

February News

Room 101- Sarah Mitchell



Happy February everyone! It's hard to believe how quickly January went. The snow and snow day were nice additions to our month of winter stories and activities. We have another fun month of learning ahead! Toward the end of the month I will begin some assessments of the kids that we can discuss at conferences in March. My goal is that these will be fun and the kids won't even notice! It's fun to see how much they've grown and learned!

Learning Theme- Pets and I Love to Read!

February is I Love to Read Month so I thought it would be fun to highlight some of the kids favorite stories. If you haven't done so already, please email me the title and/or send in a copy of your child's favorite book so I can add it to our reading and activity list. We'll also talk about pets, Valentine's Day and I'm sure the Winter Olympics! There won't be a shortage of things to do and learn about in this short month!

Field Trip- Thursday, February 1

On Thursday, February 1, we will take a whole-school field trip to Richardson Nature Center. Please note that students should arrive at 8:45 that morning, dressed in all their winter gear. We will have a short nature hike, as well as explore some of the great indoor spaces there.

February Dates

Field Trip- Richardson Nature Center

Thursday, February 1, 8:45-11:30

Sing & Valentine Delivery to The Waters

Tuesday, February 13

Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 14

NO School

Monday, February 19

Coming in March... MacPhail Field Trip, Thursday, March 1 Conferences March 28 & 29

Music at The Waters-

As you know, The Waters Senior Living is our neighbor to the south. We have decided to share some of the songs we've learned with Ms. Sherry with the residents. We will also deliver valentine art projects we do in class. This should be a fun visit that will surely brighten the day for many of the Waters residents.

Valentine's Day Celebration

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day together as a class. We will decorate bags at school and students can bring valentines for their classmates. Passing out valentines is an exciting way for kids to work on letter recognition as they look for their friends' bags and match the name on the valentine with the name on the bags. Please encourage your student to sign each valentine and help with labeling their cards with classmate names as much as possible. We will also have a valentine treat together and work on a craft. It is sure to be a fun day!

Sharing- **Format Change**

During the month of February we will be changing to a "Kids Teach Kids" model for sharing again. On your student's sharing day they will have 10-15 minutes to teach the class about something. This can be a how-to or informative type demonstration. Please work with

your student ahead of time to come up with an idea and plan for what they will say and do. Be creative but don't stress out too much. Kids can teach their classmates how to make a sandwich, set the table, draw, make or do something and so much more! Thank you for your help with this and let me know if you have questions!

As always, please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, updates, etc. either in person, by phone or text (612-810-5906) or by email (smitchell@lakeharrietumpreschool.org)