



**Mrs. Vaughan / Mrs. Shapiro**  
**Pre-K January Newsletter**  
**2020**



February will be another fun-filled month! We will be having a party and exchanging valentines on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that your child brings a valentine for each child in the class. (16 children total) Please have your child write each child's name on their valentine and please have them sign their name as well. This is great handwriting practice for them! (The class list is below.) Please send in valentines in a bag labeled with their name by Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help!

Our dramatic play area will be transformed into a post office/valentine's writing station the first half of the month. Donations of unwanted cards (of any kind), envelopes, Valentine's, valentine stickers and pads of paper would be very much appreciated. We will be talking a lot about space once Valentine's Day is over, so the second half of the month, we will change the dramatic play area into a space center. We will also do a few "space" activities and crafts. Our Science center will have balances and weights, ice and snow, microscopes and water beads. I will be reading the children The Balancing Act by Ellen Stoll Walsh which is a great book and a good way to introduce the concept to them. Our sensory table will be an "arctic/polar animal" theme filled with blue water beads, snowballs, ice and arctic animals. Near the end of the month, we will switch to sensory balls and noodles. In Math we will cover the numbers 17-20. They will measure with valentine hearts and snowballs, play heart number cover up games, Valentine's shape matching and count numbers with number cards and candy hearts. We will also continue patterning, sorting and graphing. We will cover the letters Q, R, S and T this month. At our writing center, they will trace/write their first and last names as well as words that begin with our letter of the week. We will play a stamp/envelope beginning sound match, Valentine's letter "dot it" game and Valentine's syllable "move it" activity. They will also stamp winter words in play-doh and take part in our snowflake letter matching or penguin sound match card games. Toward the end of the month, they will trace letters/words/numbers in our snow trays! (blue glitter and salt)

I'm also planning a GAME DAY on February 25<sup>th</sup>. I would like to have 4 or 5 parents come in for an hour or so and play games with the kids. We will break them up into groups and have them spend 10-15 minutes or so at each game and then switch. I will be asking for volunteers a few weeks before.

Throughout the month, please look for our volunteer sign ups outside of our classroom!

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask!

**Special Reminders:** Feb. 5th Chapel  
Feb. 11th Stretch N Grow  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Sweet Night w/Dad (6-8)  
Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> Valentine's party  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> No school (President's Day)

**Star of the Week:** February 3-6 Bennett Thompson/William Doherty  
February 10-13 Sam Schlemmer/Ellie Gordon  
February 24-27 Drew Weigand/Sarah Purdy

**February Birthdays:** February 4<sup>th</sup> – Lyla Cooper  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Graeme Phillips  
February 18<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Purdy

**Class Names for Valentine's:**

AM: Landen, Madeline, Lyla, Benton, Carter, Jack, Isabella, River, Paxton, Drew, Aiden, Sam, Tyler, Bennett, Emmit, Graeme

PM: Owen, Ellie, William, Gabriel, Oliver, Emmett, Sarah, Elizabeth, LeAnn, Lennon, Tyler, Ben, Bennett, Addix, Crosley, Aiden,

