

# Delphos City Preschool Post

## DEAR FAMILIES

This newsletter will discuss important February dates. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in each class on Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with a dress up day. Each child may bring a card for each classmate. A max of 12 cards would be needed. Please do not send in any food items. The students are not required to participate; however, we wanted to offer some fun ways to celebrate.

Effective February 1, 2023, we will be enforcing a minor change to our end of day pickup routine to ensure student safety. Bus riders will be taken to the bus at approximately 1:53 pm. Once the bus leaves, the remaining students will be taken out to the person picking them up. If you are in your vehicle in the pickup line, pull as far forward as possible to avoid staff and students having to walk through the grass. If you get out of your vehicle to pick up your student, please park in the parking lot and walk to the doors. Feel free to contact the office with any questions.

Tues., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 2 hour delay for district wide teacher inservice - latchkey will start at 9:30 am and doors will open at 10:40 am

### Dress Up Days

Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> - Red/Pink/White day for Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> - Red/Pink/White day for Valentine's Day

Fri., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - No School (this is Tues/Thurs group day) for district wide teacher inservice - this is a change to the district calendar

Mon., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - No School

## ACADEMICS

The teachers have been sharing activities in each child's folder weekly. *These activities are not mandatory*, but are being given so you can see what the students are learning each week in class. If your child would like to complete the worksheets or part of the worksheets, please return them in your child's folder the following week. Again, these activities are not mandatory!

## Attached Information

Attached to the newsletter is a two-page document from the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Ready for Kindergarten explaining developmental milestones for children from birth to age 5.

## Upcoming Dates

Fri., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tues/Thurs day

Tues., Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - 2 hour delay - district teacher inservice - latchkey will start at 9:30 am and doors will open at 10:40 am

Fri., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - Mon/Wed day

Mon., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day celebration including dress up day with red/pink/white

Tues., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Day celebration including dress up day with red/pink/white

Fri., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> - No School (this would have been a Tues/Thurs group day) - district wide teacher inservice - this is a change to the district and preschool calendar

Mon., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - No School - President's Day

Fri., Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> - Mon/Wed Day

Fri., Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Tues/Thurs Day

Thurs., Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> - 2 hour delay - district teacher inservice - latchkey will start at 9:30 am and doors will open at 10:40 am

Fri., Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> - Mon/Wed Day

Fri., Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> - Tues/Thurs Day



## Latchkey

A reminder latchkey morning hours are from 7:30 am to 8:40 am and afternoon hours are from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. If a child is not picked up by 2:10 a latchkey fee of \$3.75 will be charged.

### Delphos City Schools Preschool Positive Behavior Expectations

 Kind	 be a friend	 play with my friends	 share	 take turns	 help others
 A Leader	 look at the speaker	 listen	 quiet voice	 clean up	 throw my trash away
 Safe	 follow directions	 keep my hands & feet to myself	 gentle hands	 use my walking feet	 use materials safely

Below are great examples of the students being a leader by throwing away their trash.



Below are great examples of being safe and keeping their hands and feet to themselves and using walking feet.



## Preschool Activities

Miss Collin's class trying various items to see if they sink or float.



Miss Losh's class using the junior engineering building set to build a variety of structures.



# Your Child's Development: Birth to Age 5

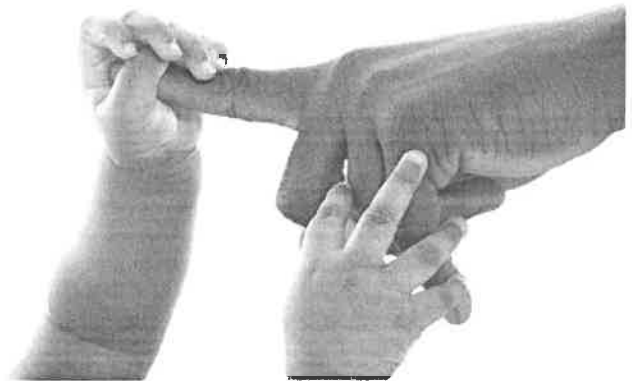
Your child's development in the first five years of life will amaze you. As infants, children babble, roll over and hold your finger. Toddlers run, help with jobs at home and can speak in sentences. By the time they are age 5, children dress themselves, tell jokes, play games with friends and write their names.

Each child will develop at his or her own pace, following predictable stages. Some new skills will develop earlier than expected, while others appear later. Each new step is a building block leading to the growth of physical capabilities and the ability to think, speak and interact with others. Listed below are a few examples of the skills commonly seen in children this age.

If you are concerned about your child's development, contact your child's doctor, teacher or nurse. You also may contact your local health department or school district.

## What Children Can Do: Birth to Age 1

- ✓ Grasp objects with the whole hand
- ✓ Roll over, crawl and walk
- ✓ Point at people and things
- ✓ Babble, coo and begin using first words



## What Children Can Do: 12 to 18 Months

- ✓ Play peek-a-boo
- ✓ Sit on your lap listening to stories
- ✓ Push and pull toys
- ✓ Follow simple directions

## What Children Can Do: 18 to 24 Months

- ✓ Say some two-word phrase, such as *More Milk*
- ✓ Play hide and seek
- ✓ Drink from a cup
- ✓ Put items in a containers and dump them out



# Your Child's Development: Birth to Age 5

## What Children Can Do: Age 2

- ✓ Climb stairs without help
- ✓ Stack objects on top of each other
- ✓ Say, *No* and *What's That?*
- ✓ Name people and things in picture books



## What Children Can Do: Age 3

- ✓ Jump in place
- ✓ Turn pages of a book
- ✓ Say nursery rhymes and sing songs
- ✓ Play make-believe



## What Children Can Do: Age 4

- ✓ Hop on one foot
- ✓ Draw simple shapes
- ✓ Make silly words and sounds
- ✓ Cooperate with friends and play group games



## What Children Can Do: Age 5

- ✓ Cut on a line with scissors
- ✓ Catch a ball
- ✓ Sort objects by color, type and shape
- ✓ Make up jokes and riddles

