



The Campus Chronicle



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Valentine's Luncheon



News, Events & Reminders

Referral Promotion

Word of mouth is our most powerful advertising and we want to thank you for spreading positive feedback about *The Campus!* We are planning to roll out our referral promotion in the very near future– be on the lookout for details soon. Thank you to those of you that have been busy spreading the word!

Campus Website

Our website just went live recently...and it looks amazing! Angela Sawyer, our *Kids First* digital media department leader and ZoLi's (Toddler room) mommy, did an amazing job putting it all together– a special thank you to her! Check it out at [www.theCampusKF.com!](http://www.theCampusKF.com)

Facebook

The Campus at Kids First now has a Facebook page...and you can stay updated on all the happenings, as well as, check out our latest art projects, lessons, physical education activities, etc.! 'Like' us to check it out!

Check In/Check Out

Don't forget to check your child in and out using our pin pad each morning and afternoon/evening. We appreciate your help as we all begin to make this a habit.

Winter Weather

'Tis the season for snow! Please use the weather button at www.kidsfirstsports.com as your primary source for closure info. An email will also be sent out (when possible) notifying of weather-related closures.

Thank you to all of our wonderful families that came out to celebrate Valentine's Day with their *Campus Kids!* It was great fun for our students to welcome their families to school and I know they worked hard to make the event special!

A heartfelt thank you to our extremely creative Ms. Jaime for organizing the adorable craft for the party and helping to make the *The Campus* beautiful (the



tablecloths were hand-stamped by our kiddos using heart-shaped potatoes!).

We hope that you enjoyed a special lunch with your little Valentine and we look forward to making our Valentine's party (and many other parties!) a *Campus* tradition for years to come!



Campus Kid-isms

Ms. Beth: *Why do we have rules in our class?*

Preschooler: (pointing to the art center) *To draw straight lines!*

Ms. Beth: (perplexed) *Hmm, what do you mean?*

Preschooler: *The rules help to draw lines.*

Ms. Beth: *Ooh! You mean rulers! Yes, rulers do help us draw straight lines...*





Infants



Peek into our infant room and you will see many new faces. Our babies are busy exploring their new surroundings and getting used to the idea of new friends and sharing toys.

Working hard to develop gross motor skills, our babies take many trips over to the *Tumble Bee* area with Ms. Tammy. It is so fun to watch faces light up when our



smallest students enter this whole new world of exploration!



In the classroom, your babies are busy touching textured animal picture cards and practicing the corresponding sounds. At home try asking your little one what the monkey, cow or bear says and enjoy the sweet sounds!

Preschool



Our *Campus* preschoolers are busy, busy! The past month has brought some new kiddos and our sweet three year olds have worked hard to understand the importance of using nice words to communicate with friends.



Each day during morning meeting you will hear clapping hands as preschoolers work hard to imitate the clapping pattern created by a fellow classmate. This practice continues to the math

center as color patterns are excitedly built using cubes and links. You will hear rhyming as the kiddos manipulate sounds to create rhyming words- they are gaining phonological awareness as they notice and work with the sounds in our language.

And you will see cooperative play as preschoolers start to work together to reach a common goal. All of this is a work in progress and it is so much fun to watch these spongy minds build new connections and relationships all the time.



Toddlers

The past month has welcomed many new (and adorable!) toddlers to *The Campus*. With all of the new youngsters, creating an environment that is comforting, nurturing and exciting is crucial. Ms. Semia has worked hard to promote an environment that stimulates curiosity and exudes warmth.



A big focus lately has been given to encouraging communication between our young learners. Providing little ones with the exact dialogue to problem solve a situation (i.e.: Say to your friend, "May I play with you"



before you grab her doll) will help give them confidence to communicate their needs and desires effectively.

PreK



If you haven't already visited Ms. Jaime's blog for a weekly account of the happenings in the PreK room, check it out at <https://thecampusprek.wordpress.com>.



Ask your PreK kiddo about sight word ski ball or fishing for numbers in math. Whatever the material at hand, Ms. Jaime makes PreK fun and exciting...so much so students often don't even

realize they're learning!

Recently PreK students studied the work of artist Jasper Johns then got creative as they made replicas of his primary colored number and letter pieces. Pictured at the right are Jasper Johns' number art and one of our PreK students' letter art.



Happy Birthday to YOU!

MARCH

March 10th - Hailey H. (Preschool)

March 16th - Kate F. (Toddler)

March 24th - Lila H. (Preschool)

