



February Newsletter

Infant One

Happy February! Love is in the air. The babies are busy little bees each day.

We're very excited about our new Lending Library. We can't wait to explore the new books and puzzles.

Make sure to check out our Valentine projects. We're working on something for the Olympics and President's Day as well.

We welcomed Lincoln and his family to our room!

The Mighty Minutes for this month is:

Daddy Loves You

What you do:

1. Sing to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"
 - [Daddy] loves you,
 - [Daddy] loves you,
 - [Abraham], [Abraham].
 - [Daddy] loves his baby,
 - His sweet baby [boy]
 - [Daddy] loves [Abraham]
2. Repeat using other family members' and teachers' name.

We hope you have a love-filled February!

Infant Two

Wow! I can't believe we are already in the second month of the year. The babies are growing so fast and learning new things every day. They really enjoyed playing with the cold snow and painting with frozen ice cubes. They also enjoyed decorating the room with all of the fun winter projects.

The babies have been showing an interest in rhythm. Through music and movement, the babies are increasing their awareness of space. We have provided simple instruments for the children to bang and shake.

Our favorite book to read has been "The Pout-Pout Fish," by Deborah Diesen.

We would like to wish Ariana a very happy birthday on February 10th.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your loved ones. We hope everyone has a great month.

Younger Toddler

What a winter we have had so far! We are doing our best to keep the children busy and get that build up energy out.

Please make sure to check your child's drawer to make sure they still have extra clothes here just in case of wet weather, occasional accidents, and spills.

Your child's folder contains important information. Please check them for art projects, notes, etc. on a daily basis.

This month, we are celebrating Valentine's Day. We are going to make a heart collage with different colors, sizes, and textures. We are also learning that "I Love You" means so much more than just three words, by caring, sharing, and taking turns.

We would like to thank all the parents for the wonderful classroom gifts. The children are having a great time with them – they really enjoy them!

Older Toddler

Will spring be coming sooner or later? We will find out soon when the Groundhog comes out. We will be making some fun shadow art and talking about what seeing and not seeing his shadow means for the groundhog. We will take a vote on if we hope he does, or does not, see his shadow this year.

Next is our unit on love. With Valentine's Day upon us, we are going to take the opportunity to talk about love. Who and what we love most. How do we show them we love them? Gifts, hugs, and favors are all a good way to show someone they are special to you. We will be making our own goodie bags, so you can send in valentines for classmates to take home. Please leave the "to" portion blank in order to make it easier for your child to hand out their valentines.

After Valentine's Day, we will be moving onto our All About Me unit. This is a favorite topic where we celebrate what makes each of us special in our own way. We will be exploring things done at home too. In our discovery table, we will be grown-ups as we do dishes and give the babies a bath like mommies and daddies do. We will use Todd Parr's books about families and diversity to help us enjoy this topic. They are really great acceptance books with colorful pictures. There is so much fun to be had in so little time. Hope everyone has a great Valentine's Day and, if we are lucky, spring will be right around the corner (you can guess what I voted for).



Preschool

It is February in Preschool and we are excited to continue learning and playing! We are looking forward to playing in the snow, so please make sure that your child has a complete change of weather appropriate clothing, and that they have hats, mittens, coats, boots, etc. for outdoor play.

Last month, we worked on the letter J, K, L, M, and N. Please expect to continue to see weekly homework to help reinforce the concepts we are working on. We also had fun doing art projects and enjoyed working on our quilts.

This month we will be focusing on the following topics:

- February 5-9 Friendship, Letter O, Number 14
- February 12-16 Valentine, Letter P, Number 15
- February 19-23 President's Day, Letter Q, Number 16

- February 26-March 2 Dental Health, Letter R, Number 17

We will be using various materials to explore the letters and doing science and art projects in the classroom. We will have activities related to each topic as well. Please feel free to send in items that pertain to the topics to share with the class.

Please check your child's folder daily for important information as well as art projects. Please be sure your child has a change of clothes and winter coat, hat, scarf and gloves, as we go outside (weather permitting).

As always, thank you for your continued support and for sharing your children with us.

Then Preschool teachers

Pre-K

Keeping warm and having fun has not been a problem this past January. The children have enjoyed yoga, knocking down snowman challenges, bowling for letters or numbers, and, of course, dancing.

February will bring chopstick practice, heart math games, and some heart healthy obstacle courses.

We will be diving into an "Animals Around Us" unit, but will be taking a one week break for Valentine's Day/Chinese New Year. We will be talking about pets, farm animals, and insects. We will meet Ms. S (Super Socks), Mr. R (Rainbow Ribbons), Mr. Z (Zipping Zippers), and Mr. I (Impossible Inches).

Currently, we were enjoying trucks in the sensory table. That will get switched out for a valentines theme. In dramatic play, we are having birthday party themed fun and we will be switching to a pet store theme when the children are ready for a change. Weather pending, this month is our turn to head over to the Senior Center to hear stories.

Lastly, we are looking for Kleenex boxes to make Valentine holders. If you have an empty box that we could have, I would be super grateful. Thank you.

Office

*Breakfast is from 7:30-8:30 in all classrooms. Please be sure that your child is here on time if you wish for them to eat breakfast at the center.

- *Please be sure that your child has at least two complete changes of weather appropriate clothing.
- *If you order from Amazon, please consider ordering through Amazon Smile. It is the same as ordering through Amazon, it just gives a donation to a charitable organization of your choice. So, go to Amazon Smile and select Lakewood Community Care Center and you can support us with every purchase!
- *Remember to get your labels from Mabel's Labels. This is a great way to label school supplies and clothing. Be sure to look for LCCC when you order.
- *We are accepting donations to help Lakewood Animal Shelter care for the homeless animals in Lakewood. Attached is a list of all the items the shelter would like. Thank you in advance for your help!
- *We will be launching our Malley's Fundraiser in a few weeks...so keep an eye out for the order forms

- *February 2 – Groundhog Day; Super Bowl Sunday – Wear your favorite football attire; Make Cards for Mail Person
- *February 4 – Thank a Mail Person Day
- *February 5 – Give Cards to Mail Person
- *February 9 – Winter Olympics Start – Wear Red, White, and Blue, Muffins with Mom
- *February 14 – Valentine's Day – Wear Red, Pink, and Purple
- *February 16 – Chinese New Year Starts
- *February 23 – Donuts with Dad
- *February 26 – Tell a Fairy Tale Day
- *February 28 – National Pancake Day



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Groundhog Day Super Bowl Sunday Wear your Favorite Football Attire Make Cards for Mail Person Day	3
4 Thank a Mail Person Day	5 Give Cards to Mail Person	6	7	8	9 Winter Olympics start today Wear Red, White, and Blue Muffins with Mom	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day Wear red, Pink, and Purple	15	16 Chinese New Year Starts	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Donuts with Dad	24
25	26 Tell A Fairy Tale Day	27	28 National Pancake Day			