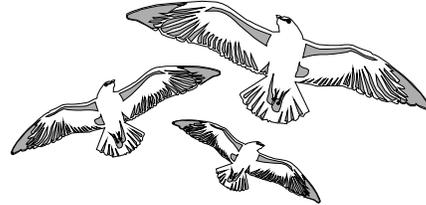


The Beechwood School February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Brrr! It's freezing cold outside! But inside our classroom it's nice and warm and cozy as the busy children play and sing and bake the days away.

In January we all stayed awake while learning about hibernation and we all longingly wished we could migrate with the birds to a warmer climate. The Children learned that winter is the season when the weather turns cold; so we made our own mittens to keep



our hands warm and pretended we were snowmen and melted away to a puddle when the sun came out! The children especially enjoyed a fingerplay about a snowman who unfortunately lost his nose to a very hungry bunny.



The "Beechwood Challenge" continues as this month we now learn to recognize our LAST NAMES upon entering the classroom. The children are so proud of themselves for not only learning to spell and recognize their own first name, but those of their classmates as well.

We will also be nourishing the children's interest in numbers by introducing the Number of the Week Game. Starting with the Number 1, we will be exploring such concepts as more than, less than, the same as (equal) and one-to-one correspondence. As with any game, it will be lots of fun!



This month we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day. Our parties will be held on **Tuesday February 13** and on **Wednesday February 14**. We will also be talking about Presidents Washington and Lincoln and why we celebrate their special birthdays.



February marks Dental Health Month. We will learn why it is so important to take good care of our teeth and why eating too much junk food (while delicious) is not good for our teeth. **On Wednesday and Thursday, February 21 and 22, each child should bring in a piece of their favorite fruit (uncut) for some Fantastic Fruit Fun.**

We hope you're keeping warm!
Mrs. Ehrlich & Mrs. Dee

P.S. If you would like to send in Valentines, please ***do not*** put children's names on the envelope.