

**The PreSchool at Holland Hall**  
**Mrs. Patterson**  
**February 2012**

Dear Parents,

It has been such a joy to visit with your children about their reading bags! They are enjoying this new responsibility and are very proud of their work. Thank you for sharing this fun activity with your child.

**Units of Study**

The next three weeks will be spent learning about friendship, Valentine's Day, and fairy tales. We will create valentine art, decorate sacks for our valentine's party, and have a fun cooking job. Our dramatic play area will be a wedding! We will also read many fairy tales and books about friendship.

Later in the month, we will begin our exploration of zoo animals. We will compare farm animals with zoo animals, practice our animal sounds, and have some fun zoo animal art activities until Spring Break.

**Valentine's Day Party**

Our party will be on **Tuesday, February 14, at 2:15 p.m.** Special valentines for special friends may cause hurt feelings, so please send 9 valentines that have been signed by your child but not addressed. Mrs. Koshy 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**

Thank you for continuing to order books for your children. Reading with your child is a special and meaningful activity. I

have attached the February book order forms. Please return your order by **Tuesday, February 7.**

### **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 a wide array of activities. 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**

Spring conferences are scheduled for March 1 and 2. The conference sign-up sheet will be available during the Valentine's Day party. If you are unable to sign-up that day, I will send home a list of available times.

### **Dates to Remember**

February 7	Book orders due
February 14	Valentine Party 2:15 pm

**Please continue to check the Holland Hall web page and your email for additional school information.**