

Stepping Stones News

Stepping Stones Preschool Newsletter ~ February 2010
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theme:
"Flying, Floating,
Falling"

color:
Pink, Purple

shape:
Heart

letters:
Q, U, V, L

number:
7

Feb. 5
PS 1 & 2
Pink & Purple
Days

Feb. 10-11
Pink & Purple
Days
Valentine Parties

Feb. 12 & 15
NO SCHOOL &
President's Day

Feb. 24-26
Bible Story

Feb. 25
In-House
Enrollment
6 pm

Feb. 28
Church Enrollment

March 3
Open Enrollment

One of my favorite songs is "I hope you'll dance" by LeeAnn Womack. What a positive statement to make to the people we love! Our Bible Story this month also will talk about the joy of life and dancing!

A part of Conscious Discipline is the "I love you" rituals. They have four goals to make:

1. I love you rituals optimize your child's brain for success at school and in life.
2. I love you rituals increase your learning potential and effectiveness through touch.
3. I love you rituals create loving traditions that hold families together even through the roughest times.
4. I love you rituals strengthen the bond between adults and children that insulates children from drugs, violence, and peer pressure; laying the foundation for mental and emotional health.

Two of the "I love you" rituals we use here were shown in pictures on the front Bulletin Board recently.

Peter Peter Pumpkin eater, had a friend he like to greet;
Treated him with kind respect, and in the morning hugged his neck.

Twinkle, twinkle little star, what a wonderful child you are!
With bright eyes and nice round cheeks, talented person from heat to feet.
Twinkle, twinkle little star, what a wonderful child you are!
There are I love you rituals for almost any occasion. Doesn't this next one make you feel better?

A wonderful woman lived in a shoe. She had so many children, she knew exactly what to do. She held them, she rocked them and tucked them in bed.
"I love you, I love you" is what she said.

What great new ideas we have yet to learn. Have a Happy Valentine's Day and "Dance."

Miss Diane

Bible Story
Life's a Dance

"The Joy of the Lord is your Strength"
Nehemiah 8:10

I've got the Joy Joy Joy Joy
Down in my heart, Where?
Down in my heart. Where?
Down in my heart.

As we think of Valentine's, we think of fun, love, parties and chocolate (a great joy to all our staff members here). But the best joy of all is to think of God in our heart. I will talk about King David being joyful in song and dance. A science experiment will have two cups dancing.
Keep the joy of the

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In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday

Would you,
Could you,
Read to us?
There's no need to
make a fuss!
Pick a day and
time that work for you;
That is all you need to do.
Don't forget to bring a book!



(Or you can get one from our library nook).

We hope you'll come to spend some time
And maybe read us a great rhyme!



I can!
I can!
I'd like to read!

March _____ at _____

is the time I need.

Parent

Enrollment Time

The week of February 15 we will send home enrollment forms. You can return your forms on Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 we will have church enrollment, March 3 we will have open enrollment during the daytime.

Valentines for classmates can just be signed by your child, envelopes can be left blank. Be sure to bring enough for each child in your classroom.



Did you notice the large poster on the Birthday Board which said "We Love You, Jude" ?

Jude Martinez is in Miss Jaime's Blue Room. He is currently being treated for Stage 4 Burkitt's Lymphoma at Children's Mercy Hospital. We have daily updates on the bulletin board. We have great news that the tumor has shrunk 75% - we are witnessing a miracle. We need to keep our prayers going until he is totally out of the woods.

You can go to www.CaringBridge.com to check on Jude daily. Keep on praying.

Notes from your teachers . . .

Miss Anne —

Well, we froze our way through January, so now we will warm our hearts with love in February! We will begin our month by meeting “Lee’s Summit Lucy,” our local groundhog—will she see her shadow? Then we will prepare for our Valentine’s Day parties. We will make mailbags for our Valentine exchange. The “heart game” is always a favorite activity, and we will enjoy the flannel story of “Who Will Choose Me?” We will explore flying and floating at the end of the month as we learn about airplanes and boats. We will experiment with sinking and floating objects. Don’t forget—NO SCHOOL on Friday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 15.

Miss Dawn —

Hello my Yellow Room friends! We are going into February flying high on hearts for Valentine’s Day. We start out our Valentine’s Day really fast. The first Friday in February is our Valentine’s Day Party for Friday class. Then the next week on Wed. Feb., 10th and Thurs., Feb. 11 we will have parties. I’m going to ask if you will please provide \$2.00 so that our class can have pizza and lunch for the kids. I think they all will love this. This month we are going to go over our number 7 and the colors Pink & Purple, which by the way our Color Days are on the same day as our Valentine’s Day parties.

