

February
2016

Nativity Early Learning Center Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2nd

Chinese New Year field trip for the Tweeties and Munchkins

February 1st-5th

Catholic Schools Week!

Monday- Preschool T-Shirts and Colorful Socks Day!

Tuesday-Team Spirit Day!

Wednesday- Pajama Day!

Thursday- Hawaiian Day! NELC Open House 6-7:30pm

Friday- Polka Dot and Stripe Day!

February 15th

The NELC will be closed for a Teacher In-Service Day

February 26th

Family Fun Night in the Nativity school auditorium. Pizza and new this year, The Big Epic Show!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✚ NELC Closed- March 25th and 28th in observance of Easter
- ✚ Week of the Young Child- April 11th-15th
- ✚ Tweety and Munchkin Parent Teacher Conferences- April 26th, 27th and 28th

Summer and Fall Registration

Please make sure to turn in your registration materials on time to ensure a spot for your child during the 2016-2017 school year.

Summer Camp

The NELC Summer Camp Program is an 11 week program designed for children ages 33 months-6th grade. Each week is filled with activities, arts and crafts, field trips, gardening, trips to the park, and much more! It is an educational, fun filled way for your child to spend their summer! **The Summer Camp Calendar will be available in the next few weeks.**

Some of our Preschool Field Trips Include:

- 🌈 Mike the Baker
- 🌈 MN Sea Life Aquarium
- 🌈 On-Site with the Como Zoo
- 🌈 Highland Pool-Munchkins
- 🌈 Theater Show- On-site
- 🌈 Roseville Nature Center
- 🌈 Bruce the Bug Guy
- 🌈 Moir Park
- 🌈 Highland Library
- 🌈 Chutes and Ladders- Munchkins
- 🌈 Eagle's Nest- Tweeties
- 🌈 Pump it Up-Munchkins
- 🌈 Jonathan Padelford
- 🌈 Snuffy's for Lunch

Some of our K-6th Field Trips Include:

- 🌈 Downtown Library
- 🌈 Mill City Museum
- 🌈 On-site with the Como Zoo
- 🌈 ExploraDome- Planetarium
- 🌈 Zero Gravity
- 🌈 Highland Pool- every week
- 🌈 Pavek Museum of Broadcasting
- 🌈 Saints Game
- 🌈 Chutes and Ladders
- 🌈 Pump it Up
- 🌈 Jonathan Padelford
- 🌈 Snuffy's for Lunch

Some of our Special Events Include:

- 🌈 Donuts for Dads- All
- 🌈 Gym Time at Nativity School- All
- 🌈 Disney and Superhero Day- All
- 🌈 Water Days- All
- 🌈 Hawaiian and Dr. Seuss Day- All
- 🌈 Famous Person Tues.- K-6th
- 🌈 Team Building Activities- K-6th
- 🌈 New Movie Release Day and Popcorn Tasting- All
- 🌈 Scavenger Hunt- K-6th
- 🌈 Themes Each Week- All
- 🌈 Lego Week- K-6th

Parent Advisory Board

Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 22nd, from 5:00pm-6:00pm in the Lannan Conference room located on the third level of the NELC. All parents are welcome to attend.

Family Fun Night

Save the date for this year's Family Fun Night on Friday, February 26th in the Nativity School auditorium. Come join us for pizza (5:30pm) and The Big Epic Show with a DJ Dance Party! Music will start at 5:45pm and our DJ, Miss Cherice will have interactive dance-a-longs, games, props, effects and prizes! More specific information to come in the next few weeks.

Year-End Tax Statements

Parents inquiring about your child's year-end tax statements must contact Lynn McConnell at 651-696-5435 or lmconnell@nativity-mn.org.

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Classroom Monthly Highlights

Tweety Room

Classroom #: 696-5450

teamtweety@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Valentine's Day, Transportation and Dental Health

Special Projects:

- Love birds
- Build a shape truck
- "Oh the Places We Will Go"
- A special guest- Dentist

Dramatic Play: Tweety post office

Science Area: Love potions, borax heart crystals and frozen hearts

Sensory Table: Valentine goop and scooping love cupcakes

Munchkin 1 Room

Classroom #: 696-5449

nelc.munchkins1@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Valentine's Day, Lent, US History and Dental Health

Special Projects:

- Family Valentine tree
- Chinese New Year dragons
- Statue of Liberty project

Dramatic Play: Ice fishing

Science Area: Space

Sensory Table: Space table

Munchkin 2 Room

Classroom #: 696-5451

nelc.munchkins.cristina@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Valentine's Day, Lent, Dr. Seuss and Dental Health

Special Projects:

- Teeth math
- Making green eggs and ham
- What am I giving up for Lent...

Dramatic Play: Salon and spa

Science Area: Human body

Sensory Table: Noodles and measuring cups

Crocs (Kinders) Room

Classroom #: 696-5448

crocs.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Winter Carnival, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, Mardi Gras and President's Day

Special Projects:

- Medallion hunt
- Heart monsters
- Groundhog shadow
- George Washington profile

Dramatic Play: Vet shop

Science Area: Magnets

Sensory Table: Packing peanuts

Cheetahs (1st Grade) Room

Classroom #: 696-5446

cheetahs.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Winter Science, Valentine's Day, Winter Poems and President Week

Special Projects:

- Make winter slime
- Salt and diet coke volcano experiment
- Candy heart math
- If I were President...
- Experimenting with pennies

Dramatic Play: Grocery store

Science Area: Animals

Sensory Table: Sand and sand toys

Zone (2nd-6th Grade) Room

Classroom #: 696-5447

Zonerroom.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

Shark Week, Valentine's Week, Under the Sea Week, Bug's Life Week and Rainforest Week

Special Projects:

- Sink or float
- Heart maps
- Foil fish
- Inchworm bookmarks
- Thumbprint art animals

Dramatic Play: Camping

Science Area: Sink or float

Happy Birthday Everyone!

Noah B.-1st, Charlie S.-2nd, Lucy M.-2nd, Grayson A.-5th, Amelia S.-7th, Genna O.-7th, Claire G.-12nd, Jack S.-14th, Maria P.-18th, Addie F.-25th and Thomas B.-26th

If you are unable to reach your child (ren's) classroom at the end of the day, please call the NELC emergency cell phone at 651-327-9254. This phone is typically operational each day at 4:00pm.

