

February  
2018

# Nativity Early Learning Center Newsletter

## IMPORTANT DATES

### February 16<sup>th</sup>

Extra care day for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

NELC closed for a teacher In-service day

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

Grandparents Day at 10am in Steiner Hall for Tweeties and Munchkins

### TBD

Open gym time for Tweety and Munchkin families in the Nativity school auditorium. The date will be set soon!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 🇺🇸 March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> - Parent Breakfast at the NELC from 6:30am-8:30am
- 🇺🇸 March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> - Extra care days for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders (spring break)
- 🇺🇸 March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> - NELC closed in observance of Easter
- 🇺🇸 April 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> - Week of the Young Child- special activities throughout the week
- 🇺🇸 April 20<sup>th</sup> - Earth Day celebration potluck with the Half Day Preschoolers 5-7pm

## Summer and Fall Registration

Please make sure to turn in your registration materials on time to ensure a spot for your child during the 2018-2019 school year. Preschool spaces are filling up fast!

## Summer Camp

We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer camp that will start Tuesday,

June 5<sup>th</sup> and end on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Our summer camp offers many on and off site field trips, weekly class themes, event days, gardening and the Bookmobile.

### Preschool Field Trips Include:

- 📍 Snuffy's for Lunch
- 📍 Elite Gymnastics Academy
- 📍 Crayola Experience- Munchkins
- 📍 Snapology
- 📍 MN Zoo + IMAX for Munchkins
- 📍 Crystal Caves- Munchkins
- 📍 Raptor Center
- 📍 Children's Museum
- 📍 Science Museum- Munchkins
- 📍 The Wizard of Oz Theatre Performance
- 📍 Planetarium and Bell Museum- Munchkins
- 📍 Eagles Nest + Lunch
- 📍 Alice and Wonderland Performance
- 📍 Gammel Gardens- Munchkins
- 📍 Dodge Nature Center- Farm Tour
- 📍 Hightouch-High Tech Science Made Fun
- 📍 Little Sluggers Tour of the Twins Stadium
- 📍 Walker Art Center
- 📍 Pinwheel Play Center
- 📍 Groveland Park Trips
- 📍 Pool Trips for the Munchkins
- 📍 Camp Carnival on the Last Day of Camp

### K-6<sup>th</sup> Field Trips Include:

- 📍 Big Thrill Factory
- 📍 Arboretum- Amazing Bees
- 📍 Elite Gymnastics Academy: Ninja Warrior Course
- 📍 Crayola Experience- Kinders
- 📍 Snapology
- 📍 MN Zoo and Imax
- 📍 Several Pool Field Trips
- 📍 Snuffy's for Lunch
- 📍 Crystal Caves
- 📍 Raptor Center
- 📍 Children's Museum- Kinders
- 📍 Science Museum
- 📍 The Wizard of Oz Theatre Performance

- 📍 Planetarium and Bell Museum
- 📍 Carbones for Lunch
- 📍 Alice and Wonderland Performance- Kinders
- 📍 Gammel Gardens
- 📍 Nickelodeon Universe + Cantina Laredo for Lunch
- 📍 Dodge Nature Center- Kinders
- 📍 Hightouch-High Tech Science Made Fun
- 📍 The Learning Jet- 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- 📍 Little Sluggers Tour of the Twins Stadium- Kinders
- 📍 Walker Art Center
- 📍 Groveland Park Trips
- 📍 Camp Carnival on the Last Day of Camp

## Drivers Beware

As the roads become more slippery, parents are encouraged to use extra caution when driving around the school. Please be aware that as the snow banks start to grow, it will become difficult to see young children as they approach the curb. **Please make sure to keep the walkways clear!**

## Influenza Prevention

As many of you have seen on the local news, the influenza epidemic in the state of Minnesota has officially reached "widespread" status, and we are seeing more and more students out sick recently. What we are seeing for symptoms includes body aches, fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, nasal congestion, and some gastrointestinal symptoms, but other symptoms may also appear in individual cases. Please [click here](#) and read about how to help control the spread of illness in school this year. Please [click here](#) for a more complete influenza guide from the CDC. As a reminder if your child shows signs of illness in the morning including a fever of over 100 degrees please do not send them to the NELC. We are working hard to get rid of the illnesses within the classrooms.

## Classroom Monthly Highlights

### Tweety Room

Classroom #: 696-5450

teamtweety@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day, Winter Olympics and Dental Health**

**Special Projects:**

- Paper heart hedgehogs
- Valentine's party on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Handprint Olympic rings
- Guess whose teeth? Class book

**Dramatic Play:** Post office

**Science Area:** Lego teeth brushing and tooth/mouth match game

**Sensory Table:** Valentine colored rice with a "I spy" heart game

### Munchkin 1 Room

Classroom #: 696-5449

nelc.munchkins1@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Dental Health, Lent and Dr. Seuss**

**Special Projects:**

- Lacing hearts
- Valentine's party on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Chinese New Year celebration
- Tooth cleaning chart
- Lent craft

**Dramatic Play:** Flower shop

**Science Area:** Space

**Sensory Table:** Space with moon rocks

### Munchkin 2 Room

Classroom #: 696-5451

nelc.munchkins.cristina@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras, Dental Health, Lent and Dr. Seuss**

**Special Projects:**

- Sugar bug math
- Valentine's party on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>
- Cat in the Hat
- Lent project

**Dramatic Play:** Post office

**Science Area:** My body

**Sensory Table:** Cotton balls and winter animals

### Crocs (Kinders) Room

Classroom #: 696-5446

crocs.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year**

**Special Projects:**

- Heart animals
- Glitter slime
- Chinese lanterns
- Paper dragons

**Dramatic Play:** Space

**Science Area:** Dinosaurs

**Sensory Table:** Gems and sequins

### Cheetahs (1st Grade) Room

Classroom #: 696-5448

cheetahs.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras and Lent**

**Special Projects:**

- Valentine space
- Heart lobsters
- Heart animals

**Dramatic Play:** Construction

**Science Area:** Human body

**Sensory Table:** Hearts

### Zone (2nd-6th Grade) Room

Classroom #: 696-5447

zoneroom.nelc@gmail.com

Our themes this month include:

**Valentine's Day, Black History Month, Chinese New Year, Mardi Gras and Lent**

**Special Projects:**

- Valentine's day party
- Valentine's day boxes
- Chinese New Year meal
- Creating a Sports Center

**Dramatic Play:** Hair salon

**Science Area:** Making quick sand and growing crystals

**Happy Birthday Everyone!**  
**Charlie S.-1<sup>st</sup>, Grayson A.-5<sup>th</sup>,**  
**Amelia S.-7<sup>th</sup>, Everett C.-**  
**13<sup>th</sup>, Tessa D.-18<sup>th</sup>, Teddy P.-**  
**18<sup>th</sup>, Maddie H.-25<sup>th</sup>, Addie**  
**F.-25<sup>th</sup>, Louis G.-26<sup>th</sup>,**

