



St. Paul Elementary Early Learning Program News February 2021



This month's focus:

We love February! We get to talk about God's Love, our feelings and friendship. We are working on using each other's names. We get to see friendships bloom, grow, change and grow some more. Little people have some pretty big emotions. It's an important life skill to be able to identify and talk about our feelings and also to learn positive ways to deal with them. We will have a post office in our Dramatic play area to practice holding pencils and pens and "writing" letters. On Friday, Feb. 12th, we will have some fun Valentine activities. *All children are invited to attend that day.* Have your child wear something red or pink if you can. I will make sure to send an updated class list for Valentines on Class Dojo. *Any Valentines treats/cards must be at school by the 9th. February 15th – 19st is the Family Week break. There is no school for students that week. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday fall during the break, so our school will celebrate Shrove Tuesday on Feb 10. All children will get a pancake breakfast that day.

Important Dates

Feb. 1 – Registration Opens

Feb. 5 - Camo Day

Feb. 10 – Pancake Breakfast and Tie-Dye shirt day

Feb. 12 - Valentine's Fun Day!

All children are invited!

Feb. 15 - 19 - Family Week, No school for students

***Feb. 16 – Shrove Tuesday**

***Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday**

Feb. 24 – Pink Shirt Day

Mar. 16 – Spiritual Dev Day, No School for students

Mar. 19 - Div. Collab Day – No School for students



Registration for next year begins on Feb. 1st if your child already attends our school and it will be an update, not a whole new registration form.

New registrations will start being taken on Feb. 22nd.

Registration is online only. If you have any questions, please call the office.

The importance of play

Your children are learning and doing amazing things through play. Letting them explore and try things their own way is key. In ELP, we focus on working memory, mental flexibility and self-control. Children aren't born with these skills - they are born with the potential to develop them. These skills are the foundation for success and we watch them develop every day. Play is truly the work of childhood and its importance cannot be overstated. "Keep Calm and PLAY On"!

- Please send a full change of clothes to keep at school if you haven't, or if we need replacement ones. We love messy play!

- Thank you for sending warm clothes for playing outside. Mitts and toques are great for that wind, even when it does not seem cold.

- Also, thank you to those of you who are letting your child do all they are able to be independent. We are working on self help skills more now. We have been learning cutting, putting caps on markers and winding glue sticks. Their Kindergarten teachers will love those skills! lol