Just a little reminder we are going to have NO SCHOOL Friday, Feb. 12 and Monday, Feb. 15 for President’s Day. Have a great month!

Miss Kim —

I can’t believe it’s already February! The holidays are past us and we are back into our routine. We start February with Groundhogs Day. Will our groundhog see his shadow? We will find out. Feb. 5 is our Valentine’s Day Party for Friday kiddos, the 10th for M-W and the 11th for T-Th. Instead of signing up for snacks for the party, we are asking each parent to donate \$2 for your child for their party. We will be getting cheese pizza, snack and a drink. This will be our lunch, so please do not send a lunch on party day. We will also be working on a special art for the March bulletin board outside Miss Diane’s office, so keep an eye out for our artwork. Our color days this month are on our party days, and we will have Bible Story on the 24th through 26th.

Miss Madeline, Miss Lori & Miss Lisa —

We are off to a great 2nd half of the school year and with a new theme that means the Pink and Purple Rooms will be immersed in all that is flying, floating and falling. We will start the month off with a Groundhog shadow art project. Then for our Valentine’s Day party on the 10th & 11th, the Love Bug will be coming for a visit. We have a few edible projects planned and a wide variety of science experiments to keep us busy all month long. Special events include our Pink & Purple Color Day on the 10th/11th and a special Bible Story on the 24th & 25th. We want to thank all of you for sharing your children with us. We are having such a wonderful time and are so pleased with everyone’s growth.

Miss Dianne —

Will you be my Valentine? We will make Valentines, decorate boxes, and create swirly hearts as we get ready for our Valentine Party. (Party sign-up sheets on Blue Counter). On the day of the party, your child should bring a Valentine for each of their friends in class (a small treat can accompany the card if you would like). Also, each child needs to bring a wrapped cereal box (open on the top) to use as their valentine box (by Feb. 3rd). You may wrap the box in white, pink, red, purple, floral/heart paper. We will decorate them at school. If you would like to donate Valentine stickers for this, that would be awesome! The children love passing out and collecting Valentine's and party days are always special! The rest of February will find us falling, floating and flying. We will play "Will it float?", drop popcorn/paint onto paper, and make balloon paintings. Here are a few of our February books: Valentine Cats, Pinkalicious, The Best Thing About Valentines, In the Air and The Little Red Plane.

P.S. Pre-Ks: Keep practicing addresses and phone numbers. I am running late on evaluations, but I will get them done.

Miss Jamie

We are hoping Mr. Groundhog brings us good news as we "fly" into February! We will begin our month with some spring predictions! We will make our own groundhog and his burrow. Then we jump right into Valentine's Day activities! We will make a Valentine's Day mouse, a cupcake art and our own cat boxes for Valentines! We will also talk about our teeth as February is Dental Health Month! We will end the month playing Post Office as we make some things to help us practice our address and phone numbers! Some books we will read this month are: If You Give a Cat a Cupcake, Sweethearts, Clifford's Valentines and The Substitute Groundhog. Some important dates this month: Feb. 10 & 11—Parties. Look on the Blue Counter for sign-ups as we will make our own heart shape pizzas! Also there is NO SCHOOL Feb. 12 & 15.

*Miss Trish —*

Happy February! Our school year is moving right along, and February is going to be a very busy month. We have a lot going on this month. We are going to celebrate Valentine's Day, Clifford, the Big Red Dog's Birthday and talk about dental health. We will wrap the month up by focusing on learning our address and phone number. (Please make sure that I have the correct information for your child. I don't want to teach them the wrong thing.) It would be great if you would start talking to your child about their address and phone number so they are at least familiar with it when we start talking about it in class. Have a great month.

Miss Jennifer —

Happy Valentine's Day! We are going to have a great month in the Brown Room. We will start off the month learning about Groundhog Day. We will have a prediction graph of whether or not the groundhog will see his shadow. We will dive right in to floating things and the concept of floating. There will be quite a few science experiments this month to help us learn about flying, floating and falling. Falling in love, of course, is great for Valentine's Day! We will have our Valentine's Day parties on Wed. Feb. 10th & Thurs. Feb. 11th, as there is No School on Feb. 12th or 15th. Please help your child prepare 12 Valentines with no names in the "To" part on them and your child's name on the "From" part. There will be a sign-up list on the cubbies for the party so keep an eye out for that. We will learn about the number 7, letters Q & U, V, L and pink and purple. Some of our books we will enjoy are: Gretchen Groundhog, It's Your Day by Abby Levine, You Can Fly a Jet Plane by Carolyn Bracken, Mouse's First Valentine by Lauren Thompson and many more. Let's have a great month together!