



Merryhill School
A Nobel Learning Community

February News

February is here and we have a lot to plan for! Check out the list of events on page 2.

Third Annual Sweetheart Dance

It's time for our Third Annual Sweetheart's Dance. where get together with our other local Merryhill Schools for a fun filled night of music, prizes, and eats! Be on the lookout for your invitation!

Bags of Fun

As mentioned before we have partnered with a local organization, Bags of Fun, to assist in their efforts to provide individualized "bags of fun" to terminally ill children here in Denver. We are excited to begin this process with a toy drive and silent auction during our Annual Sweetheart Dance. More info to come. If you're interested in finding out more about this incredible organization please visit: bagsoffun.org

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conference time is here. We will be offering online sign-ups again for Intermediates, Pre-K, and Pre-K 2. Beginners and under will be scheduled upon request. As always, these are not required but are available for all parents!

Teacher of the Month

Congratulations to our February Teacher of the Month Mr. Michael in the Pre-K classroom! Mr. Michael has been a devoted teacher at Merryhill for over 5 years and has shown how much us how much he truly does for his class with his amazing dramatic play centers and great lesson plan activities.

Welcome

Please welcome our newest Merryhill School teacher, Ms. Victoria. She will be working alongside Ms. Heather in the Beginner A class. Ms. Victoria comes to us from Ohio with a wide variety of experience with children including volunteer work with terminally ill children.

Happy Anniversary!

*Ms. Mandy is celebrating 2 years of service at Merryhill School on February 11th.

*Ms. Sarah is celebrating 1 year of service at Merryhill School on February 25th.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

T.J. A. — 2/04

Lindsey M. — 2/06

Gabriel A. — 2/18

Ryan W. — 2/18

Hudson L. — 2/20

Miriam B. — 2/22

Oryn A. — 2/23



WELCOME

NEW

STUDENTS

Max M.

Mason M.

February Upcoming Events

February 2nd— Groundhog Day

February 3rd— Super Bowl Spirit Day — Wear your football gear today

February 8th & 23rd— Afternoons with Ashley

February 14th— Valentine's Day Classroom Parties

February 15th— Nuggets Day

February 17th— Third Annual Sweetheart Dance

February 20th - 24th— Parent Teacher Conferences

February 23rd & 24th— Picture Days

February 28th— National Tortilla Chip Day— Nachos for

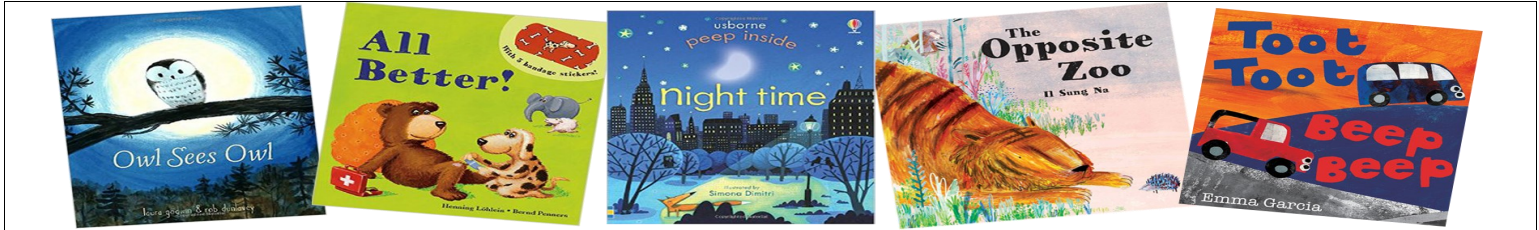
February 24th— Mardi Gras

10 Fun and Interactive Books for Infants and Toddlers

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You're probably aware that reading to children at a young age has a profound influence on vocabulary acquisition, speech development and listening skills. If you're a parent of an infant or toddler, you may have noticed that interactive books are especially likely to hold their attention.

Pat the Bunny and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* are classic interactive books, but below are some newer and lesser known titles that might spark your child's interest. Their beautiful illustrations, textures or pop-up designs help stimulate young children's growing sensory awareness and keep them engaged as they actively participate in the story.



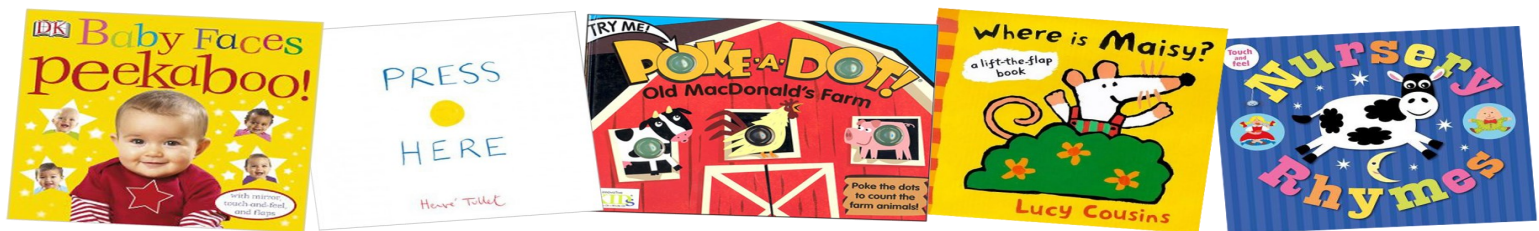
1. *Owl Sees Owl* by Laura Godwin This poetic and rhythmic book tells the story of a baby owl leaving his nest and exploring the world around him. Your child will be captivated by its simple storyline and beautiful illustrations.

2. *All Better* by Henning Lohein This is a charming story about animal friends who help each other when they are hurt. Encourage your child to place the book's reusable and repositionable bandage stickers on each animal's injury.

3. *Peep Inside Night Time* by Anna Milbourne Nonfiction books don't have to be boring. Your child will have fun learning about the starlit sky and nocturnal animals, as he looks at colorful illustrations, feels the textured pages, and lifts the flaps.

4. *The Opposite Zoo* by Il Sung Na This book introduces opposites in an engaging way with its colorful illustrations of zoo animals including a tall giraffe, short pig, slow sloth and fast cheetah. Encourage your child to find the sneaky monkey hidden on each page.

5. *Toot Toot Beep Beep* by Emma Garcia Vroom! Vroom! Your child will enjoy mimicking the sounds of different types of vehicles, as you read this book about transportation together.



6. *Baby Faces Peekaboo* by DK Publishing Babies love to see the faces of other children. Play peekaboo with your child by lifting the flaps within this book to reveal photos of happy babies, tired babies, silly babies and more.

7. *Press Here* by Herve Tullet Embark on a fun reading journey by following instructions on each page, including tapping dots, tilting the book, and turning the pages. Watch your baby's face in awe as the dots seemingly respond to your actions.

8. *Old MacDonald's Farm (Poke a Dot)* by iKids Learning to count is fun and interactive with this book by iKids. Your child will love pressing raised dots on each page while counting the animals on Old MacDonald's Farm.

9. *Where is Maisy?* by Lucy Cousins Your child will have a blast finding Maisy in this lift-the-flap book. Not only will he strengthen his fine-motor skills, but he'll also learn spatial words like "up," "under," and "in."

10. *Nursery Rhymes* by Roger Priddy Sing and dance to nursery rhymes with this book and accompanying CD. Invite your child to explore the textured pages to further spark his interest in learning these age-old classics.