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2023

Here's What We'll Be Up To...

Hello Toddler Town Families &
WELCOME to February! The month of Friendship and Love!

February's theme is:

Friendly February



Students will discuss:

1. Friendship
2. Healthy Teeth
3. Black History Month.



Here are some Special Dates to remember:

20th - PRESIDENTS DAY (CENTER IS CLOSED)

- 1st -National Freedom Day
- 2nd - Groundhog Day
- 3rd - Elmo's Birthday
- 10TH -Umbrella Day
- 11th National Inventors Day
- 14th Ferris Wheel Day, Valentines Day, (Friendship day at Toddler Town)
- 17th Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 21St Presidents Day
- 25th Quiet Day





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Announcements

Important Info!

We are officially in winter Season and the cold weather is here to stay. Please dress your child accordingly and please be sure to update your child's cubby bin. Keep In mind that Students go outside daily as long as it's between 32 and 92 degrees.

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If possible, please label your children's belongings.

At Toddler Town Daycare, outside/home food and outside/home toys are not allowed or permitted at our center. Please keep home toys at home or in your vehicle, and, if you want your child to eat food outside our center, please have your child finish it in the car, but do not take it further in the school, or it will be tossed out. Also, cups allowed in the center are only cups that have water or that are empty, if you bring a cup or bottle containing anything else, we will send it back home. Please refer to your Toddler Town Parent policy handbook regarding these rules.

PROCARE ENGAGEMENT PROVIDES ALL THE SOURCES TO BE UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING GOING ON IN OUR CENTER. This includes Paying through the app, receiving documents, receiving important updates, communicating with teachers, and so much more. Ask us about ProCare Engagement!

REMINDERS!

Toddler Town Too closes promptly at 5PM. Any time after that, families get charged \$15 every 10 minutes.

Tuition

Please Don't forget that payments must be made on the 1st & 15th of every month. On the first you either pay full tuition, or half of the tuition. If you pay only half on the 1st, you have until the 15th to pay the other half. Late fees will be applied for no payments after the first and to unpaid balances after the 15th .

Payment Reminders for February 2023:

February 1st, 2023

Payment Option One: Pay in Full
Payment Option Two: Pay Half of Tuition Balance

February 15th, 2023

*All balances must be fully paid in order to avoid any interruption during Drop off. *

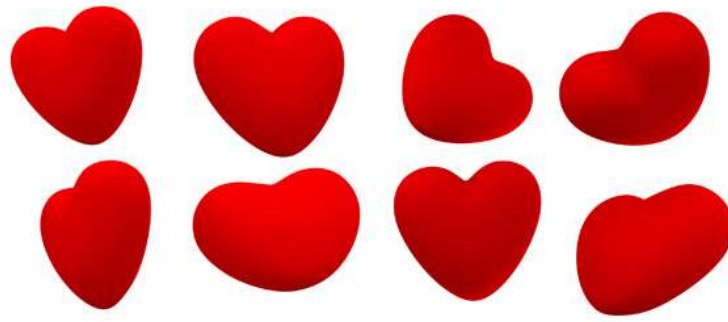


Highlights of the Month Of January 2023!





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Tips and Ideas for Home

Info was taken directly from:

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/preschoolers/health-daily-care/dental-care/dental-care-preschoolers>

Key points

- Children should have regular dental check-ups every 6-12 months.
- To prevent tooth decay, brush teeth twice a day and avoid sugary foods and drinks.
- Use low-fluoride toothpaste unless a dentist advises otherwise.

Dental care: keeping children's teeth clean

Brush your child's teeth twice a day – morning and night. Use a pea-sized amount of low-fluoride toothpaste on a child-size toothbrush, unless your dentist recommends otherwise.

Your child might want to start helping to clean their own teeth. You can let your child hold the toothbrush and try brushing their own teeth first. This will help your child feel they're part of the action. After they've had a go, you can finish and make sure that all tooth surfaces are brushed properly.

