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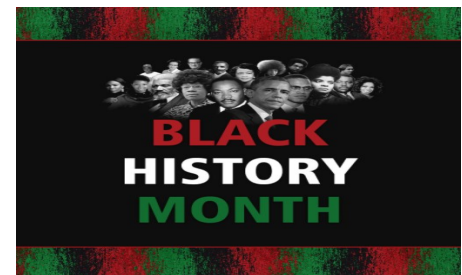
February Greetings From Ms. Angela

February is here! We had such a fun and crazy January. Seeing our first real snow in a couple of years, recuperating from all of the holiday fun, a couple of weeks of illness, a crazy rain storm, the ups and downs of Ravens playoffs- all made for a few busy weeks. As we are raising and teaching children, we often say the next season or week or day will be better but it always seems to come with busier times full of ups and downs.

As we head into February, I want to encourage you to once again refocus on what we want to teach our kids, what we want to value as important. Of course, February is the month of love and Valentine's Day. We work to show our family how much and how we love them. It is also a month to celebrate diversity and appreciate how God made us each so special and unique and to encourage our young friends to value what makes them special and what makes their friends special.

In February, we will learn about Asian New Year which is celebrated on Saturday, February 10. Our classrooms will learn about some of the traditions held in these cultures and celebrate with some fun crafts, parades and snacks. If your family has specific traditions associated with Asian New Year, please talk with your child's teacher or Elise or myself, so we can share your knowledge and experiences with the children.

February, is also Black History Month. The classes will spend time learning about important contributions and sacrifices of African Americans who have helped shape our country. We want the children to both see and acknowledge each of their gifts, how they are different and also the same as those around them. We want them to know that God created them for a specific purpose and that no matter where they come from, what they look like, they will make great contributions to their homes, families and communities.



Each room will introduce important historical contributors in different and age appropriate ways. I have found that just exposure through books is one of the best ways we can teach our children. Looking for books that are both “mirrors and windows” is important. “Mirrors” in books allow us to see ourselves. “Windows” in books allow us to look into the lives of those that are different in us. It’s important that our children have both in their lives.

Here is a great list of books to introduce Black History Month to our youngest learners:

Dream Big, Little One by Vashti Harrison

Follow Your Dreams, Little One by Vashti Harrison

Little Legends (Both Men and Women) by Vashti Harrison

Shades of Black: A Celebration of our Children by Sandra L. Pinkney

The I Look Up To.... Series By Anna Membrino and Fatti Burke

The ABCs of Black History by Rio Cortez

● *Mae Among the Stars* by Roda Ahmed

● *Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* by Monica Clark- Robinson and Frank Morrison

● *I am Every Good Thing* by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy and Euka Holmes

Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas by Jeanne Walker Harvey and Loveis Wise

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Have You Thanked an Inventor Today? By Patrice McLaurin

I could really add so many more books. We all get comfortable reading the same stories and so do our children. I encourage you to add a new book or two to their favorites at bed time. Have conversations with them about different cultures around their communities here and internationally. It will help this generation grow up to be more open and understanding of others differences but also to appreciate and value their own uniqueness.

With Love,
Ms. Angela



RED Room

Happy New Year Red Room Families! We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones. We were very busy in the month of January. Our first week back we talked about the new year! We went over the numbers 2-0-2-4, and talking about how we celebrated the new year. We also discussed health and talked about the different ways we can take care of our bodies.

For two weeks we discussed winter weather and animals. We even got to experience our own winter weather-SNOW! Thank you to all of you who sent in pictures of our friends in the snow. If you have not already, please send in snow pictures of your little one. We would love to make a snow day book to add to our library! Our next until was Feelings. We talked all about how we feel and how to handle our big feelings.

We will start our February by learning about opposites. Then we will have our shapes unit for 2 weeks. On February 14th we will be having our Valentine's Day party. Please keep a look out for our party list that will be posted by the sign in/out clipboard. If your child does not attend school that day, they may come in for our party that starts at 10:00AM. with an adult. On the next page is a complete list of our Red Room friends for any Valentine's you wish to send in. Following our shapes unit will be the Zoo unit. We will discuss different types of zoo animals, along with some fun facts about them. Our last unit for February will be our Dr. Seuss unit! We will be reading lots of fun books and learning new rhyming words.

Thank you all for sharing your precious gifts with us and trusting us to encourage their love of learning.

Happy February Birthdays to Yuta (2/8), Daisy (2/9),
and Cole (2/14)!

