

February Preschool Press 2022

HUMC PRESCHOOL TAX-ID NUMBER

31-064-3314



SIGN-UP FOR CONFERENCES

A Developmental Study has been prepared for each of the children enrolled within our program. The study evaluates where the children are developmentally in terms of their social skills, emotional development, motor skills (small and large), as well as their academic preparedness. Conferences will be held February 16 and 17. Your child's teachers will be reaching out to you as to how to schedule your conference. Please watch your email for information. We would love if each family were able to sign up to hear about their child's progress.



VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 14 and 15. The children may bring Valentines for their friends. Your child's name should be written on the card. However, please leave the outside of the envelopes blank. If you are unsure as to how many children are in the class, either contact your child's teacher or call the preschool office. The children will deliver their cards, while engaging in dramatic play. Luckily the cost of postage at the preschool is simply a smile.



REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Hopefully everyone has turned in his or her application for the fall. If you have not done so, PLEASE contact the preschool office immediately, as we are unable to hold spaces for students without the proper application forms. Remember, you are able to make payment arrangements for the registration fee of \$135.00. New student registration is now underway, and some of the classes are nearly full, so please check with the office for availability.

Letters of the Month
li, Nn, Dd, Oo



The child who knows unconditional love
has the greatest gift the world can offer

Author Unknown

February Calendar

February 1: Tuition Due

February 14 & 15: Valentine's Celebrations

February 16 & 17: Conferences No School

February 18: Professional Development No School

February 21: President's Day No School



February Themes

Ice Cream

Groundhog Day

Winter Olympics

Going to the Dentist

Healthy Hearts

Post Office

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Dinosaurs

Paleontologists and Fossils

Ocean Life

6 Reasons Why the HUMC Preschool Reading Challenge is Important to Your Child

Creating Readers - One Book at a Time

Beyond the stickers and prizes, the reading challenge gives you and your child the opportunity to actually boost your child's learning potential simply by making books an integral part of your daily schedule. While we know that all of our parents are reading to their children, it seemed like a fun idea to share the top 6 reasons why we want you to read, read, read!

1. **Reading with your child promotes cuddle time.** Reading time is quality time. A time when you are able to slow down and spend time focusing on just the two of you and the wonders of the printed word.
2. **Reading aloud gives children the opportunity to practice listening.** The ability to listen and follow instructions are crucial skills in creating a successful kindergarten experience. Teachers will be verbally providing instruction, with the expectation that the children will be able to cooperate and act upon those instructions in an appropriate manner. When reading to your child, you are essentially developing their attention spans.
3. **Reading develops a child's imagination.** Following the characters and plot of the story helps to develop your child's imagination. The text and illustrations allow your child to travel to different places and imagine what might happen next. Allow your child to explore the illustrations prior to turning to the next page. There is much to explore.
4. **Reading aloud helps children acquire early language skills.** Reading aloud is widely recognized as the single most important activity leading to language development. Among other things, reading aloud builds word-sound awareness in children, a potent predictor of reading success in later years.
5. **Reading aloud builds a strong foundation for academic excellence.** When reading to your child, you are not only boosting their language development, but you are also laying the foundation for a higher aptitude for learning in general. Children who have been read to frequently, and have been exposed to a variety of books are more likely to succeed in other areas of school. The idea being that if a child is struggling to recognize words and put together sentences, math, science and social concepts will be more difficult as well.
6. **It is never to late to start the reading challenge.** If you have lost your child's reading list, simply contact to the office. We would be more than happy to give you a new set. If you are struggling to write down the titles, you have our permission to simply draw a line through the number of books that you have read with your child. We simply want you to read, because we know that **you are creating readers!!!!**



Snow Science

Snowflake Observation On a snowy day, take a piece of black construction paper and catch snowflakes on it. Use a magnifying glass to observe the individual snowflakes. Ask your child to describe the differences between each snowflake, explaining that no two snowflakes are exactly alike.

Melting Snow Fill two bowls equally with snow. Place the bowls on an indoor counter or table. Pour salt on one bowl of snow and leave the other bowl salt free. Ask your child which bowl of snow does he/she think will melt faster; hence they are creating their own "hypothesis" as to the rate of melting that will occur in each bowl. Check back throughout the day to see if their hypothesis was correct.

Expanding Ice When water turns to ice, it expands. Fill an empty can with water, stopping about 1/2 to 1/4 inch from the top of the can. Use a permanent marker to mark the water line on the outside of the can. Put the can on a tray and place it into the freezer. Leave the can in the freezer for a few hours or overnight. The ice will be higher than the water line and will have appeared to have grown overnight.