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Dear KidsCo Jr Rockwell Families,

This may be the shortest month of the year, but we have so many fun things in store! First, information on our Valentine's Day party has been sent out, and party sign-up sheets are available on the parent table. Then we will welcome a dental hygienist and learn how to care for our teeth with Bruno the stuffed dinosaur.

We will also be starting a new event this month called Book Blast. I will send out more information closer to the start date, and I am super excited to share this event with you.

Lastly, one of my favorite center events is coming up, the dragon parade! Each class will make a dragon body with butcher paper and we will walk around the school.

I have already made the dragon heads to show off! Thank you for wearing your PJ inside out and throwing ice in the toilet to bring on snow! I enjoyed the snow days and hope you did too, but bring on the sun!

With Love, Ms. Brenda

Birthdays

Jacob - 3rd

Brayden - 6th

Archie - 21st

Remi - 27th

Upcoming Events

Valentine's Day Party: Friday, February 13th

KidsCo Jr CLOSED for President's Day:

Monday, February 16th

Dental Hygienists Visit:

Tuesday, February 17th

Book Blast Begins: Tuesday, February 24th

Chinese New Year Dragon Parade (Wear Red):

Friday, February 27th



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MCPS Child Find: 240-740-2170

Montgomery County Infant/Toddler
program: 240-777-3997

Child Link - Early Childhood Mental Health
Consultation:

240-777-4769

Sneak Peak into March

Book Blast Continued:

March 2nd - March 10th

Read Across America:

March 2nd - March 6th

St. Patrick's Day (Green Day):

Tuesday, March 17th

Graduating Class Field Trip: March 20th

Easter Break with Modified Hours:

March 30th - April 1st (8AM-5:30PM)

Purple Room

Dominique Butler: DButler@KidsCoOnline.com (Younger Purple)

Hi Purple Flower Families! What a fun month we have coming up! We will begin our month by discovering fruits and veggies. We will have a fun sensory bin filled with water and fruits and veggies that we'll have to rinse off. Next, we will study hearts/Valentine's Day. We will make a cute lovebug craft using our footprint. Up next, dental hygiene week. We are count and feel real toothbrushes and as we feel them, we will be practicing our fine motor skills. To end February, we will learn about Black History and Chinese New Year. We will make music with our instruments like James Brown and we will stick red and yellow pom poms on a sticky dragon. We are thrilled for this month!



Hello Older Purple Room Families! This month is going to be so much fun! We will start with hibernation! We will talk about animals that hibernate and build our own hibernating cave using a parachute! Next, we will learn about Valentine's Day! We will do a fun conversation heart match activity to practice colors. Following Valentine's Day, we will learn about dental hygiene and fruits and veggies. We will make a fun tooth brush craft and sort different foods into baskets. Lastly, we will discuss Black History and Chinese New Year. We will have a race like Flo Jo and use sponges to paint this years zodiac animal, the horse. We are so excited and ready to start!



Cara Jaeger: CJaeger@KidsCoOnline.com (Older Purple)

Orange Room

Yelin Martinez: YMartinez@KidsCoOnline.com

Hi Orange Room families! We can't wait for all the fun activities we are doing this month! We are jumping into the month by learning about Black History. We will be making a paper plate peace sign craft, and we will also make a unity butterfly craft using our own handprints. Up next, Valentine's Day! We will have a sensory bin filled with hearts, tulle, gems, shredded paper, and chocolate boxes ready for us to explore. We will also practice saying "I love you" in ASL. Then, we will learn about healthy teeth! We will use shaving cream as toothpaste and brush our baby dolls teeth. We are also going to pretend to be dentists during dramatic play. To end the month of February, we will talk about Chinese New Year. We will make our own Chinese Zodiac and listen to the story of how the animals were chosen. We will also make a special lantern to hang up in our classroom! This month will be so much fun!



Blue Room

Marissa Chavez: MChavez@KidsCoOnline.com

Hello Blue Jay Families! We are so excited for this fun filled month! We are starting our month with Black History. We will use real boxing gloves to "punch" letters like Muhammad Ali and dress up with ties like Barack Obama. Next, we will dive into Valentine's Day! We will make our own chocolates using play dough and chocolate boxes. We will also make a breaking heart craft with our names. Later, we will discover dental hygiene. We will use toothbrushes to brush off sugar bugs on "lego teeth" and discuss what foods are good and bad for our teeth. Lastly, we will learn about Chinese New Year. We will practice counting to 10 in Mandarin, learn about the Chinese Zodiac, and discover our what our animal is. We are super excited for this month!



