



# Palmetto Press

February 2005

## February Events

### Haircuts

Tues. Feb. 1 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Wed. Feb. 9 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Tues. Feb. 15 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Wed. Feb. 23 1:00 - 5:00 pm  
Sign up at the front desk.

### Tuesday, February 1

Love & Logic (Session 1)  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
SAM Group Conference Room  
11 Smith Hines Rd, Greenville 29607  
*This course, which is limited to 10 families, is already full. Another series will be scheduled soon.*

### Tuesday, February 8

Palmetto Prep Night at Pizza Inn  
5:00 - 8:00 pm (drop-in)  
Palmetto Prep students receive a free buffet (drink not included).  
Be sure your child has a sticker.

### Saturday, February 12

Parents' Night Out  
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.  
\$25 for one child; \$10 per sibling  
Sign up at front desk or e-mail  
[cweathers@palmettoprep.com](mailto:cweathers@palmettoprep.com)

### Tuesday, February 15

Infant/Child CPR Class  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Palmetto Prep Gymnasium  
Cost: \$25.00 per person  
*(we will bill your account)*  
Sign up at the front desk or e-mail  
[cweathers@palmettoprep.com](mailto:cweathers@palmettoprep.com)

### Monday, February 21

**PALMETTO PREP is CLOSED for STAFF DEVELOPMENT.**  
Love & Logic (session 2)  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
SAM Group Conference Room

## Palmetto Prep Pursuing Accreditation

We are delighted to announce that Palmetto Prep is in the process of pursuing accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Both of these organizations require that programs be in operation for one year before becoming accredited. At our staff development meeting on February 21st, Kristy Harrell, a validator for NAEYC, will meet with our staff to review NAEYC's standards for accreditation. Parents will be an important part of the accreditation process. We will keep you posted on our progress.

## Reminders from our Parent Handbook

We appreciate your help in enabling us to enforce these policies for the benefit of all our students.

### Sick Policy

If your child appears ill, has a fever, rash, mouth sores, conjunctivitis, is vomiting, has diarrhea or unusual lethargy, they must stay home. When they have been symptom-free for 24 hours (without the use of medication) they can return to school. If your child develops any of these symptoms while at school, you will be notified immediately. The child will be moved to our TLC Room while waiting for you to pick them up. Your understanding and cooperation are necessary to help keep all of our children as healthy as possible.

### Meal & Snacks

Our nutritionally sound food service program includes breakfast, a hot lunch and snacks daily. Please do not send any food, gum or candy from home. Be sure to alert us to any food allergies or sensitivities your child may have. Also, please be aware that breakfast must be finished by 8:30 a.m. in order to allow our classes to stay on schedule.

## Chef Wardlaw's Meals to Go

Dinner has never been easier! Beginning in February, you will have the opportunity to purchase casseroles freshly prepared by our own Chef Wardlaw. Dishes including Chicken Chow Mein, Chicken Alfredo, Shepherd's Pie and Mexican Casserole will be prepared and stored in our refrigerator; you simply take them home (when you pick up your children), heat and eat!

Each casserole will be prepared in a covered, tin foil pan (not microwaveable) and will feed a family of four. The ingredients and heating instructions will be listed on the casserole's label. The cost is \$15.00 per casserole; simply sign up at the front desk and we will bill your account.

The "order by" and "ready by" dates are listed on the sign up sheet at the front desk. The selections will change each month, and Chef Wardlaw wants your comments and suggestions! E-mail him at [gwardlaw@palmettoprep.com](mailto:gwardlaw@palmettoprep.com) with your special requests. Bon appétit!

# Classroom Highlights

## Infants

We are experiencing a baby boom with the addition of six new children in the infant area. Several friends have reached major milestones during the last few weeks. We are excited to report that Ries Watson is now walking! There is certainly no stopping him now! Holly Weathers, Jackson Lux and Kathryn Brockman are now sitting up independently. They will be on the move soon!

## Young Toddlers



The Young Toddlers had a blast with bears in the month of January! We especially enjoyed our Teddy Bear Tea Party and Slumber Party. With the circus coming to town this month, we decided that February would be the opportune time to make it our theme. If your children have any circus related books, toys, etc., we would love to share them with the class. The introduction of opposites will continue through the month of Febru-

ary. Please check the lesson plan that is posted to see what your child is learning about every week.

