



Pre-K For All February News



Welcome to February! This month we will be following a newer unit created by the DOE. The theme for this month is light. This unit is all about thinking critically about light, darkness and shadows. This unit will provide children with opportunities to observe objects and phenomena in the environment with increased complexity. Children will deepen their understanding of natural and manmade sources of light. Children will explore light with hands on materials and will be provided with opportunities for children to make predictions and think about the world in increasingly abstract ways.

As with previous units, we will be concentrating on the student outcomes and focus questions.

Focus Questions:

- What kind of light is around us?
- What is darkness?
- How does light help us?
- What are shadows?

Student Outcomes:

- There are many types of lights in our homes and our cities
- Light helps us see and stay warm
- Light helps plants grow.
- When there is little or no light it is dark.
- Shadows appear when an object blocks light.

As always, we will be using these concepts to work on our Common Core Learning Standards and adding different light related activities throughout all of our centers. If anyone has any extra flashlights, glow sticks, string lights etc. we would love to use them for this unit. Also, we encourage you to allow your kiddo to bring in any books that may be related to light (shadows, moon, stars, rainbows, day/night, etc.).

Housekeeping:

- Tuesday, February 5 is a non-UPK day. Public schools are closed for Lunar New Year. Please let us know if your child has a 9-3:320 schedule but would like to attend for a fee.
- Lolly's will be closed from Monday, February 18-Friday, February 22 for Winter Break.
- Please be sure to take home your kiddo's bedding every Friday to be washed.
- Just a reminder: toys from home are not permitted at Lolly's. We have been lax about this rule but they are starting to cause some problems in the class so please leave all toys at home.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss D and Miss Felicia