

The PreSchool at Holland Hall
Mrs. Adams
February 2012

Dear Parents,

It is so rewarding to observe the children develop their language skills as they tell each other about the book and activity in their black reading bag. They are handling this new responsibility with great care, and I know that you are having fun reading with them. Sharing our love of literature is feeding the brain!

We have really enjoyed learning information about China and the panda.

Units of Study

For the next three weeks, we will be talking about Valentine's Day, friendship and fairy tales. We will be making valentine art, cooking heart shaped waffles, decorating valentine sacks for our party, talking about friendship and wearing beautiful jewelry in the pretend area. We will also read many wonderful fairy tales. We will learn songs, act out skits and experience new media at the art table.

Then, we will begin an exploration of the many different zoo animals. As we feature a different animal each day, we will compare how they live in the wild versus captivity. The roar of the jungle will continue until Spring Break!

Valentine Party

Our party will be on **Tuesday, February 14, at 2:15 p.m.** Special valentines for specific friends may cause hurt feelings, so please send 10 valentines that have been signed by your child but not addressed. Mrs. Mann and I will help the children put their valentines into the party sacks. We will allow enough time during the party for reading them with the children. **Please join us and help read!**

Book Orders

The February book order forms are attached. Thank you for continuing to order books for your children. I know they enjoy reading with you. Please return your order by Friday, February 3.

Curriculum Update

Since children develop from the head down and the trunk outward, skilled use of the fingers and hand to write, to draw, or to cut is the last stage in a series of child development milestones. In the classroom, fine motor development is encouraged through the wide array of activities provided. Painting at the easel, building with blocks or Legos, kneading playdough, scooping materials in the sensory table and gluing at the art table are just a few of the ways to enhance this development. Digging in the sand, climbing, throwing and catching balls are some of the activities provided on our playground. These activities are fun and natural for young children!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

The conference sign-up sheet will be available during the Valentine's Day party. After February 14, you may call the Primary School office at 481-1111, Ext. 725.

Dates to Remember – check the Holland Hall web page calendar and your email for additional school information.

February 3	Book orders due
February 10	Winter Holiday - no class
February 13	Professional Day - no class
February 14	Valentine Party - 2:15 p.m.
February 25	Book Fair – One Day Only!