Green Room

Damary Zelaya: DZelaya@KidsCoOnline.com

Happy February Green Rocket Families! This month we are celebrating many wonderful things. We will kick off this month by learning about Black History. We will explore different people and their influences in our world today. We will make a yummy baseball snack for Jackie Robinson and play red light, green light for Garrett Morgan. Next, we will have fun with Valentine's day! We will graph colorful conversation hearts and make a fun "love you to pieces" craft! Following Valentine's Day, we will learn all about caring for our teeth during dental hygiene week. We will make a fun tooth craft as we explore inside a tooth. We will also use real tooth paste and toothbrushes to brush our own teeth. Last but certainly not least, we will discover Chinese New Year! We will make a dragon body to show off during our parade and learn how to write our names in Mandarin. We are super excited for this month and can't wait to share pictures with you!



Dear Rockwell Parents,

On Friday, February 13th, we will be having our class Valentine's Day party! We would love your participation in these two specific activities for the week of Valentine's Day...

1 Love Letter

We would love for you to write a short love letter to your child. You can mention qualities you love about them the most and what activities you enjoy doing with your child. During the entire week of Valentine's Day, we will randomly choose 2-3 letters to read during circle time. After reading the letters, we will have to guess who the letter is for. Make sure you include some clues that will help us guess. We did this activity last year and it made the children feel so proud and so special when they received a love letter. We will have a love letter mailbox set up on our parent table where the tablet is located, and you can drop off your love there in there. The love letter bin will be set out on February 2nd for you to begin putting them in.

Example of a love letter: (Writing it as if it was from my mom to me)

Dear Brenda, (We will not say the name of the child)

I love watching crime shows with you, our favorite is Snapped. You are so funny, and I love when you call me "Ma". Our favorite song to dance to is "Secreto de Amor" and we have so much fun. You play so nicely with your sister Ana and she loves all the pictures you make for her. Snuggling before bed is my favorite thing to do with you! You also love your stuffed bear "Giggles". I love you and happy Valentine's Day! (Of course, you can make it as long or short as you want and write as many details as you want!)

2 Valentine's Day Box

This is going to be a homework/family project. We would love for you and your child to make and decorate a Valentine's Day box to put Valentines in the day of the party. We will have a Valentine's Day box art exhibit in the parent area to display your wonderful work. If you happen to take pictures while you and your child are working on it, please email us the pictures! There are plenty of cool ideas on Pinterest or google. If you need help or any boxes, please let me know! We would like the boxes no later than Thursday, February 12th. We can't wait to see your creations!

Examples of homemade Valentine's Day boxes:



Valentine's Day Party Information

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13th in our classrooms. Because sicknesses and germs are still going around unfortunately, we want to continue to play it safe. We will not have parents come into our classroom for our party because of the limited space we have. Instead, we will do the same as last year as our way of including our wonderful parents for Valentine's Day. We will have all of the children's Valentine's Day boxes displayed near the parent table area the morning of Valentine's Day. You and your child will have a chance to walk around the Valentine's Day boxes and put their Valentine's cards inside their friends' boxes. Once you are all done, you can take a picture in the photo booth, and you will receive a special surprise that we made for our parents! In order for you to have time to walk around, you should plan to come in for drop off a little earlier than usual (about 15 minutes or so). We are super excited for Valentine's Day! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Valentine's Day Class Lists

Director: Ms. Brenda

Assistant Director: Mrs. Kelli

Green Room

Teachers:

Ms. Damary
Ms. Jacky
Ms. Rae

Jordan
Maevyn
Noah
Brayden
Emmeline
Leah
Callum
Reid
Camryn
Tobias (Toby)
Samantha
Quinn
William
Wyatt
Ethan
Archie

Blue Room

Teachers:

Ms. Marissa
Ms. Karen

Raphael
Hudson
Payton
Jacob
Brahm
Zyir
Kendall
Isaac
Logan
Josephine
Parker

Orange Room

Teachers:

Ms. Yeilin
Mrs. Jamie
Ms. Ariannah

Kiera
Hawthorne
Da'mani
Charlie
Ava
Miles
Mason
Finnley
Hayden
Remi
Naomi
Milly

Purple Room

Teachers:

Mrs. Dominique
Ms. Ella
Ms. Tasha
Mrs. Cara

Mrs. Taj
Mrs. Rowaida
Benjamin
Da'mylah
Delaney
Alayna
Cameron
Luka
Camila
Jack
JJ
Hadley
Lucas
August

Aftercare

Teachers:

Ms. Allison
Ms. Cameron
Ms. Jeida