

## Miss Nyki & Miss Leslie's February 2010 Newsletter



In spite of the relentless winter weather, we have had a very busy month! We started the month by celebrating Groundhog's Day, though most of us were a little disappointed when Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and revealed that we would have to tolerate six more weeks of winter!

Luckily, we had a pleasant day for our trip to Pittsburgh's Children's Museum. The children had a wonderful time exploring angles and gravity in the "attic" where everything was tilted, including the floor! They also enjoyed building and taking things apart in the "garage," building boats and exploring water in the water room, and creating their own art in the museum's amazing studio. The children returned with lots of unique art projects as well as inspiration, ideas and techniques to try in our Classroom!

Our room got a little messy as we painted with legos, shapes, utensils, clay, and sand, though all the mess was well worth the incredible art we were able to display at our art show. The children were very proud of their work, and became quite the salesmen when they learned they could "sell" their projects to loved ones to benefit less fortunate people in Haiti. Thank you to everyone who donated! We are sure your donations will give hope to the people of Haiti.

February was also National Dental Health Month, so we spent time incorporating dental health activities. The children enjoyed a visit from a dental hygienist who taught them how to keep their teeth clean, even after enjoying all the sweet treats from our Valentine's Party and Sweetheart's Tea!

Indeed February was very busy, and this month will be just as full of activities as we "March into Spring!" The children will learn about Spring throughout the month, and hopefully by the first day of Spring on March 20<sup>th</sup> we will be able to take our spring activities outside!

In the meantime, the children will enhance their literacy skills by celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday and Read Across America Month. March is also "Music in Our Schools Month," so we will be learning about famous musicians and making our own music throughout the month! Albert Einstein and Alexander Graham Bell's Birthdays occur in March, so we will help the children learn the importance of continuing to ask questions, use their imagination, experiment and "invent" answers to their questions!

As always thank you for sharing your little ones with us!  
Miss Nyki and Miss Leslie