



**Tiny Tot Preschool
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House Rules - In and Out

During these economically challenging times we are being torn apart to different directions. Our minds start to work over time and we begin to forget the smallest of things. One of the most important items we have a tendency to forget about is the Sign In and Out sheet. Some of you may be asking, "What is the importance of that sheet which I have to sign when I am dropping off my child and than again when I picking him / her up?"

The simplest answer is: "IT IS THE LAW." It is required and is mandatory by licensing that a child has to be signed in by a parent or a legal guardian at the time of drop off to the childcare facility and signed out at the time of pick up from the facility. This rule was not written for the purposes of creating extra work, it has been established for purely the purposes of your CHILD'S SAFETY. Your full signature (no initial) is a daily agreement stating that you are surrendering your child to the care of the designated center. The act of your signature is giving the proper responsibility to the center to provide the utmost care for your child. Your signature at the time of pick up releases the center from the care of your child. Additionally, the In and Out sheet is required for proper record keepings. It allows only you or your assigned people to pick up your child from the school.

Please sign in and out at the required places. Provide the correct time and your full signature. This process will be very helpful for the staff of the facility and will provide safety for your most precious being, your child.

Welcome to February

By Cindi Whitcomb

February is here already! We are looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day this month. We will be celebrating on Friday the 13th! Each child may bring in Valentine Cards for all children in their class; this is optional and is not mandatory. You may also bring in a dessert to be shared with the class as well.

We hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day and get time to enjoy your most precious Valentine of all, your children. Here are a couple of ideas for incorporating some easy and "educational" games into your Valentine Celebrations:

Valentine's Day Guessing Game

Take a bunch of jars and fill them with assorted Valentine's Day candies (one kind of candy per jar). Be sure to count the number of candies as you put them in the jars.

Leave a piece of paper and a pencil next to the jar and have the children guess how many candies are in the jar. Have them write their name on the paper next to the guessed item.

The one who's closest to the correct number wins the jar of candy or another prize instead of the candies.

Valentine's Day Candy Hunt

Hide miniature candy bars and other candies around the house and have the children search for them.

Designate a certain type of candy as the Valentine's Day first prize (maybe a giant Hershey's Kiss).

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This Month's Assignments

Along with Valentine's Day we will be learning about Ground Hog Day. We sure hope Punxsutawney Phil doesn't see his shadow! On February 2, Phil comes out of his burrow on Gobbler's Knob, PA - in front of thousands of followers from all over the world - to predict the weather for the rest of winter. According to legend, if Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If he does not see his shadow, there will be an early spring. Lets all hope for an early spring and warmer weather!

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The child who finds this Big Kiss wins a prize of your choice.

The other children should also win small consolation prizes to avoid hurt feelings.

Have prizes for finding this type of candy or that type of candy; for finding the least amount of candies, finding no candies, etc., etc. This ensures that everyone has a good time! This is very important, especially when smaller children are involved in the act.

You could offer similar prizes for everyone (except first prize). Have the children pick out what they want from a box that's been decorated with Valentine's Day pictures and stickers. A heart-shaped box that chocolates are packaged in would be a good prize holder.

Recipes

Creamy Valentine's Day Peppermint Shake

2 c Milk

1/2 c Peppermint candy, crushed

1 1/2 pt Vanilla ice cream

Place milk and peppermint candy in electric blender; mix well.

Add ice cream and process until smooth and creamy.

Makes 6-oz servings.

This Month's Highlights

2-2-09

Groundhogs Day

2-14-09

Valentine's Day

2-16-09

Presidents Day

2-27-09

Polar Bear Day (National)

February is:

Black History Month

Children's Dental Health Month (National)

Responsible Pet Owner Month

Potato Lovers Month

Reading Recommendations

Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink

by Diane de Groat

The Night Before Valentine's Day

by Natasha Wing

Punxsutawney Phyllis

by Susanna Leonard Hill

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