

Preschool News!

Happy Valentines Day!

Intergenerational Time

All of the students have been having such a wonderful time building relationships with our residents. I am alternating days with the classrooms, but I often have students who want to come every day. I have been taking as many children up with me that want to come. They really seem to be enjoying the time. This week we spent time playing with cars, trucks, airplanes, and buses, while talking about transportation. We also had an amazing time making Valentines together that will go into Meals for Wheels meal delivery for elderly that are a part of Area 10 for Aging in Ellettsville. I love that our residents and students can work together to do something for our community!

Important Information

I am happy to announce that we will be having a Student teacher from IU's Early Childhood Education department joining us for an 8-week experience. I will be her teacher of record, so she will be moving between both rooms in our program. She will be here everyday from 9-12. Her name is Rachel Maler, and you can learn more about her by going to this link: <https://www.smores.com/8uvxw> . I look forward to her energy and ideas!

This Monday the Herald Times will be here taking pictures about our program for the newspaper. This has been a work in progress since September, and I am told that the article will be in the paper by the end of this month. We will make sure that students without a photo release, will not be in any photos.

I have had quite a few parents tell me that they would like to be a part of our parent committee. Thank you! We will schedule our first meeting toward the end of March. I still have many irons in the fire that I need to attend to before taking this on. If you would still like to be a part of this parent group, just notify me and I will notify you all when I have an exact meeting date.

The new permission slips for the Robotics study are out and on the cubbies. Please return those to me ASAP. We will be starting this study the week of



Important Announcements

- Please keep your eye on the school closings and delays.
- Please make sure to read through your handbook so you understand our policies and procedures. Let me know if you have any questions.
- We have had a lot of sick kiddos. Please have your students come right in and wash their hands upon entering. This is a good habit for us to get into to avoid the spread of germs.
- Please make sure that your child is 24 hours fever free WITHOUT tylenol or advil before returning to school. Thanks!! 😊

Parents Resource

Process vs. Product art. At Jill's House we want your child to have ownership over their own education. We want them to problem solve and explore what we bring forward for them. Art is no exception. We do not give models, or have art where the final product all looks the same. Instead we bring out materials for the kids to have their own ideas and experience with. We love the imagination of the children to come alive in their work. Duplicating art, may give a cute result, but we want to see the personality of the artist. The messier the better!

2/19. Any student that does not have a signed permission, can still be a part of the experience, just will not be a part of the official study.

Thank you so much for being such an amazing and supportive group! I love what we are doing here at Jill's House and I am thrilled to see what the future brings for us!