We hope everyone enjoyed the hot chocolate and doughnut social that we had in January. As always, we truly enjoy your involvement in our classroom. We are planning a Valentine's Party on Friday, Feb. 11, at 3:00 pm. We will have a sign-up sheet available soon.

## Toddlers

The Toddlers will be learning all about their bodies this month. They will learn about their hands, eyes, feet and legs, and will participate in a number of sensory activities as they learn to explore their abilities to taste, smell, feel, hear and see. They will have a taste test, do some "scratch and sniff" activities and even paint with jello while listening to music.

Parents, please make plans to join us for our Valentine's party on Monday, Feb. 14th at 4:00 p.m. Valentines are optional; if your child would like to give them to their friends, please request a class list.



Our class would greatly appreciate the donation of any used books and adult (size small or extra small) shirts or T-shirts to use for art smocks.

## Pre-Preppers

Pre-Preppers 1 and 2 have been busy studying babies. We learned how to feed and care for them, and the children painted with baby powder and baby food. They also did a taste test with baby food. This was not a big hit; however, the children who did like the baby food liked bananas the best!

We have also been studying about friendship. The class discussed how we should treat our friends and things that we can do with them. We also did a lot of role playing to learn how to better deal with conflicts. The children also practiced holding a pencil correctly in order to write letters to their friends.

We will soon be sending home information regarding a Valentine's Day celebration. In the meantime, we would appreciate any child-sized shoe boxes that you may have.

The Pre-Prepper 3 group enjoyed learning about weather. While learning about sunny weather, the children enjoyed wearing sunglasses and investigating the sun. While studying wind, the children loved holding scarves up to the fan. Lastly, we learned about snow and ice. The children's favorite was the "snow" we used to paint with and decorate our playground.

Since learning about babies was such a big hit, we will stay on a similar track and talk about families throughout the month of February.

On Monday, February 14th our friends will have a Valentine's celebration at 4:00 p.m. Please see the sign up sheet on the door.

Special thanks to Chris Thomas for volunteering to be our Room Parent. We really appreciate all of your help.



## Preppers

The Preppers have been studying winter. Some of the topics we have explored are snow, ice, weather, seasons, and temperature. We have done many exciting projects to help us understand these concepts. To learn how animals can swim in cold water, we did an experiment with ice

water and shortening. The children loved doing this and learned how animal fat can protect from the cold. Our sensory table became the arctic ocean filled with ice and water.

We built many different kinds of snowmen; unfortunately we didn't have the chance to build one with real snow. We also tried on lots of winter weather gear. Everyone bundled up in hats, scarves, mittens, and coats to go outside and find frost. While we were outside the children noticed how the cold air let them see their breath. Our favorite activity was hammering ice to find hidden treasure.

## Pre-K

The Pre-K class has been learning how to sound out words by "hammering out" the letters in words. Ms. Dobbs' group has been working on the letters A and T and will be starting the letter C next week. Ms. Rozzano has been doing fun activities with the letters J, P, and K. They made kites, had word hunts in the class with words that start with J, and have been singing songs about the letter P. Her group hammered out the words pin, pen and penguin, to name a few. In math, the students have been learning about number sequencing and about the + and = symbols.

The students recently had fun learning about pet shops and hair salons. They set up a pet shop which consisted of stuffed animals, leashes, bones, brushes, food, toys and dog bowls. The children loved learning about the responsibilities that go along with having a pet. They also had some furry friends visit the room! In their classroom hair salon, the children had a blast washing, cutting, curling and drying each others' hair with non-working equipment. They set up chairs where students could either get their hair done or do someone else's hair. It was great to see both the girls and boys getting so involved in using their imaginations and working together!

## Kindergarten

The primary students have completed a unit on winter. This included many winter weather activities as well as researching facts about polar animals.

In February, the students will be involved in activities that focus on friendship, Valentine's Day, as well as learning about our people and places in the community.



The students are sharpening their reading skills as they share predictable reading books with their families each night. They have also been working on various math skills such as telling time, measuring, and counting money. On the 100th day of school, the students had a celebration and worked on many math activities that focused on the number 100.

## Art

The students have really been doing well exploring art materials and following the art class routines and procedures.

