



February 5, 2018

Dear Pre-K for All families,

Thank you for helping your child complete the January project. We hope you enjoyed working with and discussing the topic of transportation with your child. We loved listening to the children present their projects and share their experiences.

This month, we will be exploring light including shadows, the sun, and the importance of light and how we use it. We will discuss natural and artificial light. We will cover the difference between night time and day time. We will explore shadows using flashlights in our classroom and will discover how shadows change depending on the direction of light. To connect your child's learning from school to home, here are suggested books about light: Whose Shadow is this? by Claire Berge, All About Light by Lisa Trumbauer, Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown, and Can't You Sleep Little Bear? By Martin Waddell.

For our family project this month, we are asking that you help us celebrate the 100th day of school. Your child can choose to do one of the following activities: make a poster with 100 items, build a structure of 100 items, or bring in a Ziploc bag of 100 items. Please have your child count the items. Remind them to touch and count out loud, saying only one number as they touch one object to reinforce to concept of one to one correspondence. It may be a good idea to break the 100 items into smaller groups for your child to count. For example, ten groups of 10 items or five groups of 20 items.

The 100th day of school falls on February 14th (if there are no snow days between now and then). We will be having a small celebration in our classroom to celebrate the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. We will discuss the people and things that we love, make Valentine's Day cards, and make pink oobleck (a mixture of water and cornstarch). Please have your child wear pink/red on Wednesday, February 14th to help us celebrate.

Please keep in mind school is closed February 19th-23rd for Mid-Winter break.

We look forward to a wonderful month! Please continue to work with your child on the family engagement activities sent home each week in your child's notebook. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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