

# Sandbox Tech Child Care



**Dear Parents,**

First of all I want to thank everyone for coming to our PJ, PIZZA, story reading night. It was a lot of fun. And you all looked so cute in your P. J.'s. BOO BOO BIRD was the winning book!! Thank you for filling out our surveys. This will help us understand our weakness and where we can improve. You guys are the best!!

It's February, the month of Ground Hogs, Woodchucks, shadows, red and pink hearts, white lace, valentines and special cards made for special people! Our children are excited about the fun activities and events in store for them this month. In addition to traditional activities such as making valentines and planning a class Valentine's Day party, {morning only} on the 14th, we will be discussing feelings. What makes us feel the way we do? Mom and Dad have feelings. Take time to listen to your child when he/she is sharing their day with you and in return share your day with them. Let them know how you feel, and why. Parents are people, we can't always be happy. Sometimes we feel sad or upset and that's okay. Children must learn to understand this. Only if we teach them to share their feelings, and not to hide them, but talk about them, can we learn to deal with them. Remember children need to learn to respect other people's feelings whether they agree with them or not. Groundhogs, nursery rhymes the human heart, numbers, patterning, sorting and grouping of items.

We need from you the parents 2 envelopes with your children's grandparents names and addresses on them along with the proper postage. Please put your child's full name and address on the back flap of the envelope. We are sending your child's grandparents a surprise card for Valentine's Day. These need to be in to us not later than Feb. 7.

You can help us out this month with our crafts as we are collecting bits of ribbon and lace. This year for Valentine's Day, we will be holding a fundraiser in support of the Orangeville Food Bank. Children will have the opportunity to buy tags from their teacher for special friends. These will be taken home, filled out (To and From) and returned. The staff will then attach a special surprise to each card and make sure it gets into that special friend's Valentine's Day Box. Each one costs 50 cents. The cards will be available Feb. 2nd to the 10th. All must be returned to us no later than February 10 – the earlier the better.

When your child is bringing in regular Valentine cards for their class mates, please have them only put their name on it in the from area. We will help your child put one of their cards into their classmates boxes. DO NOT fill out the "To" on these cards, unless it is for a special friend. This makes it easier for us all. Remember to let your child make or sign their Valentines. If you are baking something for our party, remember no nut products at all. Thank you

Children that have sound books, remember to return them each week. Use the sounds of the letters with your child and speak clearly with your child when you go over them. Remember to take home your child's crafts each day and talk with your child about their crafts. This shows that you appreciate what your child has made and done that day.

Reminder Family Day is the 20 this year and we will be closed.

Mark your calendar with the above dates. If your child will not be attending on the 14th please let us know.

**Happy Valentine's Day**

**Love Deb**

