

Southborough Village Preschool

February 2021 Newsletter

Happy February to you all! We don't have a lot of news for you this month, but below you will find just a few reminders about upcoming events at SVP. Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

Our Healthcare Workers Thank You Project Update:

We are grateful to you all for the donations that have been sent in for our Healthcare Worker Thank You Project! **We are extending the deadline for contributions to this coming Thursday, February 10th.** We are excited to distribute the Thank You Baskets that afternoon. We do appreciate your generosity at SVP.

If you are interested in participating or making a donation to this project, we would love the support. Please consider donating a small gift card or cards for a coffee shop, (\$5 or \$10,) or you could make a donation to our project and we will use it to purchase the gift cards and/or individually wrapped treats and goodies.

We have all of the children making thank you cards at school and we invite you or your other children at home to do the same. We will send all of the cards and drawings in with the gift cards and treats and we know they will be very much appreciated!

Parent Teacher Conferences: We are looking forward to our virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, during the first two weeks of February. Your child's teachers will be in touch regarding the schedule for their conferences. Please remember that conferences are not required, so if you feel comfortable with your child's progress, feel free to skip a conference at this point. We are available at any point in the year to discuss your child's progress in school.

Valentine's Day at SVP: At school, we look upon this fun holiday as an opportunity to celebrate friendship, respect and kindness. We will celebrate Valentine's Day by making valentines and enjoying some fun parties in our classrooms. **Our parties will be held on Wednesday, February 10th and Friday, February 12th.** Your children are invited to bring in and distribute valentines on those days, although this is optional, details will follow from your child's teachers, regarding party and food details.

***Note: Please do not attach any candy to valentines, in order to protect our students with allergies.** We thank you for your help with this important safety regulation.

During Valentine's Day week, as we do all weeks, we will celebrate how kind, loving and friendly our students are. At the preschool, we love the fact that children are so open to new and surprising friendships. As adults, we can learn a great deal from our children's openness, generosity, natural empathy and kindness. As teachers, we love that research continues to support the fact that much of a child's cognitive development depends on the strength of their social and emotional development and skills. The State of Massachusetts even has a Social and Emotional Standard for education, as school success stems from a strong social and emotional foundation. We embrace this part of our curriculum and love to help children learn how to feel good about themselves as individuals, as friends, as peers, and as a part of our school and global community.

You may have noticed that our progress reports reflect the educational focus on social and emotional development. At SVP, we are grateful for the opportunity to play such a critical role in helping children find success socially as well as emotionally. We truly believe that without this foundation, academic success

means very little. In this increasingly complex world, we recognize and respect the need for young people to develop strong social and emotional health **through learning and play**. We really love this part of our jobs!

Upcoming Events: Please make note of the following dates over the next few months.

February:

1st through 12th: Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

15th through 19th: School Closed for February Vacation

March:

5th: School closed for Town-wide Professional Development

April:

2nd: School closed for Good Friday

19th through 23rd: School closed for April Vacation

Stay warm and have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,

Gretchen and Laura