

# Incline Village Nursery School Newsletter

February 2019



## Director's News

We've really enjoyed being able to sit down with each student over the past month and assess their skills to see where they're at developmentally and academically. We love being preschool teachers SO much and being able to see our students absorb and use skills that they learn with us is a very rewarding and prideful experience. We love chatting about their skills afterwards and we catch ourselves saying to each other; "Wow! Did you know she/he could do that?"

And now it's *your* turn to hear all the amazing things your child showed us during their assessment. Parent conferences are essential to creating a growth plan for each child in our program. We're gathering a great list of skills that each student needs to work

on and what we can challenge them with over the next 4 months. We would love to sit down with each family and share these goals and challenges.

**Look for the conference sign-up list on the bulletin board in our hallway.** We have many time slots available, some during class and some in the afternoon. Lindsay and/or I will be meeting with you. If you would like to meet with one of us specifically, please let us know in advance.

We will be looking forward to meeting with all of you!

Finally – **please save the dates for our Dad's Day parties next month; March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Nicole

## Upcoming Events

CrossFit Kids 2/8 & 2/15

Music with Mark 2/4, 2/12,  
2/25

Yoga with Becca TBA

Valentine Days 2/13 & 2/14

Closed for Winter Break  
2/18 – 2/22

2019/20 Registration Opens  
3/1

## VALENTINE'S DAY(S)



**On February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Valentine's Day in each of our classes by handing out Valentines to our classmates. Children are welcome to bring valentines to school as long as they include one for every classmate.**

**Please do not send any candy to school!**

**We also need you to send 1 cereal or cracker box (empty) to school by Wed. Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>. We'll turn this into your child's mailbox that they'll use to collect their valentines.**

## Playground Winter Gear

We have snow on our playground. I know it's been warmer - but we still have lots of snow (and more after this weekend!) Many of our students spend their time in imaginary play and are crawling and sitting in the snow the entire time we're out there. That means you need to keep sending their snow clothes! We have extras here, but not enough for the whole class. Here are some things that would really help us out with dressing for outdoor play every day.

- Don't send doubles or triples of anything. 3 pairs of mittens, 2 hats, 3 scarves, 2 snow pants and 3 jackets is too many items for one individual student, and it's just making the sorting of all their stuff crazy. 1 set is all we need please. Shoes + boots should be the only exception. You're welcome to throw in a pair of dry socks for after we come inside. Many of our students have boots that are not keeping their feet dry.
- Knit gloves and mittens are no good. They immediately get wet, and then your child has cold wet hands that they complain about the entire playground time. Think about what kind of hand covers you'd want to wear if **you** were building a snowman. Not knit - I'm thinking you'd like to be warmer and drier.
- Take your child's snow clothes out of the bag at the end of each day and hang them to dry or put them in the dryer. Some of them are starting to stink! Plus, it's difficult and uncomfortable for your child to have to put wet snow clothes on before they go out.



## February Stars of the Week

Week of 2/4: Emmet (T/Th Class) and Maverick K. (MWF Class)

Week of 2/11: Allison (T/Th Class)

Week of 2/25: Landon (T/Th Class) and Maverick L. (MWF Class)

Let us know if you would like to come read a favorite story!

## February Birthdays

Haley ..... Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

Allison ..... Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>

Maverick K. .... Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>



## Keep a Song in Your Heart

By Jean Feldman, Ph.D.

When I grew up, we didn't have television, computers, or videos. I was left to my imagination and my little record player. I can remember sitting for hours on the floor or our dining room with my red and yellow records singing, "I'm a Little Teapot" and "Pop Goes the Weasel." My mother didn't realize it at the time, but that was one of the best activities for stimulation my brain and developing my literacy skills. She just knew it entertained my and made me happy.

The world has changed a great deal over the past fifty years, but children today are very similar to the little girl I once was. They LOVE music! Forget the research about improving mental abilities, self-confidence, social skills, and physical coordination - music is FUN! There's nothing like a good song to put a smile on a child's face. There's nothing more rewarding then to see their eyes dance and say, "Do it again!" And there is nothing you can say or "teach" a child that will stay in their heart like a song.

But nobody sings anymore! There is a whole generation of children who do not know nursery rhymes or traditional tunes. You and I have the responsibility and privilege of passing on our musical heritage and putting music back into children's lives. The good news is you don't have to be a musician or opera star to do this. You don't even need a CD or a full orchestra. Just open your mouth and SING! Your smile and enthusiasm will make up for any lost notes. Sing in the morning, sing when you clean up, sing during transitions, and sing to teach children skills you are working on.

Start with one song at a time. Sing slowly and clearly several times, encouraging the children to join in. Make a list of the songs as you teach them on poster board. (It's a good idea to add picture clues, too.) Then if you have a few extra minutes, let the children choose their favorites from the song chart. Add movements to the songs to engage children's interest, and really "ham it up" with exaggerated facial expressions and sounds. What a captive audience you will have! (Send home copies of the songs in newsletters so parents can enjoy them with their children at home.)

Here are some favorite songs you can sing with your children. If you aren't familiar with the tune, ask a mentor teacher or family member to help you. Look in your own memory bank for songs you remember from school, camp, or scouts. Share them! Keep them alive! Your children will be delighted!