Also encourage your child to rinse their mouth with water after lunch and snacks. This helps to wash away any leftover food.

Your child **needs your help and supervision with keeping teeth clean** until they're about 8 years old.

Just keeping teeth clean isn't a guarantee against [tooth decay](#) – diet is also important. Avoid giving your child sugary foods and sugary drinks like fruit juice, soft drink and flavoured milk.



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The best way to brush children's teeth

You might like to **try the following routine** when brushing your child's teeth:

1. Stand or sit behind your child so your child feels secure. Brushing teeth in front of a mirror is good too, because it lets you see your child's mouth.
2. Cup your child's chin in your hands, with their head resting against your body.
3. Angle the bristles of the toothbrush towards the gum. If you're using a manual toothbrush, move the brush in gentle circles. If you're using an electric toothbrush, move the brush gently across the teeth.
4. Brush the outer and inner sides of the teeth and along the gumline. Brush along the chewing surfaces of the teeth.
5. Gently brush your child's tongue.
6. After brushing encourage your child to spit out toothpaste, not swallow it. There's no need to rinse after brushing because the fluoride toothpaste left behind protects your child's teeth.

Children are more likely to go along with cleaning teeth if it's fun and part of a daily routine. For example, you can sing 'This is the way we brush our teeth, brush our teeth, brush our teeth' while you're brushing. Or you could pretend the toothbrush is a train, saying 'Toot toot chugga chugga' as you move it around your child's teeth.

Toothbrushes: choosing and keeping them clean

Choosing a toothbrush

It's important to choose a toothbrush designed especially for children aged 2-5 years. These toothbrushes have small oval heads, soft bristles and non-slip, cushioned handles. They also often have cartoons and fun designs on the handle, which your child might like.

Electric and manual toothbrushes are equally good, as long as you use them properly to clean all the surfaces of all your child's teeth. If you're deciding between a manual and an electric toothbrush, it's OK to let your child choose.

Keeping the toothbrush clean

After cleaning your child's teeth and gums, rinse the toothbrush with tap water. Store the toothbrush upright in an open container to allow it to air-dry.

You should replace toothbrushes every 3-4 months, or when the bristles get worn or frayed.



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Tips and Ideas for Home

Cleaning and caring for children's teeth early on sets up good dental habits for life.

Fluoride and dental care

Fluoride is a mineral that **keeps teeth strong and prevents tooth decay**. Fluoride is safe and works best when your child gets it in very small amounts throughout the day in:

- toothpaste – your child can use a low-fluoride toothpaste from 18 months.
- tap water – most tap water in Australia has added fluoride.
- foods containing fluoride, like fruit and vegetables.

Visiting the dentist

At this age, children should visit the [dentist](#) regularly. Talk to your dentist about how often your child needs a check-up. Dentists usually recommend every 6-12 months.

Regular dental check-ups give your child the chance to get to know the dentist. They also give you and your dentist a chance to talk about your child's dental health needs and plan your child's dental care. Your child might also see other oral health professionals, depending on your child's needs. These include [dental therapists](#), [dental hygienists](#) and [oral health therapists](#) or specialist dentists like paediatric dentists.



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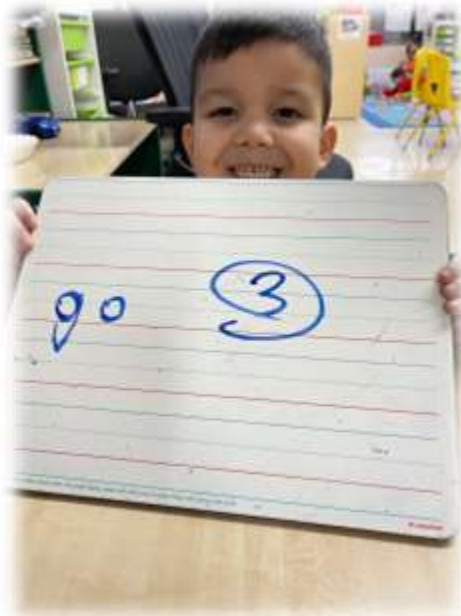


