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# The Cobbler

a newsletter of the **Cobb Meadow School**

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## What's New

### Winter Break

REMEMBER NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 26th  
through Friday, March 2nd

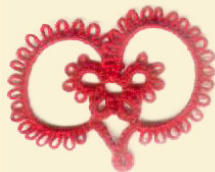
### Parents' Night

Thurs., March 8<sup>th</sup> - 7pm to 9pm  
(please see back page for more info)

### Open House

Sat., March 17<sup>th</sup> - 10am til noon  
(\* We will hopefully be boiling and sharing maple tea.)

## (belated) VALENTINE'S DAY



We celebrate Valentines in a very calm way, as you would expect. The children will make something at school to take home. We will also have card making supplies out for your children to use in making beautiful cards. We will make cookies with Ivy one day, and the cookies will go home as well.

We do have a party at which the children exchange Valentines that they have made at home.

Each child should bring in JUST ONE LOVELY VALENTINE that they have made at home. This Valentine should have the name of the maker on it, and at our small party, I will hand out Valentines to all. I have found that as a parent, it is too difficult to make Valentines for all the children in a class, but that making one very special one to be shared at Cobb Meadow is a joyous task. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see me.

Dear Cobbler Families,

*Thanks to all for their help in the success of our first Gingerbread Day. I think we should dub our Open Houses as "Gingerbread Day" from now on. We had several young boys and a couple girls come to look at Cobb Meadow on Saturday, January 27th. We played and had fun, they explored our kitchen and blocks, we had snack and Wee Willie Winkie did come to visit also. The current Cobb Meadow children who attended shared their school and showed the visitors what was what. We have another Open House scheduled for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. We will be looking for bakers and hosts, and of course, we need you to tell your friends all about Cobb Meadow School. To be most appropriate, new children should already be three years old by the end of February.*

*We have now had snowy days, and a snow day. I think our phone tree was a success in that no one arrived at school the day we cancelled for weather. In our circle we sing about dressing warmly, and when we go out- it comes as no surprise the layers that we need. Jack Frost is finally putting in a strong presence and we are having fun outside even with all the slipping and falling.*

*Indoors last week, we celebrated Finn's 6th birthday, and Jackie led the children in making yarn dolls. We will make a family of yarn dolls who will take up residence in the two story tree house that Derek's father gave to Cobb Meadow School last fall. Indoors continues to be an active time, with roads going around houses, and chairs being used in all ways imaginable. We have had a fire in the stove nearly every day this week, which adds to the coziness of the houses that form in an arc before the hearth. We certainly enjoy the fire at rest time and at our long nap after lunch. Jackie told the story Pimpernell, and the children loved it very much.*

*Cobb Meadow had a surprise visitor on Tuesday. Just as we sat down to snack, the Honeywell Security representative from Manchester arrived to help me understand our system. His visit was unusual, my hopping up and leaving everyone to enjoy porridge without me was unprecedented, and the alarms we tested were irritating (but not too abrasive as they were in the next room). Throughout all this excitement, which lasted the better part of half an hour, Ivy had the children calmly enjoying snack, and paying rapt attention to her version of A Child's Christmas in Wales, which does feature fire alarms. I got to see the group from a distance, as I was in my business state of mind, and I can't tell you how pleased I was. All the children were sitting comfortably at the snack table, listening, commenting, and asking for "more story, please". I am so glad to have Ivy at Cobb Meadow. Her steady and sure personality is very comforting to the children, and her focus and decisiveness are gifts to me.*

*Thank you all so very much,  
Anne*



## Winter Tales & Songs

Our latest story has been of a brave little brown duck named Shingebiss, who is not at all frightened by the fierce North Wind.

*North Wind, North Wind, fierce in feature, you are still my fellow creature, blow your worst, you can't freeze me, I fear you not, and so am free.*

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*Look out, Look out, Jack Frost is about, he's after our fingers and toes, and all through the night, that gay little sprite is working where nobody knows. He climbs a tree, so nimble is he, his silvery powder he shakes, to windows he'll creep and while we're asleep, what wonderful pictures he'll make. Across the grass, he'll merrily pass, and turn all its greenness to white, then home he will go, and laugh ho ho ho, what fun I have had in the night.*

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*Old King Winter came out one day, and said I'm going to make this a very cold day, so he blew to the south, whoosh  
To the east, whoosh  
And west, whoosh  
But when he blew to the north, (he whistled, and blew again)  
He said that's the best.  
The old North Wind is my very best friend, and when we play we make a very very very very very cold day!*

## Upcoming Parents' Night

Dear Cobb Meadow Families- please come to Cobb Meadow School for a **PARENTS' NIGHT on Thursday, March 8th, 7pm- 9.** There will be plenty of time for socializing after we paint in the wet on wet kindergarten way. I would also like to share with you some details of the Waldorf Early Childhood Education Conference that I attended in New York from February 9th-11th. Please come and enjoy Cobb Meadow as your wonderful children do.

## Clothing Advice

Two layers of cotton ware not quite enough to keep your children warm for these cold days, even for indoor time. When it warms up a bit, we will be spending a longer time out doors, so will need a good wool layer in there then, as well. We have a few sweaters and polypropylene pullovers that we loan to children when we can not find their insulation layer.

Bibs are better than snow pants in that they keep the middle all covered, and you want to be sure that your gaiters stay down over boot tops even when crawling and sliding, if possible.

Happy Winter!!

*Long sleeves and leggings, to cover all our skin,  
A rosy cozy layer, to keep us warm within,  
Fuzzy wuzzy socks, for roasty toasty toes,  
Coat and snow pants, and boots to be sure,  
Hat and mittens and out the door!*

You can check: [www.cobbmeadowschool.org](http://www.cobbmeadowschool.org) for info and downloads.

## Wish List

*8 x 11 paper, white*

*carrots and celery for  
Soup day*

*free ripe bananas  
from Roy's*

## Volunteer Opportunities:

*Painting apron  
making*

*Substitution*

*At the Children &  
the Arts Festival*

*Helping at outdoor  
time*

*CMS Festival  
helpers  
(before and after  
events)*

