

# February 2012



Dear Families and Friends,

The weather might have us a little confused about which SEASON we're in, but here at day care we KNOW it's soon to be Valentine's Day! It's a real favorite of the children! We're all going to wear RED that day to get in the spirit! And each room will exchange valentines, either homemade or store-bought! You will need to send in enough valentines for the children in your child's room. Just have your child sign the cards. They don't have to put the names of the recipients on the cards. Please have them here no later than Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>.

As you know, we're making good use of the upstairs on the inclement days. The children love going up and using their large muscles! If you haven't had a chance to go up yet, please take a look. It's a great space! The Green Room children have even made play dough in the kitchen space upstairs.

As you know, Gretchen had her baby. The Orange Room has had a shift in positions. Salisha is the teacher in Gretchen's absence, Felicia is taking on assistant teacher duties, and Krystyn, who used to work part-time in the Green Room, is now the full-time teacher aide in the Orange and Yellow Rooms. Our thought was that using familiar people would be the best for the children (and their families). When Gretchen comes back in early April it will be just about time for Jessica to go out on her maternity leave. We will be using familiar faces during that time, as well, in order to keep things as much the same as possible.



## Why We Work Here...



Emelia said to Leah one day, "I need by chopstick because my lips are chopped."



Claire was looking at a necklace Chris was wearing and remarked that it was sparkly. Chris agreed that it was.

Claire then asked, "Is it your bling?"



Derek was showing the Yellow Room his family homework on China. First he pointed out the dragon, and then he pointed to a picture of the Great Wall of China saying, "and that's the good wall."



Alex was sitting across from Agar at lunch one day and mistakenly called her "Gum". The teacher explained that she was Agar and Agar's brother is Gum.

Alex clarified this by pointed to Agar and saying "Agar?" and then pointed to Gum and saying "A-gum?"



Elizabeth approached Felicia while playing upstairs in the new play area. Elizabeth asked if your new little kitchen worked.

Felicia answered, "Not yet. They are still working on it.

Asked Elizabeth, "Does it need batteries?"



Felicia was telling Logan (in the Yellow Room) that our school is getting a "new Logan">

Logan replied, "No."

Felicia said, "Yes. Next month there will be a new Logan coming to our school."

Logan said, "I don't want to be thrown away."

Felicia reassured him that he was being thrown away, that there would be a new Logan in the Orange Room, and that the Yellow Room was keeping its Logan!



Veronika was learning to walk on stilts. Felicia suggested she choose a focal point to look at while walking on the stilts.

"Look at Erin, Veronika. She's your focal point," said Felicia.

"No, she's not," said Veronika, "she's the cooker!"



C.J. said to Felicia, "Do you know what my thumb is when it's upside down? FLORIDA! Ha, Ha, Ha"



Riley Hickey was talking to one of the other children's parents and said, "Did you now my Dad has a blank head?" (Oh, dear, Jeffrey. First Grandpa and now you!)



Tyler was working on his letters with Gretchen. When he came to the letter "U" he looked at it, thought about it for a minute, and then said to Gretchen, "It's a smiley face!"



Leah was telling the children she had to clean Pebbles' fish bowl because it was cloudy.

Brennen replied with "Yes, you do! We don't want it to rain on Pebbles."



Chris was waiting for the children to finish morning snack when Logan said, "Chris you're like a waitress."

Chris wondered what he meant by that and then he said, "You give us food."



Salisha asked Kelley how his holiday was. He told her he'd received a farm that he likes to play with. Salisha asked if the farm animals make sounds. He said, "No, they're fake!"



Salisha told the children in the Orange Room that it was clean-up time and Kelley asked her to hold on a moment while he finished his phone conversation!



After learning about Greek fishermen, the children in the Yellow Room spent the day playing the Fishin' Around game. The next day they asked to play again, but the batteries were worn out.

Navah said, "If I bring in my batteries for Show and Tell tomorrow, then can we play the fishing game?"

# Thank You!

Thank you to Daniel and his parents for bringing us some coffee straight from Colombia! What a treat!



## The Roving Reporter

What do you think it means to love someone?

--"Your heart likes them." James

--"It means to smile and be proud." Lucas



--"I make my mom a picture because I love her." Haley

--"It means that you care." Madison



--"You love them all the time. You play with them." Finn

--"It means I feel happy that she reads me books." CJ

--"That you're happy. When you're sad it means you don't love someone."



Grace

--"You feel happy and you give hugs and give a kiss." Emelia

--"Somebody wants to pay with you." Daniel

--"You hug someone. You walk with someone." Claire



--"It makes you feel happy." Grant