



Love is all around us!



Kindergarten
Mrs. Valiant

February 2016

Important dates to remember



February 2: Groundhog Day



February 4 & 5: Student-Led Conferences (early dismissal days: 12:30pm)

February 8: BC Family Day
(no school)

February 9: Ministry directed New Curriculum Implementation Day.
(no school)

February 12: Whole Class Valentine Celebration

Classroom Update

February is quickly becoming a very busy month! Please check out the important dates.

Student Led Conferences & Parent Appointments

Student led conferences will be held Thursday February 4th from 1:00-4:30pm and Friday February 5th from 12:45-2:30pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm both on Thursday and Friday. Please refer to the **orange** confirmation sheet that was sent home with your child for your scheduled time. Due to the time constraints and out of respect for all participants, it is requested that you be on time for your student led conference. *****For the early dismissal days please send both a snack and lunch as usual.**

Hip Hop Finale

I hope you enjoyed the little performance that the students put on for you showing all of their new hip hop moves! The students had so much fun learning the dances and then getting to show you. Thank you for all of your support!

Valentine 's Day

If your child wishes to participate in the distribution of Valentines, a card should be prepared for **every** member of the class. (Please refer to the list sent home for student names.) Printing the name is a wonderful opportunity to practice the letters we have been working on in class. Addressing five cards a day may be enough to handle, so begin early! The cards can be brought to school starting February 10th. Homemade cards are always encouraged and if you are attaching a treat to the cards please keep in mind that we have peanut/nut allergies in the pod.

February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!



February 18: 100th Day Celebration

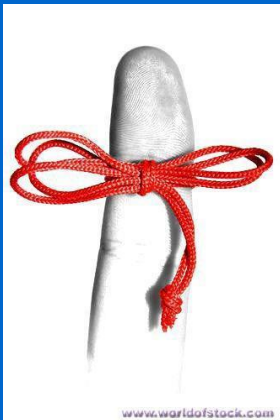
February 19: Pro-D Day (no classes) February 26:

Harmony Day

February Birthday



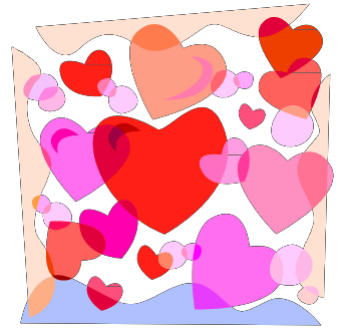
8 - Liam
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Students are reminded to bring in their completed Homework Calendar for the month of January. Keep up the good work!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in our class on Friday, February 12th. We will read a Valentine story, discuss friendship and empathy, make some crafts and share some treats.

I will be looking for volunteers to bake some cookies or other Valentine treats (fruits and veggie trays) to be dropped off at school that day. Please let me know if you can help. Thank you!



100th Day of School Celebration

Our 100th day will be February 18th! There will be a number of activities planned around the number 100, a few of which we will share with the other Kindergarten classes. Our Show and Tell will also incorporate 100! Look for the letter in the Home Bags. I will also be looking for volunteers to contribute some snacks that day, so please watch for the sign-up sheet outside our class. Thank you again! ☺

February Theme:

Family and Friends

Valentine's Day is the perfect celebration for our theme this month, as we discuss what it means to be a good friend and part of a family. Story time, math activities and crafts will all be centered around this friendly theme.

Support at Home

Here are some things you can practice at home with your child:

In Math:

- sorting objects and having your child tell you what rules they applied to sort them (color, shape, size, texture, etc.)
- associating numbers to 15 with matching quantities

In Reading and Writing:

- when reading stories, practice tracking the text with your finger
- listen for beginning sounds in familiar words
- find words starting with those sounds

Sight Words:

We have just begun to learn sight words in class. These are high frequency words that are not always easy to sound out as many of them break the rules. (said, the etc...) You may have noticed a set of our first five words was sent home last Friday. You are invited to cut out the words to play (practice) a variety of games that are explained on the orange sheet that was sent with them. Each Friday I will send a new list of words that we have been learning in class for you to cut out and add to your collection. Keep the practice short and fun and only work with 10 words at a time. You will know your child has mastered the sight words when they can recognize the word within 2-3 seconds.

Parent Reading

Originally I had planned to have the Parent Reading on Friday February 26th. That is not going to work as we will be having our Harmony Day assembly during that time of the day. I am hoping to have the Parent Read on Thursday February 25th instead. If that does not work for the parents that have said they would read in the class please let me know



as we may have to cancel the February Parent Read.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school: 250-870-5136, before or after school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Valiant



