



**NEW HORIZONS COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL
HALF DAY PRE -KINDERGARTEN FEBRUARY**



FINE MOTOR: During the month of February your child will be working on fine motor skills by practicing tying their shoes. Tying your shoes is a very hard skill to master. We encourage you to work with your child at home to help them become successful with this important life skill. In our writing center we will continue to focus on writing our first and last names. As an extension to our Valentine celebration we encourage you to help your child write their friends names on their Valentines as well as writing their name on the card. **Please remember: Just send in plain Valentine cards to your child's class - NO CANDY OR PARTY FAVORS.**

LANGUAGE: Our Language curriculum will continue with the introduction of upper and lower case letters and the difference between numbers and letters. The use of expanded vocabulary and memory recall during story time will also be encouraged. We will also introduce Compound Words.

MATHEMATICS: In Math we will continue with ordinal numbers and environmental numbers. As part of our Math experience we will be reviewing combining, separating and problem solving using math objects. During the month of February we will be introducing the use of money and identifying different coins.


SOCIAL/SCIENCE: As part of our Health and Hygiene unit we will have a visit from the Dentist office to discuss healthy teeth. As an extension to our Healthy Body unit the students will be jumping, skipping, walking on a line and walking backwards in Fitness. Our curriculum will also include healthy foods and exercise. In Science the students will learn the basics about their heart and how it works. The last week in February our students will be studying different types of pond life and discover what types of plants, insects and reptiles live in our local ponds.

Please check your child's classroom for their Valentine Snack Sign up Sheets.



FEBRUARY 2014



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
					Ground Hog Day 2/2/14
Dental Hygiene Letter D 	3	4	5	6	7
Be My Valentine-conflict resolutions' Letter V & L 	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine Card Exchange Wear something pink or red. 
Letter X-Healthy bodies President's Day 2/17  	17 School Closed Parent/ Teacher Conferences	18	19	20 Pizza Day & Skating Wear your green NH shirt  	21
Letter P – Pond Life Dentist visit's this week 	24	25	26	27	28



VALENTINE'S DAY

The Valentine's Day holiday supports our goal of socialization for all of the children at New Horizons'. Preschoolers will have a full day of heart-oriented activities on February 14th after they have delivered Valentines they have brought from home to give to each of their classmates. Don't forget to check in your child's classroom for the special holiday snack they will be making.

In keeping with developmentally appropriate practices we suggest that the toddlers, two's and three year old students **not put names** on the outside of the envelope. It is much easier for our younger children to just drop an envelope into a bag or box and not have to worry about the spelling on the card.



Pre K students: This is a great time to practice our writing skills. Please sit down and help your child with this process. Do not try and do the whole class at one time. This is a lesson that would be better taught if the child is able to do four or five names at a time.



CANDY AND PARTY FAVORS: IN KEEPING WITH NEW HORIZONS POLICIES, WE REQUEST THAT **NO CANDY OR PARTY FAVORS** (I.E. PENCILS, SMALL TOYS, CANDY ATTACHED TO THE CARDS) BE SENT TO SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD BECOMES VERY UPSET WHEN THEY ARE UNABLE TO HAND OUT WHAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.

WE WILL SEND HOME ANY CANDY OR PARTY FAVORS SENT TO SCHOOL.

**PRESCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (except our Toddlers)
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR ALL PRE-SCHOOL STUDENTS**

ON Monday FEBRUARY 17th

Conferences are scheduled to provide parents with an opportunity to discuss their Preschooler's progress. Teachers will be posting sign-up sheets so that you may choose a time when you will be available. Please let us know of any scheduling conflicts since it is our goal to meet with all of you. Though childcare at home that day is strongly recommended, we will supervise children during conferences in order to assure every parents' participation.

Toddler Parents: If you have any special concerns about your child's development, transitioning to the two year old classroom or any other concerns please feel free to set up a time with your child's teacher also.



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