



February 2017



Andover Academy, Making Learning Fun!



Immunizations:

It's a new year, 2017, please make sure the doctor dates the form correctly with a new expiration date before leaving the medical facility.

Changes:

Please remember if you have a change of address or telephone number or extension numbers, please let us know in the office. This is imperative, in case of emergencies.

100th Day of School

In February VPK will be celebrating the 100th day of school. Parents don't forget your 100 small items in a zip-lock bag .

Class Pictures:

Class pictures will be taken on Tuesday, February 7th. Please dress accordingly.

Valentines Day:

There will be no parade for Valentines Day. However, we will have a Valentines Day party on the 10th and the card exchange on the 14th.

Tuition:

Please help us by writing your child's full name on your check, if it differs from the name imprinted on the check. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT:

Please hold your child's hand prior to exiting the school.

☐ Also, please **DO NOT** park on the west side of the overhang (the side nearest to the building). The yellow line is a Fire Lane Zone and you could get a ticket.

☐ We are asking parents PLEASE **end all cell phone conversations** prior to entering the school.

☐ We've recently had another car window smashed and broken into. Please do not leave your valuables in the car.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE:

We, by popular demand, have conveniently scheduled conferences in the mornings. If you were not able to attend please let us know so we can reschedule you.

Important Dates

Andover Will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in honor of Presidents' Day

The time is always right to do what is right. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.



Mission Statement: Andover Academy strives to provide a quality education in a safe nurturing environment where each child may grow at his or her own pace. Our staff is committed to children and encourages a love of learning. Open communication and parent participation are essential to our program.



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Monday 3:15—4:00pm
Yoga

Tuesday 3:15— 4:00
Ballet

Wednesday 3:00-3:45pm
Kidokinetics \$40 monthly

Thursday 3:00pm
Gymnastics \$50.00
monthly

Friday 3:00pm
Soccer \$40 monthly

If you are interested in any of these classes please see Ms. Coleen in the front office about signing up.



Happy Valentines Day

Musical Hearts

This game is sort of like musical chairs. But, instead of using chairs, use red laminated hearts. You set them on the floor, with masking tape on the underside and start the music. When the music stops the children find a heart to stand on. Then take one away, so on and so on. You could also vary this game by putting pictures of shapes, numbers, letters, animals, etc. on the hearts. Then when the child is standing on the heart, you ask them what's on the heart and hopefully they will know.

George Washington Carver

GROW A PEANUT IN A BAG

Materials:

Raw peanuts from the health food store

Plastic baggies,

Paper towels

Water

Plant a peanut in a baggie by having each child put one or two raw peanuts in the baggie along with a damp paper towel.

Seal the baggie. Keep paper towel damp-but briefly open every couple days as not to mold. Observe how peanuts grow.



Heart Shaped Crayons

Materials:

Old crayons 60-90

Heart shaped silicone mold

Essential oils (optional)

Tear and rip off the wrapper on each crayon length-wise and remove it. Break the crayons into small pieces, if they are not already broken. Sort the crayons by colors that will work well together — greens and yellows; blues and purples; and pinks and reds. Fill each heart in the silicone mold with broken crayons. This mold was the perfect size, and I love the indentations of smaller hearts!

Bake a 250 degrees F for 15-20 minutes until crayons are fully melted. Allow to cool and harden completely before removing from the mold.

Want to make them extra special? Add a few drops of lemon oil, citrus oil, or lavender oil to the melted crayons before allowing them to cool. This will make the crayons aromatic and enhance the sensory benefits of them!



Heart Puzzle

1. Cut out a large heart from butcher paper.
2. Cut it into as many random-shaped pieces (like a puzzle) as you want.
3. Write a name on each piece and everyone take one.
4. Work together to put the puzzle pieces together.
5. Glue pieces onto another piece of butcher paper.

You can hang as a unique piece of art in your home

GARRETT MORGAN INVENTED THE TRAFFIC LIGHT..

1: MAKE A TRAFFIC LIGHT SNACK

Ingredients:

Graham crackers

Peanut butter or chocolate frosting (Sample is frosting)

Red, yellow and green m&ms--craft sticks

• Spread peanut butter or frosting on a one quarter piece of graham cracker. Place this on the top of a craft stick. Place the m&m's in the pattern of a traffic light. Snacks can also be made without the craft sticks.



WHAT IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH?

Black History Month was established in 1926. Although there is an international aspect to Black History month, it is mainly an American holiday. In 1926, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson and other African American and white scholars, launched "Negro History Week" so that Americans could reflect on the history and contributions of African Americans. In the 1970s, the celebration of African American history was expanded to include the entire month of February.

