



February

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A Valentine for My Teacher

My teacher's very special
so I'm making her a heart,
a valentine that's sure to be
a proper work of art.

I've worked on it all morning
so it should be ready soon,
I'd like to slip it on her desk
before this afternoon.

It's colored in with crayons
and it's trimmed with paper lace,
it has flowers, hearts, and cupids-
I can't wait to see her face.

Train up
a child
in the
way he
should go,
Even when
he is old
he will not
depart
from it.
Proverbs
22: 6

From the Front Desk

Valentine's Day is a favorite holiday of mine. Not only because I am a big fan of chocolate and flowers, but also because it gives me a chance to let the special people in my life know how much I care about them.

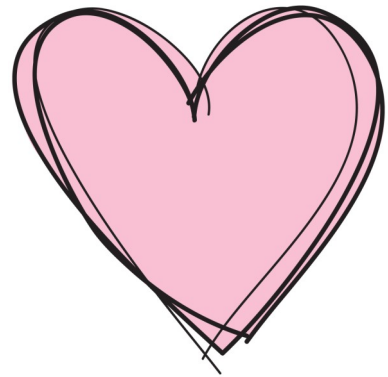
As I walk through the school every day or visit the classrooms, I am met with dozens of smiling faces and open arms. When nothing else seems to be going right, the children lift my spirits and remind me of what is important.

So, this Valentine's Day, I want you to know how honored and humbled I am that you allow me to spend time getting to know and love your children. My sincere hope is that they feel as loved by us as we do by them.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Barbara Kilpatrick

Upcoming Events:

- February 14: Valentine's Day Parties
- February 15: Scholastic Book Orders Due
- February 28: Kindergarten Readiness Program for Pre-K Parents
- March 11-15: Spring Break (Appleseed is Open for Child Care)
- March 22: Report Cards - 3rd Quarter (K-2nd Grade)
- March 28: Easter Egg Hunt
- March 29: Good Friday (Appleseed is Closed)



Important Notes and Reminders:

We will be hosting a "Kindergarten Readiness" Program for parents of pre-Kindergarten students on Thursday evening, February 28th. Please join us as we discuss the expectations for students entering Kindergarten and things that you can do now to give your child the best chance at success in school.

Don't forget that our referral program will continue through the month of March. We will waive the registration fee for any new student you refer to us, and you will receive a \$50.00 tuition credit!

I would like to thank the students who participated in our Mixed Bag Designs Fundraiser. We raised almost \$600.00 total! The funds have been used to purchase new riding toys for the playground and new toys and equipment for every classroom.

Music Notes

The music room has added an electronic piano this month, and the children have really enjoyed being able to experience and explore the piano.

The preschoolers are all working hard on being patient, taking turns, and learning how to share the various musical instruments. We have also begun preparing for the Spring Open House. The 2 year olds are learning some new marching and skipping songs, and the 3 and 4 year olds have been practicing several nursery rhymes to perform for their parents. The elementary students are not only working on their repertoire for the spring performance, they are also learning about the syllables used in sight-singing and the musical form and structure of popular music. Last but not least, since it is health and fitness month, I will be incorporating stretching and various other exercises into the lessons with music. Thank you and have a wonderful month!

~Mr. Casey

Terrific 2's

January has come and gone, and we are ready for our "Food and Fitness" unit. We will learn about how food goes from the farm all the way to our homes. Well-balanced meals and exercise are always a winning combination. When shopping with your child, point out healthy snacks they might enjoy. Outside play is fun and healthy, so turn off the TV and go kick a ball around!

We will be adding letters J, L, G and numbers 11, 12 and 13 to our growing list. Colors this month are everywhere—red and pink; and our shape, of course, is a heart.

Have a wonderful February!

~Love, Ms. Ronda

Thinking 3's

It's February!!! This month we are excited to **GET MOVIN'** and learn about food and fitness. While we are talking about healthy food choices and all the food groups, you have a great opportunity to get your kids in the kitchen to help with snacks and meals. Have them tell you about what they are learning in school. Fitness and growing strong will sure keep us busy and will instill habits of exercising on a daily basis.

We also get to celebrate the day of love and friendship. Our Valentine party will be Thursday, February 14th.

A special Happy 4th Birthday this month to Jordyn, Julian and Adrina!!!

