Vision Statement

The vision at Seeds of Learning is to work in partnership with families and our community to provide a developmentally appropriate environment which promotes the growth of the “whole child” and instills a love of learning for diverse young scholars.

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WHAT DOES FAMILY INVOLVEMENT LOOK LIKE?

Every family comes to Seeds of Learning with unique, special talents, interests and hobbies. Families have the opportunity to participate in their child’s education by sharing their knowledge. This has many benefits. Two-way communication is developed between teachers and parents. Programs and families benefit from shared knowledge and resources. Teachers learn about children’s lives, families, and communities and integrate this information into their curriculum and teaching practices, which makes learning meaningful. Please consider sharing your talents!

Winter Greetings from the Family Involvement Committee! We are busy making plans for the 3rd Annual WinterFest to be held on Saturday, February 15th from 10:30-12:30.

This outdoor family-friendly activity will be held on the patio and in the field. Weather permitting, we are planning a sledding hill, snowman building, Yeti photo booth, making seasonal bird feeders, snowball throw, cookie decorating, obstacle course, hot cocoa bar and more. Please make plans to attend.

Sign up sheets for volunteers and participation will be posted in the classrooms.

Our Next FIC Meeting is Tuesday, February 11th from 5:30 to 6:30, childcare is available beginning at 5:30. All meetings and events will be announced in the newsletter, around the school and in your child’s classroom and earn double Parent Involvement Hours.

We look forward to seeing you at this or future meetings. If you ever need help earning family involvement hours or have any questions or suggestions about FIC, please contact Program Director – Dee Fromme or Linda Hobbs at 713-304-2028.

Special Dates to remember:

🔹 FIC Meeting on Tues., 02/11/20 5:30–6:30
🔹 Parenting Classes Mondays: 2/3, 10, 17, 24
🔹 Seeds will be closed on Thursday, 2/13 for Staff Development
🔹 Winterfest Saturday, 2/15, 10:30–12:30

February 2020 Newsletter

What’s Happening @ Seeds This Month!

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The Butterfly staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and families who were so generous and thoughtful during the holiday season. All the expressions of kindness and love are much appreciated. We would also like to thank all the parents who continue to support our class by donating their time by reading stories, doing projects, washing our blankets and just coming by to say hello. THANK YOU!

January is looking to be a busy month with many new ideas and fun projects that center around the world of entertainment. Our Rock and Roll Theme was a huge hit! The Butterflies showed their true 50’s spirit in their costumes, dancing, and musical skills with our donated drum and guitar set. Puppets and musical instruments, working our upper and lower case letters, counting and recognizing how things are measured and put in order help us get closer to becoming successful in kindergarten.

We also are enjoying this snowy month and continue to play outside with sledding, sculpting and moving snow around. We have created snowmen with Miss Debbie and have been painting with the colors of winter. Please remember to have plenty of warm gloves, hats and clothes for your Butterfly.

Parent Involvement is FUN!! Big thanks to:

Chef Nikki for teaching the Ladybug class how to make tender meatballs—yum!! Ms. Holly shared several exciting science experiments with the Ladybugs!
The Dragonfly Room is all a flutter these days with the addition of our new Dragonfly friends: Lachlan, Calvin, Vanessa and Dakota! We are so happy to welcome them to our class.

This month we were busy learning the letters “C” and “W”, counting up to eight and nine, and learning more about recognizing how to identify different kinds of feelings in Dinosaur School!

Now that the weather is pretty cold in the mornings, we have been working on gross motor skills indoors with running, jumping and dancing to the “Freeze Dance” and “Bean Bag Bop”. We learned two new songs; “Five Little Hotdogs” and “Brown Squirrel”. Saying the word “BAM!” when the hotdogs explode and shaking our bushy tails is always good for a few giggles!

Just a reminder parents, we do go outside when the temperature reaches thirty-two degrees, so please be sure to bring your child their snow gear every day. We need a pair of waterproof snow pants, waterproof boots, warm jacket, warm hat, and if possible, waterproof gloves/mittens that fit.

We finished up the month with our appreciation of the Chinese culture and celebrating Chinese New Year! We made a vegetable stir fry for our cooking project, and Miss Becca shared with us everything she knows about the culture. Fun fact: Did you know that Miss Becca lived and taught in Indonesia for seven years. That is how she learned so much about celebrating Chinese and Lunar New Year.

January has been filled with family involvement in the Ladybug Classroom!

Mr. Keith returned for his second visit and taught us about different types of birds and their unique tracks. We learned new words to describe different ways that birds use their feet, such as paddling, perching, running, climbing, and wading. Mr. Keith brought in bird track molds and we used playdough (made by another family) to make bird tracks.

Mrs. Nikki taught us how to make Italian meatballs with four simple, fresh ingredients using a recipe that she learned in Italy.

Mrs. Holly led a jaw-dropping Science demonstration that opened the door to exploring many Scientific topics, and that left us looking forward to her next visit.

One cold winter morning when we could not go outside, we created a Fairy Garden for our classroom using natural materials including sand, rocks, moss, and wood. We worked together to design a space where fairies could spend their time. We added air plants to our Fairy Garden and we are looking forward to taking care of them.
What is happening in Pagosa Springs?? (as far as we know…)

Luke Molino-Lucero 02/03 3yrs
Amelia Stockton 02/07 4 yrs
Amorah Forrest 02/16 5yrs
Cora Jean Bruno 02/24 4yrs
Jorden Hewitt 02/24 3yrs
Abel Koenig 02/25 5yrs
Liam Alley 02/25 4yrs
Seton Hensle 02/26 5yrs
Ms. Leeann 02/06 ????

2/1 Family Story Time, Ruby Sisson Library, 2:30-3:30pm
2/3 Time for Tots, 2-3yrs, 11:00-12, Pagosa Community Center, 451 Hot Springs Blvd. $20.00 cost, 264-4151 for more info

Pagosa Playplace, 2839 Cornerstone Dr #3: Enrichment Tuesdays (every Tuesday) 10:30-11:15, Music, Storytelling, Art, & Science. Valentine Party, 2/14, 10-1, $5. 2/17 $5 Hot Cocoa Party 10AM. 2/6, 10-1, Free Play Day. 2/20 Free Locals Day 10-4

WELCOME NEW SEEDS FAMILIES!
Please welcome all of our new Seeds families. We are so happy they are here!

The families of:
Calvin Baszynski—Dragonfly Room
Lachlan Moore—Dragonfly Room
Mateo Hernandez—Dragonfly Room
Dakota Smith—Dragonfly Room
Lindsey Braun—Ladybug Room

INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING CLASSES
14 WEEK PARENTING CLASS STARTED JANUARY 13TH
DINNER AND CHILDCARE ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST

“Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.” -Lady Bird Johnson