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Dear Parents,

Can you believe it is March? Soon spring will be upon us with its sunny days, green grass, budding trees and blooming flowers. But, for now enjoy the last days of building snowmen, sledding down your favorite hill and skating outdoors.

I wanted to share some of the things we are doing behind the scenes to enrich the learning and classroom activities. As many of you know the 2nd Monday of every month we have a staff meeting. During this time our teachers gather and have the opportunity to share ideas and resources with one another. We decided this year to expand on that learning and have a seasoned teacher, Katy Denn, join our staff for the months of January and February (January at Calvary location, February at Colonial location). Katy's role was to spend 2 weeks getting to know the children and the teachers by assisting in the classroom, giving suggestions and sharing ideas, and then spend 2 weeks allowing the teachers to take time to visit other teachers' classrooms as a way of increasing peer learning and mentorship among the teachers.

Other learning opportunities our teachers have experienced include, first aid and CPR training, viewing of the Epi-Pen (for allergies) video, In-service on early childhood screening and behavioral red flags, presented by Edina School Psychologist, Sara Aldrich. And this month, the teachers will have the opportunity learn new games and activities to increase gross motor development while utilizing the new toys purchased for the gym.

We believe strongly in providing ways for the teachers to continue their education in early childhood and each one of them take full advantage of the opportunities to expand their resources in order to provide a greater learning environment for your children.

Please know your children continue to be a blessing to each one of us and we are honored that you allow us to love and nurture them each day.

Blessings,

Shannon