

THE DOWNEY upBEAT

DOWNEY COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL

IRVINGTON, INDIANAPOLIS

A Word from our President.

Hi Downey Families,

The end of January, we saw some very cold and snowy weather. During times of inclement weather, we partially follow IPS policy. If IPS cancels school, Downey will also cancel classes. If IPS has a two hour delay, we may hold classes. The teachers and I will confer about various factors and reach a decision as to whether or not to have classes (or for Leapfrogs, to have a 2 hour delay). A message about the decision will be posted on Bloomz.

For this month, you will have noticed that you received two invoices - one for tuition and one for our annual equipment fee. The equipment fee is a once a year \$35 fee, and that is charged for each student (this does not apply to Lily Pads). Near the end of the month, Polliwogs, Frogs, and Leapfrogs families will receive an invoice for the second half of the activity fee.

A fun thing happening in the classrooms this month is the artwork for our Art to Remember Fundraiser, our annual fundraiser where you can purchase items featuring your child's artwork. Jen Wilkinson is working with the teachers and students on creating the artwork. The artwork is then featured on items such as mugs, ornaments, keychains, sketchbooks, phone covers, etc. Look out for an item sheet later this month or in early March that will show what is available for purchase. These are great gifts for family members, and are great keepsakes of your child's time at Downey. A portion of the sales does come back to Downey.

Registration for the 2019-20 school year will be opening up to the public on February 15th. If you know of anyone interested in having their child attend Downey, please have them contact us at downeymembership@gmail.com to set up a tour or visit our website at www.downeycoop.com.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone for the jobs you are doing! Downey couldn't be a fun and safe place if families did not commit to participating in the classrooms and for taking on the family jobs. One other way to participate is by serving on the board. We are still taking nominations! And if you are interested in learning more about the board, please feel free to attend our meetings, which are held on the 1st Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30pm. All families are always welcome to attend!

Tiffany

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CLASSROOM UPDATES



March winds are already blowing. Tadpoles have turned a corner. They are playing WITH each other. They share, ask each other questions, and use good manners with one another. Don't get me wrong they still have their 2 and 3 year old moments. It's just fun to see the progress. They made cloud dough in February and have really enjoyed it. It's almost all gone they have played with so much. We will continue to work with shapes and colors. We'll see what happens when we mix colors. We'll explore transportation. We will paint with cars and trucks and observe the different tracks. Tadpoles will explore Spring later in the month. Thank you for all of your hard work especially making muffins on pajama day.

Thanks for choosing Downey Cooperative,
Melissa Egan



In February, we have been working on Valentines activities and talking about different types of food. On Tuesday, February 19, we will have music class and then do a walking field trip to Bittersweet bakery in Irvington. While we are there, we will be decorating cupcakes and reading a few books and doing some activities related to baking. Special thank you to Mel, Sawyer's mom, for subbing for me when I was home sick with strep throat. Also, a special thank you to Jen Wilkinson for organizing the Art to Remember fundraiser. The activity that she completed with the kids was so awesome! Our traveling pet rhino, Applejack, has been going home with the children each week. We are having so much fun reading about all of his adventures and looking at the pictures.



CAREGIVER'S CORNER



When it's safe to be outside, what are some neat snowy activities you can do with toddlers and pre-k kids? This blogpost shares 32 ideas for both outdoor and indoor snow play! From crafts to games to sensory bin ideas, this post shares lots of great ideas to keep your kiddo busy during the cold winter months.

Remember, you don't have to do any special activity to make outdoor play fun. Just playing together with your kiddo is special enough! So bundle up and head on out for some fresh air together!

Link:

<https://handsonaswegrow.com/32-snow-theme-activities-kids/>

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER

♥Happy Early Valentine's Day! Brrrr what a cold month it's been to start off 2019, but it's been perfect weather for curling up under a blanket with some great books! 📖

We will be running our first Scholastic Book Club order for 2019 this month.

✦ Be sure to **order between now and February 26th** so that we can get the orders submitted and received in time for Read Across America Day (Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd).

Flyers will be placed in your child's mailbox or on their art mat at school in the first week of February.

★ Remember that your orders help us purchase new books for our classrooms and teacher resource library!

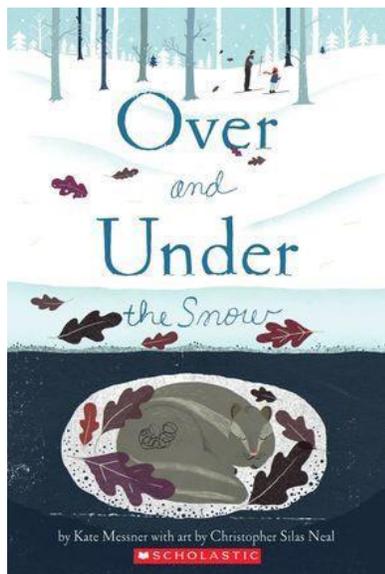
Here's how:

Choose books with your child from the paper flyers or online at: [scholastic.com/bookclubs](https://www.scholastic.com/bookclubs)

To order online, connect to our class using our Class Code (or look me up by our school name): **TLMYP**

As soon as your order is delivered to our classroom, I will send it home with your child.

This month, I'd like to recommend some great books for early literacy development and one exploring seasonal animals:



Over And Under The Snow by Katie Messner

Where have all the animals gone? Let your child explore the pages of this beautifully illustrated book to discover where and why animals hibernate in the winter and which animals stay awake and active during these blustery, snowy months!

Purchase it here through our Scholastic book club (use class code TLMYP) for \$4.

Link: https://clubs.scholastic.com/over-and-under-the-snow/9780545514422-rco-us.html?cgid=9_3#q=Snow&start=11

Bob Books: Set 1 Beginning Readers by Bobby Lynn Maslen

Do you know what CVC words are? Consonant vowel consonant words are some of the first words you can teach your child to read because they follow a straightforward phonemic (letter sound) pattern. (Example: C-A-T = kuh-ah-tuh- there are no hidden sounds or silent letters here.) Help build your reader's confidence through phonemic awareness practice using BOB books! BOB books are a great introduction to sounding out words and practicing early letter sounds. Most libraries have sets you can borrow, or you can purchase your own set for nightly practice through Scholastic.

Purchase it here through our Scholastic book club (use class code TLMYP) for only \$12.

Link:

https://clubs.scholastic.com/bob-booksand%23174%3B-set-1%3A-beginning-readers/9780439845007-rco-us.html?cgid=J_6#q=Early%2Breader&start=17