Love, Ms. Aleia, , Ms. Sharon, Ms. Karen, & Ms. Michelle



RED Room Friends

Margot

Dash

Daisy

Charles

Wells

Josiah

Kaisei

Theo

Georgia

Yuta

Kai

Cole R.

Kathleen

Leo

Ruth

Cole W.



YELLOW Room



The Yellow Room is excited to head into February with lots of talk about love, space, and the Lunar New Year! We will be working on rhyming words, opposites, and writing our names. February is Black History Month so we will be learning and celebrating the contributions that have made the world a better place. We will end the last week of February with all Eric Carle stories and activities.

We will have a Valentine's Day party this month too! Information to come home soon!

Your children have been working so well together! It is always exciting to see their growth and the friendships they are making!

Happy February Birthday to Ms. Bev on February 22nd!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Bess, and Ms. Judi



BLUE Room

We had such a wonderful January learning all about snow, ice, and winter animals. We are looking forward to all the fun we will be having in February. We are starting the month learning all about opposite! The next week we will be learning about Asian New Year and will talk about their traditions, history, and foods they eat in the Asian culture. We will then celebrate Valentine's Day and have a week all about love!

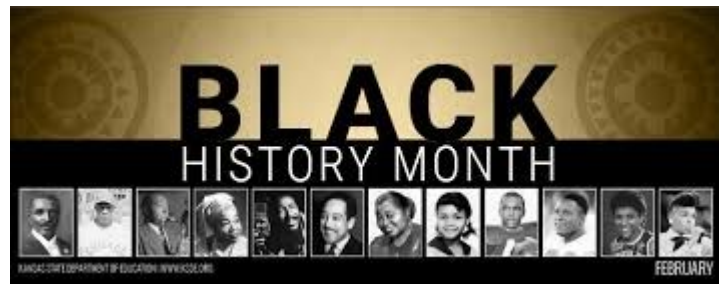


We will be having our Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14th and will be exchanging cards. A party sign up will be posted on the main door and a list of children in the class will be sent home for the Valentine exchange.

Happy Birthday to Isla on February 6th!

With Love,

Ms. Dominique, Ms. Ellie Ms. Angela, and Ms. Celina



GREEN Room



Dear Parents,

The Green Room friends have had a great start to the New Year! We have been very busy learning about the season of winter and how animals adjust to this season. We have learned about three concepts: hibernation, migration and adaptation. It's impressive how well the children have understood these challenging words and concepts! We also learned about Martin Luther King and how he led people to live in peace and respect others.

Moving into February...

The themes for the month of February will be: Ground Hog Day, God's Love and Friendship/ Valentine's Day, Black History, and Planets and Space. We will learn about Jesus' miracles and how God cares for us and how to treat others. During the theme of Black History, we will introduce the children to famous Black Americans and their contributions to society. During the space unit, we will learn about the sun, the moon, and each of the planets. We will also learn about celebrating the A

February Skills and Developments:

The Green Room friends will start to have simple homework activities each week. More information will be coming soon.

We will start to introduce sight words. Sight words are words that are read frequently and do not need to be sounded out, for example: the, I, and, have, at, you, are, me, etc. Along with the sight words, the children will be introduced to sentence structure.

We will also begin using Little Readers. Little Readers are simple stories using sight words. The children will take a reader home each week or so, and can practice reading the sight words at home.

The math skills will be: AABC patterns, the teen numbers, ordinal numbers, making comparisons, and simple addition.

Upcoming Events:

1. Monday, February 12th is the field trip!
2. We will have a Valentine's Day Party on Wednesday, February 14th. There will be a sign up sheet for the party next to the sign in and out clip board. We will also send a class list for Valentines through the DoJo App.

Happy Birthday to Brian on February 19th!

Thank you for your support! We love teaching your children!

Ms. Betsy, Ms. Carol, and Ms. Dawn



PURPLE Room

Happy February Purple Room Families! The month of January really flew by... not to mention 5 whole months of school! Everyone has grown so very much, not only in size, but in skill, and their social/emotional development. Our hearts are full, and we are proud.

We have enjoyed learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., winter weather, arctic animals, hibernation, migration, adaptation, and even hibernated our own class bears (giving us another fun pajama day)!