The Pre-Preppers have been exploring different ways to paint. They used q-tips and salt with white paint to make snow. They enjoyed dipping old markers in water to reactivate them and also used stencils to paint.

The Preppers have created artwork to reflect winter weather. We made snowmen and used cotton to create snowy pictures.

The Pre-K classes enjoyed painting with fingerpaints and mixing colors directly on our tabletops. These students are also working to create a beaded necklace long enough to fit all the way across one artroom wall.

The Primary class has worked hard. These students used crayons and white paint to draw snow covered trees. These turned out beautifully, and several are on display outside of the art room.

We have a lot of great projects planned for February. Keep your eye out for your child's work as it comes home.

## Music

In the Music Hall, the children learned many new songs. Among them were: *I'm Glad I'm Me* (Hap Palmer), *Baby Beluga* (Raffi), *Rock 'N Roll Rhythm Band* (Greg & Steve), *I Can Work With One Hammer* (Greg & Steve), *I've Got Music In Me* (Greg & Steve), and *Song About Martin*.



They also reviewed all the composers from the past nine months: Bach, Handel, Mozart, Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Schumann, and Chopin. The children did an amazing job listening to different selections and identifying the composer of each one. Please ask them which composer is their favorite! Richard Wagner was the Composer of January and we heard Ride of the Valkyries. We look forward to the romantic music of the Waltz King, Johann Strauss, in the romantic month of February!

## After School à la carte

In February we will be doing some Valentine's arts and crafts! We will look at how Valentine's Day came about and have a Valentine's Day party on Monday February 14. A sign up sheet will be posted soon.

We just finished reading Sideways Stories from Wayside School by Louis Sachar. Each chapter told a very interesting story about each character. Be sure to ask your child who their favorite character was. We are now reading The Boxcar Children by Chandler Warner.

## French Highlights

### Numbers:

One	un	(aunh)
Two	deux	(dose)
Three	trois	(twa)
Four	quatre	(cat-ra)
Five	cinq	(sank)
Six	six	(seese)
Seven	sept	(sehpt)
Eight	huit	(wheat)
Nine	neuf	(nuf)
Ten	dix	(deese)

(Pre-School 1-5)

(Primary and After School 1-10)

This month the children had a great time getting their first taste of French. They worked very hard on their numbers and objects around the classroom. They had a fabulous time learning about the French flag and the Eiffel Tower. The transition has been a very exciting experience for all of the children; they especially loved learning the new songs. They have learned the traditional childrens' songs *Sur le Pont d'Avignon*, *Bonjour, Bonjour*, *Au revoir Tous Mes Amis*, and the older children have begun to sing their ABC's!

The above pronunciation guide highlights the main words we learned this month. There will always be other words they learn in class; this merely covers the bulk of our monthly content. Please contact Kathy Jones at [kjones@palmettoprep.com](mailto:kjones@palmettoprep.com), leave a note or call her at the school if you have any questions. Thank you! Merci!

### General—all classes

Hello	bonjour	(bonh-joor)
Goodbye	au revoir	(o-re-vware)
Circle	cercle	(cear-cle)
Please	merci	(mear-see)
Red	rouge	(roo-ge)
Blue	bleu	(ble)
Door	porte	(poor-t)
Crayon	pastel	(pass-tell)
Chair	chaise	(sh-ea-ze)
Book	livre	(lee-vre)
Table	table	(tah-ble)



## Welcome to our New Students!

Please join us in welcoming the new friends who will attend Palmetto Prep beginning in February:

Lane Timmons (Infant 2)  
Violet Wall (Infant 2)  
Peyton Timmons (Toddler 2)  
Brooks Grayson (Pre-Prepper 2)  
Kit Wardlaw (Pre-Prepper 2)  
Suma Ravi (Pre-Prepper 3)  
Karina Jimenez (Prepper 3)  
Adam Ratcliff (Prepper 3)  
Charlotte Ratcliff (Prepper 3)  
Colby Vincent (Prepper 3)

## On The Web

Have you seen the new virtual tour on our website? This is a great way for your friends and family to get a "sneak peek" of our campus!

Other items of interest include:

- ♦ The quarterly menu
- ♦ The 2005 Calendar of Events (including days we are closed)
- ♦ Teacher bios and e-mail addresses
- ♦ Parent Testimonials (let us know if you'd like to add yours!)

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for our website!