~Ms. Lindsey and Mrs. Foreman



Forward Moving 4's



The new year is off to a fantastic start! We would like you to join us in giving a heartfelt welcome to Mrs. James. She has joined the Appleseed family, and we are very excited to have her with us.

This month's theme is all about Food and Fitness. The children will be learning about the five food groups; the importance of taking good care of our bodies and how to do so; working in the kitchen; and exercise. It will be exciting to watch them "grow" bean sprouts and make their own "rickin' kabobs."

We will be celebrating the 100th day of school on February 4th with a special class activity. Our class party for Valentine's Day will be on February 14th from 11:30-12:30. Please join us for the festivities!

Be sure to check your child's folder for our Home Connection Calendar for great conversation starters. Each day, we work on a new topic, and this is a fun and easy way to get them talking about what they have learned.

Learning Focus: J, L, G, 11, 12, 13, Red, Pink and Heart.

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following students: Jeremiah Peters on the 18th and Isaiah Bobadilla on the 24th.

~Mrs. James and Ms. Fischer

Kinder Korner

It is already February, the month of love! January seemed to just fly by.

My favorite memory from this past month was, "We all read about seeds." I brought a coconut to class, and we touched its rough outside and shook it up before breaking it open. Once it was open, the kids were so excited to try some real coconut and the coconut water. They were surprised to find out that the coconut meat wasn't very sweet, and even more surprised when they tasted the coconut water! Their reactions were priceless!

February will contain some exciting events in class...100th day, Valentine's Party, and a Celebration of all things Dr. Seuss. Watch for important messages about these special activities in your child's daily binder.

Please continue to read and/or listen to your child read EVERYDAY! I cannot stress enough how important this is to their reading development. We will be further developing our reading skills in class this month as we begin to add consonant blends to our "reading tool-box."

We are also making big strides in Math while we practice our counting skills to 100. We will count by 1's as well as perfect our skip-counting. The best way for your child to retain these skills in Reading and Math, is to practice, practice, practice at home! I am really looking forward to all the fun this month has in store for us in Kindergarten!

~Mrs. Johnson

First Grade Fill-In

I cannot believe that we are already half way through the school year! I'm thrilled with

the progress all of my First Graders have made since the beginning of the school year!!

February is going to be full of fun topics and many new strategies. To start off the month, we will begin learning about germs and how they spread, so that we can hopefully prevent it from happening in school and in our homes. We will also be celebrating the 100th day of school on February the 5th. The children are all excitedly awaiting our Valentine's Day party.

February is also dental health month, so we are going to spend a week learning about our teeth and bones.

To wrap up the month, we will be learning about Dr. Seuss (his birthday is March 2nd). That week will be a lot of fun! To show our love and appreciation of great books, we will have a "Storybook Character Dress up Day." We will all be able to think of our favorite books and dress up like a character from the story. I'm really looking forward to that!!

In Science and Social Studies, we will continue our units on Earth's resources and how to preserve them. In Math, we will finish our unit on tens and ones and begin working with money. In Reading and English, we will begin identifying adjectives, as well as working with letter blends that create long vowel sounds. We have also begun working on spelling words again, so please make sure your child is studying these words each day. Also be sure that your child is reading their take-home book every day and that you are signing their binder.

Happy Birthday to Brendan (2-16)

~Ms. Witherspoon

2nd Grade Scoop

February is a month of love and health in our classroom! This month, we will be studying Valentine's Day; our heart and how to keep it healthy; germs and how to keep them away; as well as our teeth and bones. With all the illnesses going around this time of year, it's good to be aware of the germs around you. We will round out February with a unit on Dr. Seuss. That week, the students (and teacher) will get to dress up as their favorite story book character!

The 2nd graders will be looking at new subtraction strategies and fractions (parts of a whole), the history of our country, and light/heat energy consumption. In Language Arts, we will learn theme and plot, summarization, and adverbs.

Last month, we did a unit on our solar system, including making dioramas as a family project. I am so impressed with the amount of work the kids put into their projects! They were all impressive!

We are coming along nicely with our Spanish lessons. This month, we will be mostly working on foods and places in the community. We've also started cursive handwriting. The students are having fun learning this new way to write!

Make sure you encourage your child to read every night, and keep filling up the reading logs! ~Mrs. Taylor