We will begin homework in February. We hope the children will enjoy the activities, which will be sent home only once per week, in a special Homework folder. This should not be a burden, and will either review and/or practice a skill from school. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We will continue to work on sight words, usually one per week, building on those from the week/s before. This is mainly for exposure. Some children will absorb it, and others may take longer... both are okay! We will learn about Ground Hog Day, Asian New Year, dental health, Valentine's Day, and space. We will celebrate our 100th day of school too (stay tuned for more information)!

Focus in February will be on letters Oo, Qq, Cc, and Gg... and, numbers 15, 16, and 17 with a review, of our previously learned numbers. Our new pattern will be an AABC, beginning mid-month, after we really grasp the ABC pattern. The children will continue to find their birthdays on their door tag, but will begin telling us their birthday, in addition to the password each morning. Additionally, we will create another classroom book, starring your children as the authors and illustrators!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a class party on Wednesday, February 14th . A sign-up will be posted outside of the classroom (by the sign-in/out sheet) soon. We will exchange Valentine's cards as well. We have 16 children total in the Purple Room. Please leave the envelopes blank for easier distribution. Thank you for sharing your children with us, as they bring us such happiness. We are honored to be their teachers.

Love, Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate



Bible Stories with Pre-K

September: Introduction of the Bible, Creation, Adam Named the Animals; God Created Families

October: Noah's Ark, Abraham & Lot, David-shepard

November: David & Jonathan, Ruth Gleans the Wheat

December: Jesus is Born, Wisemen, Jesus Helps Joseph

January: Jesus goes to Church, Jesus Chooses 12 Helpers, Jesus and the Children

February: Jesus Feeds 5,000, Healed Blind Man, Four Friends, Ten Lepers

MUSIC NOTES

In January the children enjoyed singing songs about the winter and snow. We used felt snowflakes, scarves, and even jingle bells to celebrate winter. The children used rhythm sticks to tap out a beat as we sang "Frosty the Snowman". We will continue singing about winter the last two weeks of February, but the first two weeks will be dedicated to Valentine's Day.

Singing and movement is so much fun! Every class enjoys the time together.

Love, Ms. Claire



Art with Ms. Carol

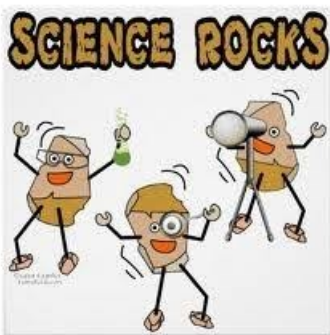
In February we will be doing some Valentine's Day art projects inspired by artist Jim Dine. We will also celebrate Black History Month by learning about artists Alma Thomas, Jean Michel-Basquiat, and Faith Ringgold.

Towards the end of the month we will begin our art project that we are doing in collaboration with Ms. Dawn's Science class. Look for more information about this collaboration at our art show in April.



Science News from Ms. Dawn

I am so excited we finally got some snow! And now I am excited that it is melting! We have continued to learn about simple machines: springs (Slinkies), ramps, wheels, pulleys, and levers. We will end with building our own machines out of recycled items. We are also collaborating with Ms. Carol, our Art Teacher. We are recycling our used markers and making homemade watercolors. We will be doing a project that focuses on a surprise artist. Look for a display at our annual art show. In February we will discuss rocks and minerals. We will even have a special guest, who is a rock hound, come visit us! Because.....remember, SCIENCE ROCKS!



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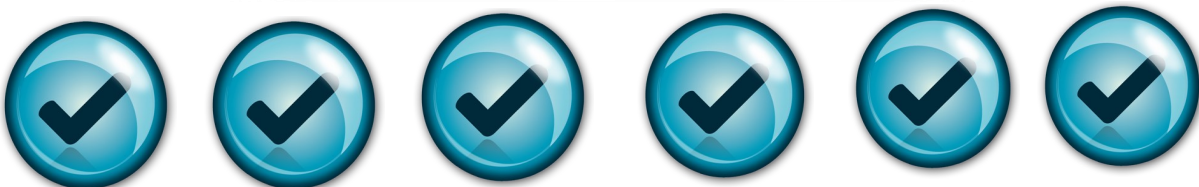
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Dates to Remember

Monday, February 19th: WEE **Closed** for President's Day

Upcoming Dates in March

Thursday, March 7: WEE **Closed**-Staff Professional Day

Monday, March 25th: **Spring Break begins**

February is ACTC Food Drive Month!

All month we will be collecting donations for the ACTC Food Party.

Please put donations in the boxes by the front doors.

The requested items are:

Hearty Soups

Thank you!



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