

Southborough Village Preschool

February 2022 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! **If you are still interested in making a donation, we can still use small gift cards to** local coffee shops (Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Panera, etc.). If it's more convenient for you, feel free to make a cash donation (any amount will be helpful) towards our project and we'll use it to purchase gift cards and individually wrapped, delicious treats! 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!

We are looking to collect all donations **by this coming Friday, February 4th** and are excited to distribute the Thank You Baskets after the weekend. We truly do appreciate your generosity and support!

Parent Teacher Conferences: We are looking forward to our virtual Parent Teacher Conferences, during the second 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. Progress reports will be sent home several days before the conferences.

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 Thursday, February 10th and Monday, February 14th.** Your children are invited to bring in and distribute valentines on those days. 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:

10th and 14th: Classroom Valentine's Day Parties

7th through 18th: Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences

21st through 25^h: School Closed for February Vacation

March:

21st: School closed for Town-wide Professional Development

April:

15th: School closed for Good Friday

18th through 22nd: School closed for April Vacation

Stay warm and have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,

Gretchen and Laura