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## From the Director's Desk

It has been brought to my attention that more and more children have been bringing toys to school. We understand children get very excited about showing their friends their cool new truck, doll, or dinosaur. We also recognize that bringing a toy can make it easier to leave the house on those rushed mornings. However, home toys brought to school often become a distraction in the classroom and can get lost or broken. Having home toys in the classroom can also create friction among children, as they understandably, are hesitant to share their special treasure.

While we continue to support children bringing in requested toys that support classroom projects, we are asking that all other toys remain at home or in the car. Teachers will offer reminders to staff and children if home toys are brought to school. Thank you for your support and assistance!

-Debbie

## Fun in the Toddler Room

Our toddlers have been exploring! Filling bottles with straws and then dumping them out is a favorite activity for this age. It's one of the ways young children explore how the physical world works, and experiment with their actions on objects. The activity addresses all learning domains!



"Play is our brain's favorite way of learning."  
-Diane Ackerman

## Closed Monday, February 18

A reminder that we are closed on Monday, February 18 for President's Day. As is in previous years, the staff will use this day as a Professional Development day. We will spend the morning session focusing on continuing our knowledge of the Constructivist philosophy and how to use a variety of materials to support exploration in the classroom. In the afternoon, staff will have the opportunity to work in their classrooms and to collaborate with their teams.

## Tax Statements

Linda has been working diligently to ensure that all families receive their tax statements for 2018. Please email [Linda](#) if you have not received it or if you have any questions.