



# The Barclay Street School

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**FEBRUARY 2012**

## Important Dates:

### **School Closed:**

### **Presidents' Day Weekend**

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**&**

**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**



## A few reminders...

- **Scholastic Book Club...**The February Scholastic book club flyers are available online. If you are interested in ordering, please complete the order forms online by **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**.  
[www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering)  
user name: barclaystreet  
password: bookorders
- **Valentine's Day...** the BSS will be celebrating Valentine's Day. During the party the children will have the opportunity to pass out Valentine's Day cards to their friends. (a class list was emailed home) If you would like to contribute something to the party, please sign up outside your child's classroom door.

- **Flu season is here** and we want to remind you of our sick policy as stated in the Parent Handbook: **ILLNESS** - Children with a temperature of 100° or above are not permitted in the school and we recommend that they not return to school until they have gone **24 hours fever free**. We want the school to be a healthy environment for all. Also, please contact the school if your child will be absent with any contagious disease (chicken pox, pink eye, lice, etc.) so we can discreetly inform the other parents. The families of children who become ill at school (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) will be notified and are expected to pick up their child in a timely fashion. **Children should be fever free, diarrhea free and vomit free for 24 hours before returning to school.**

- **Volunteers...**We have a few new faces in our classrooms...**Joseph, Jethro & Dmitri** are seniors at Xavier High School. They are volunteering their time with us every Monday (8:30am- 2:30pm) until May as a part of their Christian Service Program.

Room 1: Joseph

Room 2: Jethro

Room 3: Dmitri

**Arianna Lizalzi**, a student from Pace University will be working in Room 1 on Wednesdays from 8:45am – 11:45am. As well, we will be getting more student teachers from BMCC beginning early February in every classroom. Please take a moment and introduce yourselves to all the new faces!



## Room 1

During the month of February, we will be discussing Valentine's Day and what it means to express our feelings. The children will learn the importance of friendship in connection to the heartfelt holiday. The group will make a friendship booklet that they may choose to keep or exchange with a friend. In addition, we will continue to explore "Our City." We will learn all about the types of transportation that we use to get around the hustle and bustle of New York City. We will cover the modes of transportation that are familiar to us on a regular basis, whether that may be on their way to school, on our class walks, or from book readings.

**Ms. Yari & Ms. Jessica**

## Room 2

In February Room 2 will be continuing to learn the alphabet with letters H, I, J, K and L. The class will learn about Groundhog's Day and predict whether he will see his shadow. We will be exploring horses, houses, igloos, kites and ladybugs. The children will make their own horses and houses. They will use their imagination and decorate their very own dream home. We will become Eskimos and make a class igloo. We will also celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party and the kids will exchange special Valentine's to each other. We will end the month with fluorescent jellyfish and kites that will take us anywhere in the world we want to go!!

**Ms. Josephine & Ms. Amy**

## Room 3

During the month of February will begin with a study of Valentine's Day. The children will work on making Valentine's bags for their Valentine cards to go in. As well, we will be working on a special project for parents. Our Valentine's Day party will take place on Monday February 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be sweet treats, dancing, and Valentines fun! After, we will be working on an author/illustrator study with the children. The children will be reading and working with several books by Maurice Sendak; one of his most familiar is Where The Wild Things Are. The children will participate in different art activities to supplement the books as well as be performing the story of Where the Wild Things Are!

**Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria**

## Maria's Spanish Class

In the Month of February the Spanish Class will be celebrating Carnival/Carnival. Carnival is a pre-lent holiday celebrated in many Spanish speaking countries. We will focus on the Festival of Ponce, Puerto Rico or Carnival Ponce-o. It is one of the oldest carnivals of the Western Hemisphere. One of the traditions of the Carnival is the appearance of "Vejigantes", a colorful mask and costume traditionally representing evil. The children will be making their very own masks out of paper mache. They will paint and decorate them and then we will have a Carnival parade to show off our masks!

**Ms. Maria & Ms. Jennifer**

## Potty Talk...



Child: "I'm going to the ball."

Teacher: "Are you a princess?"

