

**Scooter School**  
**JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NOTES 2012**  
**Monday-Wednesday-Friday**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!** I wanted to get the newsletter out before the holidays as I am sure you will post it and read all the important information! Thank you for the wonderful cards that adorn our foyer and for your generous donations to the giving tree-you helped brighten a few families holidays! On a more serious note-  
\*Your child CANNOT return to preschool in January unless I have written confirmation of flu vaccine-this is a strict state licensing regulation that I must adhere to.  
WE WILL SEE YOU BACK AT SCOOTER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th!

**SCOOTER REGISTRATION:** Please let your friends with 2 ½ year olds know that We are accepting registration for September 2012. We will give a \$25 tuition credit for any new family referrals that sign up for Scooter School. We really appreciate your word of mouth!

**DAYS OUT:**

<b>WINTER BREAK</b>	<b>December 22-January 2</b>
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	January 16
FEBRUARY BREAK	February 21-24

**OUTDOOR PLAY:** All classes will continue to play out at the end of day. **\*\*\*IT IS PARENTS RESPONSIBILITY TO SEND THEIR CHILD IN WITH HAT, MITTENS, SNOW PANTS AND BOOTS IN A CLEARLY LABELED BAG THAT FITS EVERYTHING.** We will make all attempts to get outside on a daily basis (director's decision-low windchill or too icy). If child does not have proper clothing for outdoor play-parents need to pick them up a half-hour before dismissal time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!!

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Please make sure you register your child for kindergarten ASAP if they will be attending Darcey. We have sent registration forms home with your child (if you live in Cheshire) and you can mail them back to Darcey. If you are planning, or in the decision making process, of giving your child a year to grow before they begin kindergarten -please contact Darcey School at 272-3343 ext. 2001 to receive an "Option to Exempt Form."

**PARENT CENTER:** If you have not yet had the chance to drop by The Parent Center at Darcey the winter is a great time to go for an indoor play date! Held every Friday during the school year from 9:30-10:30 or 1:00-2:00. Whether you have developmental questions/concerns or you just want to become more familiar with Darcey School before kindergarten.

**TUITION:** The 2nd installment of tuition is due on or before January 15th. Checks should be made out to Scooter School for \$675.00. Parents that are on the monthly tuition plan should be making their 5th payment. \* Parents whose children are enrolled in Lunch Bunch should have paid 3 out of the 4 payments for the year.

**CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT:** The federal tax identification number for Scooter School Inc. is 06-1161450. If both parents are working, please ask your tax consultant for further information

**WINTER UNITS:** January and February bring letters, shapes, addresses, numbers and counting and of course, valentines. The children will be working on their home addresses-please be our partner in this learning process. We will also be working on our phone numbers if you want to get a head start!

**VALENTINES:** If you are an early bird doing valentines, please make sure the children sign them but do not address them. This helps in each of them being able to deliver them by themselves. Send the valentines in the day of the party, which is February 13th.

**JOBS:** In trying to help the children understand the purpose of work, we will be asking them to do some especially helpful things at home in order to earn PENNIES and NICKELS. They may be brought to school starting February 3rd as they earn them. Each child will need to earn 44 cents in order to buy a special stamp to mail their valentines to you with. Please encourage them to help in different and more grown up ways than they have been, so that they can feel very important about earning their own money for a stamp and playing postal carrier. We will be walking to the PO Mail Box in front of Consignment Originals on February 10<sup>th</sup> and will need some parents to accompany us. This unit involves so many learning aspects and we ask for your cooperation.

**HEALTHY CHILDREN:** Winter is here and so are the winter colds and infections that attack children. Here are a few reminders that can help guide you through our health policy. If your child appears ill, has vomited the prior evening or during the night, or has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, please keep him/her at home. After the start of an antibiotic, as for strep infection, it is imperative that your child stay home a FULL 24 HOURS after the FIRST dose of medication. Also, a child with a hacking cough and/or constantly running nose is unhealthy for others and feels miserable in school. Please allow time for convalescing at home and then return to school when the symptoms diminish. Remaining at home until 24 hours of being fever free remains health policy. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our children healthy.