



Hey mom and dad!!! Raising a smart child is easy!! According to the University of Melbourne Department of Early Childhood Development online article, one of the biggest things you can do to help your preschooler is to read to them. The frequency of reading to children at a young age has a direct causal effect on their schooling outcomes regardless of their family background and home environment. Reading to children at age 4-5 every day has a significant positive effect on their reading skills and cognitive skills (i.e., language and literacy, numeracy and cognition) later in life. Reading to children 3-5 days per week (compared to 2 or less) has the same effect on the child's reading skills at age 4-5 as being six months older. Reading to them 67 days per year has the same effect as being almost 12 months older. Children read to more frequently at age 4-5 achieve higher scores on the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for both Reading and Numeracy in Year 3 (age 8 to 9). · These differences in reading and cognitive skills are not related to the child's family background or home environment but are the direct result of how frequently they have been read to prior to starting school. You can read the online article at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/research/readtoyoungchild.pdf>

From Your CDS

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Help Your Child Become A Reader

Source: Readingrockets.com

Parents, who limit television, choose child care that is literacy-rich, and read and talk to their children often can help their children become readers. Learn about steps parents can take to promote reading in their children's lives.

1. Talk to your child
2. Read Aloud
3. Test your child's eyes and ears
4. Choose child care carefully
5. Ask the teacher about your child's reading
6. Limit TV watching
7. Create a reading corner
8. Visit the library
9. Show that you read
10. Join a family literacy program
11. Give books
12. Tap relatives
13. Attend book activities



February 12
2018

10:00 Parent
involvement

2:30 Parent
Meting

February 19
2018 Holiday
"President's
Day



Perfect attendance

Classroom # 1

- Adam Dryden JR.
- Aryianna Mitchell
- Anthony Valentin
- Noah Vergara

Classroom # 2

- Blake Carvill
- Jonathan Chery
- Julian Cosby- Holani
- Kinsley Grimes
- Lydia Williamson

Classroom # 3

Annette Gregory

This time of year as many are getting their tax money back predatory lenders are looking for ways to help you spend it. A predatory lender is someone who uses unfair or abusive loan terms. They prey on Elderly, low income, and minorities. They look for people who are desperate. They can sometimes take the form of payday loans, car loans, tax refund anticipation loans or any type of consumer debt. So, how can you protect yourself against predatory lenders? The best way is to educate yourself against these practices. Stay clear of lenders who promise you an approved loan no matter what your credit and question fees and high interest rates. Do not sign any documents with blank spaces. These types of lenders prey on those that will have trouble repaying their loan because they will make their money off the additional late fees. Please, always check carefully into everything and never feel forced into a contract you are not sure about.

Classroom # 1

Happy February! "A day in our classroom means the chance of a bright future. From the moment the door opens in the morning, the children are greeted with an explosion of language instruction. Every word, song, and book can make a tremendous impact on preparing children for the first day of kindergarten. As we rhyme each day they are learning the flow of reading; as we sing and dance, they are moving and grooving to the literary beat. Each and every conversation that takes place and each page on every book make real print connections come to life for our children." Of course, Friendship day is celebrated this month and we will use this holiday as the basic to discuss the importance as sharing, giving, loving and friendship. The class will revisit discussions about the things that make us happy and that we love.

Ms. Adela and Ms. Linnette

Classroom # 2

Hello Parent/Guardian,

In the month of February we will be working on our letters letter sounds and numbers. We will also be learning all about construction. We will talk about different tools used in the construction zone. How we can build? Building together and what we see in our neighborhood that has been built. Parents can also continue this at home or while on a drive or walk. Talk about the different structures and what they think they used to build that structure.

Thank You,

Classroom # 3

During this month we will continue working with the theme "Down on the Farm". We will have nutritional activities with "Spinach". The children will have the opportunity to taste a delicious recipe with spinach. We will plant Sweet Potatoes. We will also work on the theme "All shapes and sizes" and "Clothes for my Body". These weeks well will be working with the letters Q, G, P and R. We will have a fashion show where the children will create clothes using recycle materials. In Second step we are working with the theme "Fair Way to Play", "Having Fun with Friends", "Inviting to Play". We will have our "Valentine's Day" activity where we will exchange cards. We welcome all ideas.

Thank you,

Ms. Gisela & Ms. Mercedes