Child: "Yes and my daddy is a prince (referring to a male peer) and he's going to get ketchup."

While eating snack, a child says: "Cheerios are for babies!"

"You know my Dad forgot to get the "M" pictures because he is getting old."

Child 1: "Delicate means it's not real."

Child 2: "No, it means it's in a museum."

Child 3: "No, it means it's not alive!"

"Ice cream always makes me go to the potty!"

Teacher: "We all live on planet Earth."

Child: "No, I live in the city!"

"I'm gonna get a booster seat when I grow up!"

## Read Anything Good Lately...

(suggested reading from *BSS*)

**Let's Go** by Rachel Mann

**Sweet Heart** by Jan Carr

**Slugs in Love** by Susan Pearson

**Rafi and Rosi, Carnival and Vejigante**

**Masquerader** by Lulu Delacre

## *Routines for Learning...*

### **The Importance of Preschooler Dentist Visits**

Your preschooler needs to see the dentist. Dental problems can begin early in life and can cause a range of problems, like tooth decay and infection, which can cause illness. Dental health can also affect things like eating and speaking properly. Taking your preschooler for a dental exam, therefore, is important for more than pretty teeth, but for total health.

**General Dental Information** Your preschooler should have a set of twenty baby teeth by 2 1/2 to 3 years old. This primary set of teeth is stable until the teeth start loosening and falling out to make room for permanent teeth at 6 to 7 years old. Preschoolers who develop cavities with their baby teeth are more likely to develop cavities as they grow older. They are also more susceptible to cavity formation if their parents are prone to cavity formation.

**What is an Appropriate Time for the First Dental Exam?** The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends having the first dental exam when the first tooth comes in, usually within the first year of life. At this visit, your dentist should give recommendations on the frequency of exams for your child.

**Should My Preschooler See A Pediatric Or Family Dentist?** Either dentist is qualified to take care of your preschooler's teeth. The pediatric dentist, however, specializes in infant to adolescent dental care and may understand the special needs of your preschooler better. As with adults, dental exams are usually recommended every 6 months.

**What to Tell the Dentist** It's important to tell your dentist if your preschooler has habits that affect tooth growth, formation and development. These habits include prolonged bottle use, thumb sucking, and a diet that includes a lot of sugary beverages and excessively starchy food.

#### **What to Expect From the Dentist during a Preschooler Dental Exam**

1. Removal of plaque and polishing teeth
2. Determination of risk for cavities, either low, moderate or high risk (and treatment of cavities, as necessary)
3. Determine if fluoride needs are being met
4. Assess language and speech development
5. Provide dietary counseling
6. Instructions to parent on proper oral hygiene (flossing and brushing needs, periodic exams) based on the risk assessment for your preschooler

**The Importance of Regular Dentist Visits** Regular dental exams establish an important health habit for your preschooler. Making regular dental visits may also reduce anticipatory anxiety. Most importantly it reduces the risk for tooth decay and other dental problems. Ask your preschooler's dentist about a proper oral routine and periodic care plan for your child and follow these recommendations.

<http://health.preschoolrock.com/articles/importance-preschooler-dentist-visit>

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## February Birthdays



### **Room 1:**

February 9<sup>th</sup> ... Olivia  
February 11<sup>th</sup> ... Grayson  
February 12<sup>th</sup> ... Sofia  
February 13<sup>th</sup> ... Jordan  
February 17<sup>th</sup> ... Jack  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> ... Lyla

### **Room 3:**

February 24<sup>th</sup> ... Miho

## Oreo and Ellie



Oreo and Ellie are the newest members of The Park Preschool. They are both guinea pigs and class pets of Amanda and Christine's classroom. They spend their weekdays at The Park Preschool and need a place to stay on the weekends. Your children can have an opportunity to take them home for the weekend or long holidays. Everything that they may need is given to you when you are ready to take them home for a visit. This includes food, water, and cart for transportation and the bedding for the bottom of their cage leaving you less to worry about. There is a sign-up sheet in the upstairs classroom. For anyone interested please contact Amanda at

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