



February 2022

Welcome to Winter! We are finally starting to feel some effects of the season change and the need to bundle up in the morning. As a reminder, please mark all outerwear items with your student's name. All unmarked items wind up in lost and found but if staff see's a name, we do our best to get them back to the owner.

Tax Statements-

If you did not receive your ELC tax statement, please add your name to the request sheet. I will have the information ready for you within a day or two. The Lake County Schools Tax ID is printed on the bottom of the statement you receive. Please remember that there is one copy given out to the guardian listed on your student's registration form. It is suggested that you hold this information in a safe place once it is received.

This month holds several different celebrations. One of the most important is Black History Month. We will be learning about several inspiring African American leaders, inventors, historical and modern day figures. We will also be learning and talking about traditions and culture, such as traditional art, music, customs and poetry that go along with this month's celebrations.

February 2 is Ground Hogs Day. I'm not sure about you, but I always hope that Punxsutawney Phil says Winter will be short! Isn't that why we live in Florida? We'll see what he says on the 2nd. Next up is Valentine's Day. Of course we will be making arts and crafts to share with our friends and family.

Presidents Day is our next celebration as we honor President George Washington on his birthday February 17th. He was born in 1732 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February 12th and his year of birth was 1809. We will be learning about the contributions each president made to our country. You will see it listed below, but make a note that there is no school or ELC on Monday February 21st.

In addition to the typical events we observe this month, here are a few others for you to enjoy at home as a family: National Chocolate Souffle' Day, Floral Design Day, National Sleeping Day and National Tooth Fairy Appreciation Day. Let us know if you observe any of these days.

We will be starting a new system of checking your students in and out of ELC. It is called *CurbSmart*. We will be sending out information on this system in the couple of weeks. Please be patient with us while we all learn how to navigate this new way of doing things. This is all in the name of keeping our students safe. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to let me know. We hope everyone enjoys a happy and healthy February.

ELC Important Dates:

February 21- No school and ELC will be closed for President's Day.

March 11- Teacher workday. ELC will be open for full day care. You must sign up in advance and pay the before and after rate for the week to attend on this day.

March 14-18- School and ELC will be closed for Spring Break.