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Dear Familles,

Welcome to the amazing month of February. Even though this is the shortest month of the year, we have so much going on! The weather is somewhat unpredictable. Please make sure that your child has proper and enough clothes to use at school.

Center Closure: Our facility will be closed on Monday, February 17 for B.C.'s Family Day.

Learning Focus

<u>The 3-5 classroom</u>'s main focus for this month is *friendship and kindness*. Our experienced team of teachers will plan activities that promote relationship building, a sense of belonging, and empathy.

The Multiage classroom will concentrate on self-concept. Self-discovery is a lifelong journey. Developmentally, children in this class are ready to learn about who they are, their abilities, attitudes, and values. Various activities will be used to help children learn about their self-worth and how to work with others. Children who better cope with frustrations and challenges are more likely to develop positive self-concept which leads to higher self-esteem.

<u>The Toddler classroom</u> will explore some ideas around "Sharing & Caring." A pretend play such as an animal tea party will encourage children to play side by side and engage in turn-taking which is a significant social-emotional skill for this developmental stage. We will continue to add more materials to foster imaginative play and expand on our toddlers' interest. We are also going to work on manners such as saying "please" and "thank you."

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Love is definitely in the air! Children are more than welcome to bring **healthy treats** to share with friends on February 14th.

If you child(ren) bring gift bags or cards, we ask that you <u>address the cards from</u> your child but not to a particular child as there will be too many bags or cards to be sorted and put away.

Each classroom will have its Valentine's Day party. Please <u>dress your child in red, pink, or white!</u>

Importance Notes & Reminder

- All your child's belonging must be labeled.
- Please remember to sign-in and sign-out your child.
- Provide enough food and pack healthy lunch and snacks for your child.
- Pack a lot of extra clothes, socks, and underwear if your child is toilet training.
- Dress your child in weather appropriate clothing.
- Inside-shoes or slippers are required for all classrooms.
- Bring back your child's water bottle and blanket every Monday!