

# Indianola Preschool newsletter

## CLASSES

This month all the classes celebrated Valentine's Day and learned what it means to be a good friend.

## PLAY = LEARNING

Our focus on play this month is fine motor play. Fine motor play is super important to build the muscles in fingers and hands so that eventually children can learn to write, cut, develop hand-eye coordination, hand dominance, and so much more. We use fine motor play in lots of ways, but our students' favorites are playdoh and slime. Other fine motor play ideas are lacing beads, stickers, tearing paper, tweezers, and lots of our small connecting toys.

See the extra attachment this month for more fine motor ideas!



## IPS NEWS

We made it through February, but not without plenty of delays, snow days and early outs. Hopefully, we are in the clear for the rest of the year.

March is the month for field trips, so be ready for lots of permission slips. I'm hoping completing them on Brightwheel is easier than sending home a piece of paper. We appreciate all our community helpers that donate their time and energy to supporting our students. With that said, we are delaying conferences for all until April. We want to be sure we give you a clear picture of all that your students can do, and that takes some time in class.

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 7: Cupcake Pick Up 3:30-5:15

March 12, 13: Nature Center visit

March 17-21: Spring Break

March 22: IPS Takes Over ITC 3:30-5:30

April 7: No Classes, Child Care open

April 9, 10: Nature Center Field Trip (no transportation provided, child care closed on April 9<sup>th</sup>)

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Pre-writing Development Continuum			
Vertical Line 2-3 YEARS 	Horizontal Line 2-3 YEARS 	Circle Shape 2-4 YEARS 	Cross Shape 4-5 YEARS 
Square Shape 4-5 YEARS 	Diagonal Lines 4.5 YEARS 	"X" Shape 5 YEARS 	Triangle Shape 5-6 YEARS 

  

Pencil Grasp Development Continuum			
Fisted Grasp 1-2 YEARS 	Pronated Grasp 2-3 YEARS 	Inconsistent 3 Point Grasp 3-4 YEARS 	Mature Tripod Grasp 5-6 YEARS 

  

Scissor Skills Development Continuum					
Snips paper  3 YEARS	Cuts a one-inch line  3.5 YEARS	Cuts a line, using helping hand  4-5 YEARS	Cuts curved lines and shapes  4-5 YEARS	Cuts pointy lines and shapes  4.5-5 YEARS	Cuts pictures  5-6 YEARS

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