Skip to My Lou	Laddie and Lassie	London Bridge	Farmer in the Dell	My Darling Clementine	The Ants Go Marching
If You're Happy	Found a Peanut	Mary Had a Lamb	Three Blind Mice	Slippery Fish	ABC Song
Fere Jacques	Humpty Dumpty	She'll be Coming' Round the Mtn.	It's Raining Its Pouring	Down By the Bay	Six Little Ducks
Shortening' Bread	Itsy Bitsy Spider	I've Been Working on the Railroad	Wheels on the Bus	Boom Chicka Boom	5 Monkeys Swinging From a Tree
Mulberry Bush	Hickory Dickory Dock	Yankee Doodle	The Bear Went Over the Mountain	Going on a Bear Hunt	I'm a Little Teapot
Muffin Man	Old MacDonald	You Are My Sunshine	A Tisket a Tasket	Who Took the Cookies?	Do Your Ears Hang Low
Bingo	Twinkle Little Star	This Old Man	My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean	Skinamarink	If all the Raindrops
Row Your Boat	Ring Around the Rosie	John Jacob Jingleheimer	Hush Little Baby	Willoughby Wallaby Woo	Apple Tree

Think of these songs as special "gifts" your children can keep in their hearts and open again and again in all their lives. Someone once said, "People sing because they are happy, and they are happy because they sing!" Come on! Get happy and SING!

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## SHARE THE LOVE FREE BREAKFAST & WORKSHOP

**Turn your child's weakness  
into strength!**

TCF offers an entertaining and informative  
workshop on bringing out the best in your child.

Friday, Feb. 8th from 8:30am - 10:30am  
North Lake Tahoe Events Center in Kings Beach  
Register at [www.tcfkids.org](http://www.tcfkids.org)

A fundraising event benefitting:



**Featuring David Rendall**

Author of *Freak Factor*, *Pink Goldfish*,  
and *Freak Factor for Kids*

## Kindergarten Registration

### **INCLINE ELEMENTARY**

**WHEN:** MONDAY, MARCH 4 (or other dates in March)

**WHERE:** INCLINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**TIME:** 9:30-2:00 PM

**WHAT TO BRING:**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

IMMUNIZATIONS

PROOF OF RESIDENCY (PHYSICAL ADDRESS)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION [www.washoeschools.net](http://www.washoeschools.net)

Exception, students who attended Pre-k with Leslie Saxe/Angela Chung will only need online registration done and Proof of Residency

All enrolling Kindergarteners must be 5 by September 30<sup>th</sup>

### **KINGS BEACH ELEMENTARY**

It's time to enroll in Kindergarten at Kings Beach Elementary! Kings Beach Elementary is a Spanish Immersion school and we run an enrollment lottery. The deadline for enrollment applications to be considered for the lottery is March 15. Any enrollment packets received after March 15 will automatically be placed on a waiting list. Only complete applications will be considered and if there is a piece missing, the application will be considered late. The parts to a complete application are: the online application, birth certificate, proof of residence, and immunizations record. If all those pieces are submitted to the school secretary before March 15 you will be a part of the lottery. The lottery is drawn in the following order 1: students that live in the immediate Kings Beach area, 2: Students that are siblings of current KBE students, 3: Students that live outside the Kings Beach area but within the TTUSD boundaries, 4: Students that live outside the TTUSD boundaries. If you have any questions please attend our Kindergarten Preview Night on February 28 at 5:30 PM or feel free to call Kyle Mohagen, Principal, at 530-386-1747.

## Early Registration at IVNS

It's time to think about what your preschool plans are for next year. Due to the number of new families already inquiring for next year and our full class sizes this year we are going to plan on opening enrollment early. We are hoping that all our current families are planning to return for another year with us (unless graduating to Kindergarten), and we want to make sure we have spots for all of you!

**We will open early registration for current families and/or incoming siblings on March 1<sup>st</sup>.** You will have the month of March to register for the upcoming school year, and as a current enrolled family you will be given priority enrollment status for your child and/or incoming siblings.

On March 30<sup>th</sup> (and not before that date) we will open registration to any new/outside enrolling families if we have any spots left to offer. After March 30<sup>th</sup> we will not be able to guarantee priority status for our current IVNS students or their siblings, but of course will continue enrolling through the summer if possible.

**\*In the 2019-20 school year our age of enrollment date: 3 years old by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in order to enroll in the T/Th class and 4 years old by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> in order to enroll in the MWF class. \***

## February 2019 Classroom Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter: P Theme: Opposites					1	2 Haley's Birthday
3 Letter: Q Theme: Five Senses	4 Music with Mr. Mark @ 10:30	5	6 Bring a cereal box by today!	7	8 Cross Fit Kids @ 12:15	9
10 Letter: R Theme: Valentine's Day & Love	11 Allison's Birthday	12 Music with Mr. Mark @ 10:30	13 Maverick K's Birthday Valentine Cards MWF Class	14 Valentine Cards T/Th Class	15 Cross Fit Kids @ 12:15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
SCHOOL CLOSED ALL WEEK ----- MID WINTER BREAK -----						
24 Letter: P Theme: Community Helpers	25 Music with Mr. Mark @ 10:30	26	27 NT Fire Dept. Visit	28 NT Fire Dept. Visit Kings Beach Elem. Kindergarten Preview Night at 5:30		