

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Calendar Dates:

- Feb. 5th - Tuesday
Preschool T-Shirt day

- Feb. 6th - Wed -Show
& Tell (Musical
instrument)

-Feb. 11th - Monday -
Bring your Valentine
box and cards. /Go to
the Waters to deliver
cards to the residents

-Feb. 12th - Tuesday
Valentine's Day party

-Feb. 13th & 14th
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

- Feb. 18th - Monday -
School closed

-Feb. 19th - Tuesday
Bring your Favorite
things page.

-Feb. 20th - Wednesday
Game day w/ friends
from rm # 102

-Feb. 25th - Feb 28th -
Mrs. Luskey teaches
for Mrs. Jordan

It was fun to see what animals the children wanted to learn about last month.

February Focus

We will read stories and do projects related to Valentine's Day. We will be making a book about our favorite things, watch for a note coming home about the assignment. We will talk about feelings, how to express them and how to recognize our friend's feelings. We will end the month talking about our five senses and music. The dramatic play area will be changing into a "Music studio" where the children can practice being a conductor, musician, audience member etc.

Letters of the month are Tt, Ss & Rr. We will look for the letters in our classroom, in books and magazines as well as talking about how each letter sounds. We will focus on words that begin with the letters we are working on.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

I'm looking forward to having time to talk to you about your child's progress. Please sign up for a conference, the sign-up sheet is by the door. I am available for phone conferences if you are unable to get to school. Conferences last about 20 minutes and your child does not attend the conference. There will be no classes on Wednesday, Feb. 13th and Thursday, Feb. 14th due to conferences. There will be a note in your child's bag asking for questions or concerns you want discussed at your conference.

Sign Language

We will learn how to sign
I love you and Happy
Valentine's Day.

Science experiments/ STEM activities

We have been having fun doing science experiments. The children are getting good at asking questions, making a hypothesis, making observations & processing the data to make a conclusion. Evelyn showed us about objects that sink and float.

Estimation jar

We have started our estimation jar. Each child will get a turn to fill the estimation jar for the other children to "guess" estimate how many items are in the jar. Examples: Legos, noodles, jelly beans, Barbie shoes etc. So far we have counted Pokemon figures & beans. We will practice counting by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. The jar goes home on Mondays.

Corduroy

Corduroy continues his adventures with our classmates; he is ready for fun on his second adventure with the children. Last month he spent time at Ames, Oliver & Tycho houses and it sounds like he had fun. Chester is our raccoon puppet that comes to your house for a weekend to stay with you. Have fun and don't forget to take him with you on any adventures you may go on. I will give you a page that you can draw or put a picture on and then tell a little about what Corduroy did with your family. Have fun.

Star of the Week

This is a special time for your child; they get to be the "Star" for a week. Please bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on their special bulletin board. They also can bring show and tell everyday they are the "Star". You will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Week of:

Feb. 4 th	Solomon
Feb. 11 th	No star / Phoenix
Feb. 18 th	Phoenix
Feb. 25 th	Oliver

The Star of the week will be our person to call names to line up. To add a twist to calling names, I have been asking the children to describe something about the other children: such as the color of their clothes, type of shoes, the letter that their name starts with etc.

Happy Birthday

Tycho's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 1st / Oliver's birthday on the 13th / Cora's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 21st

We will be celebrating each child's birthday as close as we can to their day (or $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday, if their birthday is in the summer). Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day. Many parents like to come on that day to have snack with the class and read a story of your child's before going outside. Please let me know if you would like to come. Thanks.

Valentine's Day Party

Please decorate a shoe box or Kleenex size box and cut a large hole in the top, put your name on it and bring it to school by Monday, February 11th, have fun. We will show them to our friends and talk about how we decorated them and who helped us. There is a note in your child's bag too. There is a helper sign up by the door if you want to help at our party on Tuesday the 12th.

Looking ahead

Silent Auction - Week of March 4th-7th at the bottom of the stairs. Bid on a basket, Breakfast with me etc.

Thank you to Mary (Evelyn's mom) and Meaghan (Solomon's mom) for helping us on our trip to the Works museum. We had a great time.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Thanks