



BARLINA HOUSE PRESCHOOL

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News from Director:
Donna MacCrindle

We came back to school with great enthusiasm. Everyone was ready to dive right into our classroom and get back to learning new and exciting things. It is hard to believe we are starting the second half of the school year. The children have made such great progress from the beginning of the year. We have a great class. We would like to invite you all to come and visit our classroom. You will enjoy yourselves and experience the day with your child.

We completed letters L, S, Z, and J. Please ask your child to sing the letter song for the week. We review these songs every week. They are doing so great. We do love this new alphabet experience.

We read a book about "How to catch a snowman", and so we made a snowman trap. Ask you child to tell you all about trap and if we caught the snowman or not? We made or own snowballs that will never melt, and we were able to have a snowball fight in doors. That was so much fun. No one was cold. We also made a blizzard in a jar. Ask your children how we did it. We will send the experiment home so you can do it with your family.

We will be learning about numbers and how to write the numbers 1 to 20. This will help with recognizing the difference between numbers and letters. We will be working on simple adding and subtracting, so understanding the numbers will be very helpful.

Our writing skills are improving every time we write our name. We will be working on recognizing and writing out last names this month. The more they practice the better they get.

We will be doing something special for Valentine's Day on Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th. The children can bring cards to share with their classmates. They love exchanging cards.

We will be having an open gym day at Grand Oaks on Thursday the 7th and Friday the 8th. You will be dropping off and picking up at Grand Oaks. We will start at 9:00am and pick up will be at 11:30am. We also will be having our vision and hearing screening on Monday the 11th and Tuesday the 12th of this month.

Thanks for everything you do to make your child have the best experience at school. They are doing fantastic.

Preschool registration is now open for next fall. Registration can be completed on-line or at the administration office. If you have any questions or concerns regarding preschool registration, please free to contact me at 815-477-5403 or by email, dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org.

We will be having a fun gym day at Grand Oaks on Thursday, Feb. 7th and Friday, Feb. 8th. You will drop off and pick up at Grand Oaks. A flyer will be going home with more information.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, Feb. 14th and Friday, Feb. 15th. The children are welcome to bring cards to share with their classmates. We do not allow food items to be distributed due to severe allergies. We will offer a "Valentine's Workshop" on Saturday, Feb. 9th, from 10:00 -11:00 am. The children may bring their Valentines, and we will help them sign their names. In addition, we will complete a craft project. More information can be found in the Crystal Lake brochure on page 25.

The McHenry County Health Department will conduct Vision and Hearing Screenings on February 11th and 12th. Further information will be sent home and include a practice sheet for you to use with your child. The screening will be easier for your child if he/she knows what to expect.

District 47's Kindergarten registration will be at their C.O.R.E. Center, 300 Commerce Drive on February. 20th and 21th. Information is available on the District's website, www.d47.org.

I have created an online survey for the first half of the school year. I would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to complete it. This survey will help me see if we are meeting your child's needs and if there are other things you would like the preschool to offer. **The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Barlina>**. If you would rather have a paper copy, please contact me at dmaccrindle@crystallakeparks.org. Your feedback helps make our preschool the best it can be. Thank you.

Additional Park District activities are available for your child...check out the Park District website or brochure for more information. Here are a few: Daddy/Daughter Date Night Feb. 8th and 9th. Sweetheart Tea – Feb. 9th.