



# *Valentine's Day at Deer Path*

January 11, 2010

Dear Parents:

At Deer Path Montessori School, we will have different age-appropriate celebrations for the Multi-Age and Stepping Stones children in their classes. In addition, all Multi-Age children in attendance on Tuesday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, will attend a special activity at Paragon Village with our senior neighbors by frosting and decorating heart-shaped cookies.

If the Valentine's Day celebration falls on your family's snack day - Thurs., Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> for most classes; Wed. Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> for the MTW Stepping Stones class - please consult with your child's teacher about an appropriate holiday snack choice. As always, there is absolutely no chocolate, nuts or candy at school.

## **Multi-Age Classes – Thursday, February 11th**

Multi-Age classes including Kindergartners will hold a valentine exchange in the morning on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The children will be preparing a holder for their valentines while they are here at school. At home, they should prepare one valentine card for each child in their morning class according to the guidelines below. Please read the guidelines carefully so that no child will be upset during their celebration.

### GUIDELINES FOR VALENTINE CARDS

Please follow these guidelines if your child would like to share valentine cards with his/her classmates:

1. **Your child must have enough valentines for the entire class.**  
Your child's class size is \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have your child sign his/her name on the valentines.
3. **Please leave the envelope blank.** Do not put the receiving child's name on the envelope or on the valentine. **This is very important since each child independently hands out his/her valentines.**
4. When your child brings his/her valentines to school, they need to be in a closed bag (ziplocs or paper lunch bags work well) with your child's name on the outside.
5. **The children exchange cards only.** Please avoid cards with candy or other gifts attached. If they are sent in to school, they will be removed and returned at the end of the day.
6. Valentines may be store bought or homemade - the choice is yours.

## **Stepping Stones – Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> AND/OR Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> as per your regular class schedule.**

Stepping Stones children will have a special snack and activity to celebrate on Wednesday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. On Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, the Thursday Friday children will celebrate as well. Exchanging valentines is not part of the Stepping Stones celebration as the majority of the children are not developmentally ready to prepare and distribute their valentine's independently.

Please contact the office if you have any questions concerning our valentine's' celebrations phone 908-498.0500 or e-mail at [office@deerpathmontessori.com](mailto:office@deerpathmontessori.com)