



February 2012 Newsletter



Days to remember

February 2nd
Groundhog's Day



February 12th
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday



February 14th
Valentine's Day



February 20th
President's Day



Sparkles! New Logo

Sparkles! is making changes in many different areas as we move forward in 2012. One of the changes you will notice is in our logo. We have improvised our logo to further embody what Sparkles! would like to represent to the community. Sparkles! would like for you to read what we have written about our new logo so you can appreciate the detail we have put into it.

Our logo has our name, a pencil and a star, symbolizing the ability for each and every one of us to shine given the right

care and educational opportunities. We have affectionately named the star "Lucky", because we indeed need to thank our "Lucky Star" when we are able to trust others with the care and education of our children. We will earn your trust! The pencil reflects our focus on education as we prepare our children for school-readiness.

Be sure to be on the lookout for other changes and improvements as Sparkles! moves forward in 2012.



Parent Reminders

Candy Grams

Candy Gram sign up is the week of Feb. 6-10th. If you would like for your child to receive a candy gram on Valentine's Day, please contact your center director for more details and sign up information.

Valentine's Day Party

Be on the look-out for sign-up list for your child's classroom Valentine's Day Party!

**Sparkles! will be CLOSED on Monday,
Feb. 20th for President's Day**

Tiny Tots At Glen Echo Park

Tiny Tots will be at Glen Echo Park in Maryland throughout the first week of February!

The program features master puppeteer Bob Brown and his various puppets.

The show runs at various times throughout the day so you don't have to worry about missing the show. Tickets are only \$5 per person.

For more information or to purchase your ticket visit www.puppetco.org

Smithsonian National Museum Of American History

This President's Day spend it at the Museum of American History and learn about America's past including it's President's.

The Museum of American History has over 3 million artifacts from different eras of the past. Some of the artifacts they have include; the original Star Spangled banner and Abraham Lincoln's top hat.

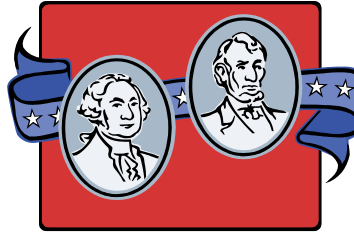
The Museum of American History also

offers a special simulated ride for only \$7! The simulated ride will make you feel like you are on a rollercoaster one minute and a racecar the next. This

would be an excellent way to end your day at the museum.

The Smithsonian National Museum of American History is located on the National Mall at 14th and Constitution

Ave. More information can be found at americanhistory.si.edu



Chantilly

Valentino- Feb. 2nd
Samuel- Feb. 5th
William- Feb. 7th
Logan- Feb. 12th

Crystal City

Alex- Feb. 18th

Sparkles! Birthdays

Max- Feb. 23rd

Olivia- Feb. 26th

Samah- Feb. 27th

Fair Oaks

Anthony- Feb. 1st

Sophia- Feb 13th

Brandon- Feb. 14th

Lucy- Feb. 17th

Ethan- Feb. 17th

Caliyah- Feb. 18th

Amanda- Feb. 20th

Blake- Feb. 23rd

Andrew- Feb. 27th

White Oaks

Madison- Feb. 2nd

Dinda- Feb. 19th

Aleksandra- Feb. 21st

TEACHER'S BIRTHDAYS

Jane- February 24th

Teacher/ White Oaks

Martha (Lily) McGhee- February 9th

Teacher/Crystal City

Miriam Rocha- February 14th

Teacher/Chantilly



Heart Mobile

Material

Red/pink construction paper

Heavy poster paper

Foil

Scissors

String

Hole Punch

Pencils

First, cut out about 5-10 hearts on construction paper. Next, cut out one large heart on the poster paper. Now, using



your hearts from the construction paper as a template, trace them onto the foil and cut out the foil hearts. Next, take your construction paper hearts and cut out a heart inside them so you're only left with the outline. Then, glue the open hearts on the foil. Now cut the inner part of the larger heart out.

Punch holes into the smaller hearts as well as the large heart. Use the yarn to tie the smaller hearts to the larger heart. Finally tie yarn at the top of the mobile so you can hang it!

Joke of the Month



Q: How do you catch a squirrel?

A: Climb up a tree and act like a nut.