# The Fox Der Newsletter

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#### **Staff Member of the Month**

We would like to say Congratulations to Ms. Emani Bell. She is our staff member of the month. Ms. Emani is sweet, funny, understanding, and committed to her scholars. To know her is to love her. She loves her scholars, and her scholars love her back. Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

### National Days

Feb. 5th - World Read Aloud Day
Feb. 6th - Pay a Compliment Day
Feb. 7th - National Bubble Gum Day
Feb. 10th - National Flannel Day
Feb. 11th - Armed Forces Day
Feb. 12th - Hug Day
Feb. 13th - National Apology Day
Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day
Feb. 17th - President's Day
Feb. 18th - Thumb Appreciation

### **Enrollment Update!!**

For Those of you that have friends seeking childcare, we are down to <u>9 spots</u> left at the Fox Den for 2024-2025.

Here's where we are:

Infant: Filled! Walker A: Filled! Walker B: 3 Spots Walker C: 1 Spot 2A: Filled! 2B: 2 spots 3A: 2 Spots 3B: 1 Spot 4: Filled!





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Groundhog Fun!

Did you know that the Ground Hog **DID** see his shadow?



6 More weeks of Winter?

Upcoming Dates Valentine's Day Each class is hosting a party.

The Tooth Fairy is coming to The Fox Den on February 28th!

### **Special Thanks!**

The Fox Den would like to say, "Thank You" for the support of Chick-Fil-A spirit night. We will do this again in the spring!

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### 25 INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR TODDLERS

(SOURCE: HTTPS://LETSLIVEANDLEARN.COM/INDOOR-ACTIVITIES-FOR-TODDLERS/

### <u>Tips for doing indoor activities with toddlers:</u>

1. Remember that children's attention spans typically are one minute per year of age. That's right...so a one-year-old may only have an attention span of ONE minute.

2. Activities are most successful when distractions are minimized. Put away any toys, turn off the tv, etc. and your toddler will be more eager to play!

3. Leave activities out for toddlers to revisit. Since they do have a short attention span, they will likely leave and revisit an activity many times throughout the day, if given the opportunity!

4. Toddlers grow and change so much during this time. If you try an activity and they don't seem too interested, try again in a few months.

5. If your child is putting objects in his/her mouth, choose a phrase (We say, "Yuck, not in your mouth.") and be firm and consistent. You will have to say it a LOT. But eventually that phase WILL stop!

6. With that being said, make sure to always supervise your children while doing the activities on the next page...



1. **Pompoms and shaker cups** This was a favorite around 15 months and is oh so simple! The goal is just to put pompoms in the shaker bottle, dump out and repeat! A great activity for fine motor skills

2. **Shaker balloons** This one is fun for all ages! Use a funnel to add materials to deflated balloons. I used items like dry oats, beans, pasta, sprinkles, etc- just anything I had around the house. Blow up balloons and let your little one shake away! You could explore concepts such as quiet/loud and fast/slow or just use them as "instruments" for a dance party

3. Animal Tape Rescue This is an activity that you may have seen floating around Pinterest-but it is a good one and worth a mention! When Henry was younger, I would tape animals to a cookie sheet. I progressed to taping them on the coffee table and then to vertical surfaces like the wall. You could also hide them around the room and practice finding specific animals (good for following directions **?** 

4. **Animal Ribbon Rescue** (A similar concept): Place some animals in a basket and thread ribbon through the holes in the basket to create a "web". Encourage your little one to rescue the animals. This activity is great for hand eye coordination and fine motor skills

5. **Cardboard Box Coloring** Put those Amazon boxes to good use! If the box is big enough, your little one can go inside to color! It is also fun to flatten the box and color on a flat surface as well

6. **Flashcards in Envelopes** Kids are really interested in the mail. Put some Dollar Tree flashcards in envelopes and let the child pull them out. I love using flash cards because they are a great vocabulary booster!

7. **Flashcard drop** Find an old container with a lid (think oatmeal, protein powder, etc.) and cut a slit in the top. Your little one can then put the flashcards in the slot; this requires hand eye coordination and fine motor skills! Playing cards can be used, but again, I love using flashcards because they are a good "conversation starter"!

8. **Rainbow Rice** Rainbow rice is a crowd favorite sensory bins that have been used over and over again. To make it use one cup of dry rice + 1 tablespoon white vinegar and several squirts of food coloring. Combine them all in a zip lock bag and then let it dry on a paper plate! Repeat for each color you would like to use.

9. **Golf Tee Hammering** This is a number one favorite activity out of this entire list! I bought some inexpensive golf tees off Amazon and then used them to poke holes in boxes.

10. **Cardboard Car Ramp** Another fun and super easy activity. Use markers and/or washi tape to draw "roads" on a piece of cardboard. Prop it up on a stair and it is the perfect ramp for hot wheels

# **Happy Birthday!** Presleigh-Ann - 2/5 Isaiah Soule - 2/7 Lucy Copland - 2/12 Nash Jones - 2/12 Robert Wilson - 2/14 Timothy Finn Stone- 2/15 Eden Pearce - 2/15 Merilyn Lamping - 2/20 Calliope Brewer - 2/23

Mason Thompson - 2/27