

# THE CUBBY REPORTER

THE RCK PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS



## OUR LITTLE ARTISTS



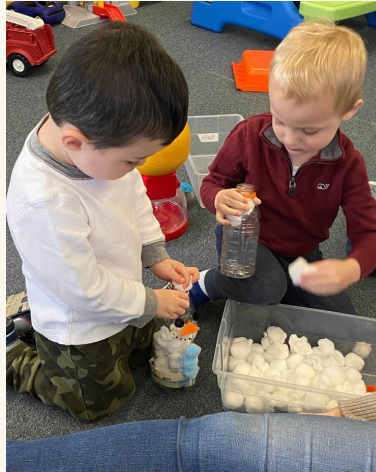
## School News

- Please remember to dress your child to play outside everyday. Don't forget to label jackets, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens!
- Always check your email on inclement weather days for notice of any changes to the school day timing.
- **The last day of school is now June 9th (June 8th for the 2's class).** The 4's Moving Up Ceremony will be held on June 9th (details will be forthcoming).
- Lunch Bunch for the 3's & 4's will be starting Friday February 19th. Space is still available. The cost is \$140 per 6-week session. Contact Mrs. Byers if you are interested in joining.



## TREMENDOUS TWOS

The 2's have been enjoying a lot of outdoor winter play this past month! The theme for January was snowmen. They created rice snowmen in the sensory table, made snow globe art, filled snowmen with cotton balls, and even "melted" snowmen during fizzy science. They also worked on retelling some of their favorite stories like the Snowy Day, and recognizing their names and the letters in their names using their own personalized playdoh rollers.



## THRILLING THREES

January found the 3's exploring the letters of their names with alphabet puzzles, magnetic letters, and even alphabet soup in the sensory table. They also studied the world by exploring the three basic elements of earth: water, land and air. A highlight of the month was baking a King Cake. Each child found a baby in their piece of the cake symbolizing fortune in the coming New Year. They also began the exploration of Polar Animals by learning about how animals adapt to polar regions, exploring animal tracks, doing arctic animal yoga, and even doing a science experiment to simulate blubber.





# FABULOUS FOURS

In January, the 4's have been focusing on the letter "Jj" and learning about Japan. Japan is their first stop in learning about different cultures. They made hand fans, Japanese lanterns, Flying Carp (Koinobori), flower watercolors, and Kimonos. Their Kimono art was also displayed in the Keeler Williams window. They also enjoyed a week learning all about Penguins, as well as learned about the five senses: they listened, smelled, saw, touched and tasted squishy, sticky, sweet marshmallows. In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. they started a "Friendship Chain". Each day they talk about acts of Kindness and add links. The 4's are looking forward to celebrating their 100th day of RCK soon.



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

## LISA KELLEY--3'S HEAD TEACHER

### **How long have you been teaching at RCK?**

I have been teaching at RCK since the Spring of 2016 when I began as Lead Teacher in the 3's Classroom. The 3's Class is a delightful period of growth for children, and I have enjoyed every year and continue to learn and grow as a teacher right along with the children. I taught at a Montessori preschool for several years before taking time off to raise my daughters. I was thrilled when an opening became available at RCK to return to my first love. In all, I've been teaching at the preschool level for almost a decade.



### **Why did you become a teacher?**

I wanted to become a preschool teacher during the time that my own children went through preschool. I was amazed at the things that my three year olds were talking about and were exposed to each day during their time away from me. They were quickly going through an incredible transformation before my eyes and becoming confident, curious learners. I wanted to understand developmentally how this was happening and the best way to facilitate it for other children. I went through Montessori's extensive early childhood training program and the rest is history.

### **What is your favorite thing to teach?**

I love teaching three year olds because they are innately curious and filled with wonder. While we do a lot of foundational "academic" activities throughout the year which I enjoy, I think one of the most enjoyable moments in the classroom for me is when a child accomplishes something that they have been working hard on for the very first time on their own. The pride that they feel in that moment is a gift to witness. This year I have begun to incorporate more geography and cultural activities to my lesson plans as well as more science extensions. Learning through providing experiences is my guiding focus and probably what I enjoy most.



# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT CONT.

## **What is your favorite winter activity?**

While I am not a lover of the cold, I do love the quiet and calm that happens during a big snowstorm. Some of my favorite winter activities are walking with my dogs after a snowstorm, making homemade soups, and watching the children at RCK sled down our gentle slope in the playground.

## **COVID aside, if you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go and why?**

I cannot wait until we can all travel safely again. One trip on my bucket list is Machu Picchu in Peru. We have been trying to schedule it for a few years now. I would love to explore an area of the world where we can look so far into the past. The Inca culture fascinates me. And of course, the llamas are just an added bonus.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10: 3'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11: 2'S & 4'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY**

**FRIDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 15 & 16:**  
NO SCHOOL--FEBRUARY BREAK

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19: LUNCH BUNCH FOR 3'S AND 4'S STARTS**

## Save the Date

Back by popular demand, summer camp will be held the weeks of 6/14-6/18 & 6/21-25. More details and pricing to follow.

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