do our best to open. If we need to close or delay our opening, we will announce it on WRAR (105.5), Facebook, send a text to those signed up for Remind, and we will also have a message on the voicemail. If there is any question about whether we are open or closed, do not hesitate to contact us!

Scholastic Book Orders

Scholastic Book Orders are due back by March 18th. You also have the option to order online at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. When you register use our Classroom code: HD4X3. Your purchases will help us earn bonus points that will go toward buying new books for the school!

Monthly Reminders

- ✓ Don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook! We have pictures from our celebrations there as well as reminders about special events. <http://www.facebook.com/cuddlebugscdc>
- ✓ Sign up for Remind text messages! For Cuddlebugs text @ekd2kg to the number 81010. For The SPOT text @afff6b to the number 81010.
- ✓ Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather outside and inside. The weather outside is unpredictable this time of year. Layers work the best this time of year.
- ✓ Weekly payments are due on the Friday before services by 12pm (noon). If payments are not received by noon a \$10 fee will be added.



Important Dates

- 6th- Fundraiser Starts
- 8th- RCPS Early Dismissal
- 15th- St. Patrick's Day Celebration @ 2:45pm
- 18th- Scholastic Orders Due
- 20th- Fundraiser Forms & Money Due
- April 1st-5th- RCPS Spring Break

Happy Birthday to You!

Sabel T.- 1st
Liam G.- 3rd
Josslyn M.- 4th
William H.- 7th
Joshua H.- 14th
Emerson M.- 20th
Brooklyn W.- 28th



Picture of the Month



Preschool Valentine's Celebration

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

- Anne Dudley Bradstreet

Have a "Lucky" Month

Ms. Sara

Standard of the Month

The Virginia Department of Social Services has a very long manual called, Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers. In it are all the rules and regulations that this school must follow. Each month, I will point out a standard that is critical to the smooth running of the center. This month I am going to discuss the standard related to

22 VAC 15-30-100. Attendance records; reports.

A. The center shall keep a written record of children in attendance each day.

Here at Cuddlebugs we have two methods of recording attendance. The first is the parent sign in and out program. It is important that the children are signed in and out each day by the person bringing and picking them up. This way we have a record of not only when they arrive and leave, but also who dropped off and picked up in case there are ever any issues. It is important to sign your child in and out every time they come and go. Even if they are leaving and will be returning in the same day, this ensures we have a record of who should be here and who is not here.

Our second method of attendance is a classroom attendance sheets that the staff keep as children arrive and leave. This is used to keep track of the children in the class as we go outside and return inside. It also helps to keep track of the children that have come and gone so a child is not left behind or lost. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please speak with Ms. Sara.