Koalas (5 Year Old's)

I hope everyone is off to a great start to 2023! Our children had a fantastic start to learning. The children studied different ways other countries celebrate the new year, the various kinds of animals that either hibernate or migrate and how to create friendships. We had fun projects with these lessons like the 100 days of school project where the children placed 100 items on a board to celebrate the occasion. The children also learned three new sight words; GO, IN and TO. For the month of February, the children will learn about friendship, famous African Americans, and Dr. Seuss books. The children will have exciting projects and activities to accomplish. The children will participate in a Rosa Park bus reenactment. Please keep an eye out for a flyer about a Valentine's Day Party.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach me through email at megan@toddlertownchicago.com or via phone at 773-622-9433 ext. 27 Koalas Classroom or message us through the ProCare App.

**Thank You,
Mrs. Megan**





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The Explorers (3 to 4 Year Old's)

Hello Families!

Our children had a great start to 2023! For the month of January, we talked about; snow and ice and how animals survive in the winter. We had some awesome activities with these lessons which included creating a winter tree for winter animals to live in. We created it out of cardboard and the children helped with the painting. The children practiced letter recognition and using their fine motor skills with writing during journal time at small group.

In the month of February, we will focus on friendship, Black History month and how we can build great bonds with each other during friendship week. The children will create great projects and try new gross motor development skills like learning how to play indoor baseball like Jackie Robison. We will also focus on recognizing our letters, colors, and numbers.

If you have any questions, Please feel free to contact me on the ProCare App, via email aracely@toddertownchicago.com or by phone at 773-622-9433 EXT 25

Thank you,
Ms. Aracely





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The Bumblebees (3-year-olds)



Happy New Year Families! Our class had a great month of learning! This month, our children studied the hibernation and migration patterns of animals during winter. The children also learned about friendship. There were great projects associated with these themes as well as some large gross motor play on those cold winter days. For example, the children enjoyed playing musical chairs. We also continued with our study on the alphabet by learning how to trace the letters. We can't wait to see what next month has in store for our bumblebees.

February is around the corner! The children will have an exciting month of learning. They will learn about healthy teeth, Black History month, and Dr. Seuss's birthday! There will be some great crafts along with these themes like a friendship hand wreath.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at nataly@toddlertownchicago.com, or you can also call our Bumblebees class 773-622-9433 extension 24!

Thank you in advance for your collaboration!
Mrs. Nataly



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The Butterflies (3 Year Old's)

Hello February! 😊

Our Butterflies class had lots of fun in the month of January. In the month of January, the children learned about snow and ice and what kind of animals migrate or hibernate. We played games and we completed a lot of crafts in the classroom. We also focused on our writing skills to progress our fine motors skills! We had a great month of learning and growing!

For the month of February, we will be learning about friendship, Black History Month and Dr. Seuss's books. There will be fun activities with these activities such as green eggs and ham matching color plates. We will continue our basic lessons on letters, numbers, and colors.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us at 773-622-9433 ext. 23 Butterflies or
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Thank You,
Ms. Selena and Ms. Irene, Ms. Karla





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Toucans (2 Year Old's)

Welcome to a month of love! We had a wonderful start to the new year, we experimented with snow and ice activities, and discussed hibernation. The children also learned about friendship and how they should treat one another. The children had a great month, and we can't wait to see what next month brings.

In the month of February, we will begin to create a friendship poster and show the children examples of healthy teeth and how we can keep them nice and clean. We will also discuss and read about black history in February, allowing us to expand on this topic for two weeks. I am happy to say it has been a great start to the year and hoping for another great month!

Ms. Yvonne & Ms. Bienca, Ms. Megan

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email Ms. Yvonne at yvonne@toddlertownchicago.com or Ms.

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