



## 4's February Newsletter      Mrs. Ziebol-Williams/Mrs. Friday

Happy February everyone! I wanted to take a moment and introduce myself. My name is Heather. I live in Loveland with my wife, Jen, and our 7 children who range in age from 11-19. I've been in the early childhood field for 25 years now working with children directly and supporting and educating others who care for young children. I have spent a few days in the classroom getting to know your children and the daily schedule. I am so excited to officially begin working and playing with your children while building on the work that Mrs. Baumann, Mrs. Friday and Mrs. Dicari have begun.

One thing you may notice is a change in format to our weekly lesson plan. I have added the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards that we will be aligning our lesson plans with each week. There are five abbreviations for learning areas.

- **ATL** = Approaches toward Learning- creativity, being willing to try new experiences
- **SE** = Social-Emotional- relationships, emotions
- **LL** = Language and Literacy- reading and writing development, assigning meaning to words
- **PWMBD** = Physical Well Being and Motor Development- fine and gross motor, nutrition and health
- **CGK** = Cognitive and General Knowledge- Math Concepts, Science and Social Studies

You will also see the **Centers** section that will share changes to our interest areas each week. I am a huge fan of reading so we will be diving into one special book each week while we focus on making predictions, learning new vocabulary and strengthening reading comprehension. There will, of course, be new books in the library corner as well.

Our books will be "Seven Little Postmen", "The Best Things about Valentines", "The Night Before the Tooth Fairy" and "Three Little Kittens"

### **DATES to REMEMBER:**

Thursday, February 6- Chapel- The Fruit of the Spirit is Kindness this month

Wednesday, February 13- Stretch N Grow Class

Thursday, February 13- Valentines Parties from 9:30 -10:30 and 1:00-2:00

Thursday February 13- Sweet Night Out with Dad- AM Class 6:00-7:00, PM Class 7:00-8:00

Monday, February 17- Closed for Presidents Day- NO Little Explorers Class

Please send in a shoebox wrapped in either white paper or a grocery bag paper the week of Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> so that your child may decorate it for Valentine's Day. The AM class has 16 children and the PM class has 14 children. Your child will need to bring in a valentine for each child in the classroom. Please write "friend" in the TO section and have your child practice writing their name on one or two of them in the FROM section. A party sign-up sheet will be on our door next week for those interested in helping with the Valentines Day party on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to check the weekly lesson plans for other special reminders.

We hope you have a great month. Maybe we will finally get to see some snow??

Blessings,

Heather Ziebol-Williams and Amy Friday

