

Kountry Kids News



February Birthdays

- Laylen Wilson (1st)
- Cody "CJ" Boston (2nd)
- Bailee Gaines (4th)



- Ada Sondgrass (12th)
- Tenley Farris (15th)
- Bexley Stribling (17th)
- Charlie Smith (19th)
- Lainey Pherigo (20th)
- Ms. Sheila (21st)
- Garner Horibrook (23rd)
- Callie Cleveland (24th)
- Ms. Tiffany (28th)

Print off our February Menu from our website February 2022

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!!

It's that wonderful time of year again when classrooms are filled with paper hearts and handmade valentines! The classrooms of KKLC will be hosting their classroom Valentine's parties on Monday, February 14th at snack time.

With treats, valentine exchanges, games, arts and crafts it is sure to be a great time. We invite all members of the KKLC family to attend. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask! Teachers will have class lists and sign up sheets for parties in their classrooms!

Happy Valentine's Day!

In the winter, I like to...

"Play with my toys"



"Watch movies." Ms. Rachel

"Play board games"

Ms. Aubrey

"Watch TV" Harper S.

"Play in the snow" - Brynley

"Likes to watch the weather forecast" - Mr. Kris

Hudson B.

"Drink hot chocolate." ~Ms. Lisa

"Stay Warm!" ~Ms. Makenna

"Go sledding and drink hot cocoa!" Quincee



"I like to Bake! ~ Ms. Mary



"I like to watch movies with my Daddy" ~Emma B.

"the leaves" ~Aria

"I like to go to indoor waterparks" ~ Ms. Ellie

"Stay Inside!!" ~Bexley S.





Groundhog Day, February 2nd, is a popular tradition in the United States. It is the day that the Groundhog comes out of his hole after a long winter sleep to look for his shadow.

Legend is that if the Groundhog sees his shadow, he regards it as an omen of six more weeks of bad weather and returns to his hole.

If the day is cloudy and hence NO shadow, he takes it as a sign of spring and stays above ground!

What will Punxsutawney Phil see and predict this year?!

Gross Motor Movement



Dance, Move & Groove!



From the NAEYC article <u>Bringing Active Play Indoors</u>: "Young children need many opportunities throughout the day to develop their large muscles, improve their coordination, use their limitless energy. Increasing core strength and hand-eye coordination can help

young children improve their gross motor abilities.
During the months when it's too wet, too cold, or too hot to spend much time outdoors children bounce around the classroom.

craving active











From Farm to Table with Mary

You know what comes from the kitchen is good when parent's joke about "to-go containers" for themselves as they drop off in the morning! We are blessed here at KKLC to provide the highest quality meals to our children and our staff! Miss Mary serves made from scratch meals with the finest ingredients! Fresh fruit is served to children daily and our beef is sourced from local farmers!

Loaded Baked Potato Soup

<u>Ingredients Needed-</u>

4 large potatoes, peeled and cubed

1/2 tsp salt

4 tbsp butter

1/2 med onion, finely chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

2 1/2 cups of whole milk

2 1/2 cups of chicken broth

1 cup mild or sharp cheddar, shredded

3/4 cup sour cream

1 tsp salt, or to taste

1/4 tsp pepper, or to taste

Green onions, to serve

Instructions-

- 1. Place sliced potatoes into a stockpot and completely cover with 1" of water. Season with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt and cook 8-10 minutes or until potatoes pierce easily with a knife then drain.
- 2. Meanwhile, saute bacon in a dutch oven until crispy then transfer to a plate, reserving 1 Tbsp bacon grease in the pot.
- Add 4 Tbsp butter and chopped onions then sautee until tender. Add garlic and cook another minute until fragrant.
- 4. Quickly whisk in the flour. Slowly add 2 1/2 cups milk and 2 1/2 cups broth, whisking constantly then bring to a soft boil.
- 5. Add drained potatoes and season soup with 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp pepper or season to taste
- 6. Stir in 3/4 cup sour cream, 1 cup shredded cheddar, and half half of your cooked bacon (reserving the rest for serving). Bring to a boil then remove from heat and serve with your favorite toppings.

STAFF TOP 5 PICKS FROM MARY'S KITCHEN

- 1. Loaded Baked Potato Soup
- 2. Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo
- 3. Tomato Tortellini Soup
- 4. Taco Casserole
- 5. Chicken Bacon Ranch Pasta

Miss Mary has been with KKLC since 2010. She started in various classrooms and eventually became the cook. She is currently cooking not only for KKLC but for our sister center, CCLC as well. She and Miss Tiffany keep the kitchen going and our bellies full! Miss Mary's favorite thing about being the cook is when the kids really enjoy the food she makes! Miss Tiffany's favorite thing about being in the kitchen is to help Miss Mary cook fresh and healthy meals.

New menus are available monthly! If you see something you would like a recipe for just stop and ask Mary! She's always happy to share!





FEBRUARY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Groundhogs Day!	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15	16	17	18 NBE: 11:45 dismissal	19
20	KKLC Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					



Winter Weather



As January and February are generally the worst winter weather months, we want to

remind you of our Severe Weather Policy. If New Berlin School District (CUSD #16) decides that road conditions are too dangerous for the buses and children, then KKLC will follow suite and close as well.

Once we receive the notice from CUSD #16, we will send out an announcement via Tadpoles and our Facebook Page will be updated.

Please remember, safety is our number one concern when severe weather strikes!



