



Preschool at Antelope Trails Newsletter

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**Spring is almost here
(although, where was winter???)...**

The second semester of the year is very busy in preschool! This spring we will be doing IB and curriculum units about community helpers/transportation, farm and ranch, and our own community roles through an exploration of the garden and bugs. Some of our students will be continuing on to Kindergarten and we will celebrate their accomplishment in May with a small ceremony. We will be exploring IB planners and character traits more in depth this semester. We will be doing a lot of handwriting practice and practice with patterning, as well as ABCs and 123s!



What we are learning:

In February, we are introducing new letters and letter sounds. Prekindergarten children will be practicing word segmentation and blending, rhyming word identification, and some simple spelling with letters we know and common ending sounds. We are also exploring a fun unit through the We Can curriculum about Dinosaurs and at the end of February, we will be doing IB and We Can units about Community Helpers/Transportation. In the following week we will talk about communication as it relates to mail and sending letters for Valentine's Day.



A note to Pre-Kindergarten

parents: You will need to have done choice enrollment for your upcoming Kindergarten, unless you are attending your home school, by February 28th. Please let me know as questions arise. Please make sure you let the school you are attending know if your preference is for a half day program, or for a full day program. There is a fee associated with full day Kindergarten, in District 20, for the upcoming school year.



Home connections: *At home, find the numbers on the front of your home or mailbox, so children can make the connection of the meaning these numbers have. Get to know your neighborhood postal worker with your child! Maybe you could write them a quick thank you for the service they provide! Children are typically interested in the mail unit and this is a great time of year to explore stamps at home and send letters to grandparents and loved ones.*

Visit the Dinosaur Discovery Center in Woodland Park for fun, or Dinosaur ridge outside of Morrison.

Begin talking about how your family gets from "here to there..." What color your vehicles are, and other means of transportation your family uses. Talk about any plane trips you have taken or places you might like to go visit.



Upcoming Parties!

We have upcoming Valentines parties for our classes. Our AM class party and PM party will be on Wednesday the 14th, during the last 45 minutes of class.

For all classes, please sign-up for party participation, if you are interested, near the sign-in book. Valentines is a great way to practice early writing skills with your children at home, and so I will be sending home names of classmates for each child to practice if they are interested and able. If you think this is stressful for your child, just have them practice making their “mark” or writing their name on blank cards and send those in without friend’s names, and we will help them put these in cubbies. **Valentines parties will be held the last 45 minutes of each class session.**



Please Remember: Parents, we have had many kiddos not feeling well. There have been runny noses, coughs, and fevers. Please practice at home, good hygiene for covering a cough, getting a tissue, and hand-washing. We practice often at school, and the kids can even sing the “hand washing song” for you! **Remember the illness guidelines are:**

Illness Guidelines for Academy School District 20

Children with one or more of the following symptoms will be excluded from school until the symptoms have cleared.

1. Temperature of 100.5 or above. Temperature must be normal for 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Constant runny nose.
3. Abnormal color or consistency of nasal discharge.
4. Uncontrolled cough or unusual cough.
5. Frequent sneezing, other than allergy related.
6. Lung and nasal congestion.
7. Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
8. If antibiotics are prescribed, the student must receive the antibiotic for 24 hours before returning to school.
9. Undiagnosed skin rashes and/or open lesions.

If your child is not feeling well enough to enjoy being at and/or participating in preschool activities, we encourage you to keep them at home where they can rest.



Contact Info:

Phone Numbers:

- Main Attendance line ATE: 234-4100
- Preschool Classroom: 234-4155
- Mrs. Meghan’s Voicemail: 234-6516
- Preschool Secretary (at EAC): 234-1750
- Email: meghan.novak@asd20.org



Preschool Important Date Calendar

**Friday, February 9th- POPs “Make and Take”
Event at the EAC**

**Wednesday, Feb 14th- AM and PM class
Valentine Party**

Monday, Feb 19th- No School- President’s Day