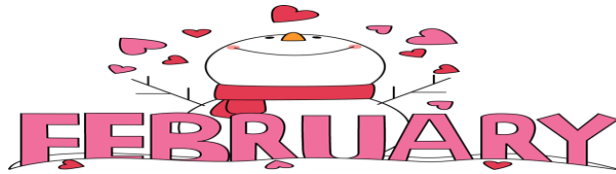


THE CHALLENGER



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Once again, please check **Channels 7 & 10** or www.wsls.com or www.wdbj7.com for center closings or delays due to inclement weather.

BE MY VALENTINE

To celebrate Valentine's Day, our children and staff will be placing a decorated "valentines drop box" outside classroom doors and on the front desk. Classrooms, individual children, families, and staff are invited to leave messages of encouragement and love to one another.

WINTER APPAREL FOR CHILDREN



Please remember to dress your child for the cold. If temperatures are 40 or above, we attempt to take the children

outside for fresh air and exercise. Coats, hats, gloves, etc. make outside experiences more comfortable.



"Valentines' Day is a good excuse for me to tell you what I should tell you every day!"...author unknown.

FEBRUARY CURRICULUM

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| Feb 1&2 | Groundhog Day |
| Feb 5-9 | Dental Health |
| Feb 12-16 | Be My Valentine |
| Feb 19-23 | In Praise of Pets |
| Feb 26- 2 | Tell Me a Fairy Tale |



LET'S WARM UP

A special thanks to our Supernova children and Ms. Hanna for making adorable pillows for the elderly at English Meadows Nursing Home. Along with these pillows, the center collected some cocoa mixes, scarves, hats, gloves, and blankets for the residents. Thanks for your generosity.

THANKS FOR YOUR DONATIONS

A special thanks to the families who have donated toys, books, art supplies, craft materials, clothing, and so much more! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.





DON'T FORGET...JUST A FEW REMINDERS

PARENT EMAIL REMINDER:

Early Challenges has an email for parent communication: parents@earlychallenges.com
Please feel free to use this email for child absences or schedule changes, teacher communication, or administration conference requests.

TUITION REMINDER...

Child care tuition is **ALWAYS DUE IN ADVANCE** per the signed parent/provider tuition agreement. Punctual payment on accounts makes our cash flow work!

MEDICATION & ILLNESS REMINDERS...

As we all know too well, winter time often brings colds, flu, ear infections, and asthma exacerbations. Therefore, Early Challenges wishes to remind you of our medication & illness policies/procedures:

ALL MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT TO FRONT OFFICE

ALL MEDICATION MUST HAVE PRESCRIPTION LABEL AND PARENT OR DOCTOR PERMISSION FORM

CHILDREN WITH SYMPTOMS OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (FEVERS, VOMITING, COUGHS, ETC.) MUST BE KEPT HOME TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY EXPOSURES

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with following these policies!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FEBRUARY

- To celebrate Super Bowl 52, we will have "Football Friday" on February 2th. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothing to support your favorite football team (whether in the Super Bowl or not) or any football themed clothing.
- During Dental Health Week (Feb. 5-9), Real Life Dental of Blacksburg will be visiting our classrooms to demonstrate proper tooth brushing techniques and to teach some food for healthy teeth education.
- The week of February 11th-17th is a week filled with many possibilities for reaching out to others in random acts of kindness, friendship, and love. February 11th is "Make a Friend Day", February 14th is Valentine's Day, and February 17th is "Random Act of Kindness Day". We will be encouraging our children and staff to participate in reaching out to brighten someone's day throughout this week. Families are encouraged to participate!
- During Pet Week (Feb. 19-23), Early Challenges is working with the Humane Society, Town and Country Vet Clinic, and the VT Helping Paw in order to learn how to care for our pets. Hopefully we will have a few visitors!!
- For our Fairy Tale week, Feb. 26-Mar. 2, we are excited to have the CHS drama department bringing us fairy tale storytelling in costume!