



February News—Room 206

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Hello and welcome to another fun month of learning in Room 206! We have many fun events to look forward to this month.

Important Dates

February 1st: Barnes & Noble Galleria Book Fair—9:30-12:30

February 4th: LHUMP t-shirt Tuesday

February 13th: **Valentine's Day Party!**

February 17th: NO SCHOOL

February Learning Themes

Emotions and Fairy Tales!

We have two learning themes this month, as we discuss emotions and fairy tales. Fairy tales teach young children many things including:

- Setting, characters, and plot
- Fiction vs. non-fiction
- Beginning, middle, and end

They also show children how to handle problems, build emotional resiliency, develop imagination, and teach lessons in fantastical settings.

Book Fair!

Please join the LHUMP community on Saturday, 2/1, for a book fair at Barnes & Noble in the Galleria Shopping Center. Come hear a special teacher story time and shop for your favorites. I'll be reading at 10:00!

Valentine's Day

When sending valentine cards with your child, please send one for each classmate (eleven students, two teachers), but please refrain from addressing "To," as it will be easier for your child to distribute. Encourage them to **sign their own names** if they are willing, but you know your child best—please follow their lead. If you would like to join us or volunteer for our Valentine's Day party, please send me a message! We'd love to have you.

Welcome Oreo!

We're all smitten with our new buddy, Oreo! He is a Syrian teddy bear hamster baby, adopted from Animal Humane Society. Every day we are working to keep him comfortable, active, and healthy by providing a great diet, fresh water, and enrichment. He's so floofy!

Winter Outerwear

A reminder that we will be working on getting on winter outerwear together each day in the following order:

Shoes off

- Snow pants
- Boots
- Coat
- Scarf/neck warmer
- Hat

Try to zip 3x

- Mittens/gloves

Students are mastering their self-help skills with pride and have made solid progress over the season. Doing each step as a group has allowed for peer-to-peer assistance and I love watching friends helping each other.

Contact Me

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. My e-mail address is tvandeboom@lakeharrietumpreschool.org and I can also be contacted via brightwheel.