

# SOMERSET ACADEMY

## FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

### Asking the Right Questions

When you ask your child about their day at school, does he or she typically respond with a simple “good”? A lack of detail can be frustrating as a parent. Here are a few tips to support more language from your child:

- Wait until dinner time. Right after school, children typically have not had time to process their activities and may not be in the right mental state to give a detailed answer. Bath time is another time of day when children are often ready to share more.
- Ask open ended questions that require more than a yes or no answer, such as:
  - “What was in the sensory table today? What did you do with it?”
  - “Which book did you read? Tell me about the story.”
  - “Tell me the best thing that happened today.”
  - “Who did you play with outside? What did you do together?”
- Be patient. If your child isn’t giving you much information when you ask, try circling back later that day.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Valentine’s Day

Each program has developed a classroom-wide activity to help teach the concept of kindness, rather than individual cards. Please refer to the attached program newsletter and the recent email titled “Valentines Information”.

#### Mid-Winter Break

There will be no school on Monday, February 19 and Tuesday, February 20 for the Mid-Winter Break.

#### 2018/2019 Registration

Registration for the 2018/2019 school year will become available to new families on Thursday, February 1. Returning families are still welcome to turn in registration at this time, but schedules are subject to availability.

#### Parent Coffee: Thursday, February 15, 9:15 am Boys: Hard-Wired Differently

Join Kirsten for information on the difference in brain chemistry between boys and girls, how it effects boys’ learning style and behavior, and what we as adults can do to support them.