



Parent Newsletter February 2019

This month's theme takes us to Outer Space and exploring the Solar system. It is time to bring out our model of the solar system and make a Rocket that can take us to the Moon! The Brick has so kindly donated a big cardboard box for our Rocket :) If you have any plastic caps, lids, or other recycling you think might make some cool controls and buttons for our ship, I would LOVE them. Every child also needs to source 2 empty 2L pop bottles so we can make our air packs. We will make helmets, space food and go on a Space Walk!

We are also going to do some exploring of the Chinese New Year traditions and Valentine's Day, love and friendships. Ria Curtis, who was a gymnastics instructor for many years, has offered to give us another little taste of gymnastics. We will be running this every Tuesday for February, starting after lunch (12:30pm or so) until home time. We could be running a bit late sometimes as we have never tried this before. Since many have been trying somersaults in circle already, I think this will be a wonderful addition to this rainy month! All students are welcome, even if it is not on your day.

And of course, we still have "Sandy's Music" once a month as well. We hope to still have our field trip to Ron and Jan's pottery studio. It got pushed forward (Lund time!) and we hope to finally do this at the end of this month. We will also draw our Raffle ticket winners on Tuesday, February 5th at lunch time.

The Parent meeting is on Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30pm. We will finishing the last details for our Family Movie Night happening on February 15th. We need volunteers to host this and donations of snacks to sell at this event.

We have now separated the "business" part of the parent's duties from the education part, so our Wednesday meetings will be taking care of the "business" part and should run no later than 1 1/2 hours. We are also trying a new format for the Parent Education Workshop. It looks like Sunday, February 3rd is the most popular choice and we will hold a 2 hour session with Kathy Sliziak in the evening. Details have still not been finalized about time and if there is a potluck aspect to this. Someone will let you know by email asap. This is a wonderful opportunity to delve into some of the parenting challenges you have been facing in a supportive group. All the parents that I know that have done this workshop have found it useful, enlightening, and a bonding experience for parents. These workshops also help our preschool parents meet the requirements of a parent cooperative model. We will do another 2 hour workshop in March.

I have also been adding some parenting books into our Puddle Jumpers parent library...Did you know we have one? It's on the back wall of meeting room #1. Parents can sign these books and dvds out for a few of weeks and return them when you are done. These include a number of dvds that are part of Gordon Neufeld's parenting series. ☺