

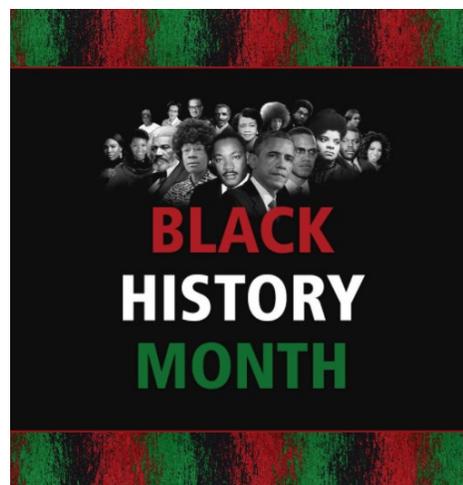
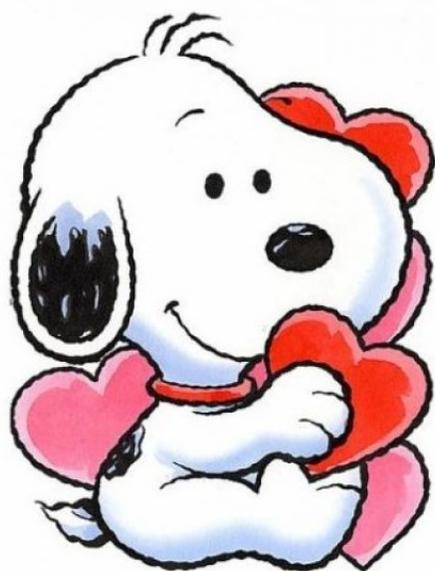
Woodbrook Early Education

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February Greetings From Ms. Angela

February- the month of love! We celebrate love in so many ways with our children and families. Many might give chocolates, cards, small tokens to those they love. We model the way we love for our children. How can you do this best with preschoolers? The Bible is clear about how important love is to show and share with others. Love is mentioned 551 times in the NIV translation. It is the greatest commandment given by Jesus. “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is exactly like it: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”

– Matthew 22:36-40.



I want to focus on the second part of this verse- “Love your neighbor as yourself.” It seems lately that we need to all remember this more now than ever before. There are so many things that seem to separate us. As we enter Black History month, we also want to focus on sharing the great things that make everyone unique and special and to celebrate those differences. This is a great way to show love to others. Loving what makes each person special and an individual. We model for our children how we learn about the world around us and how to treat others. It starts at such a young age. The way we speak to each other, love each other, and handle frustrations with each other (even when we disagree) is all taught to our children in the way we behave.

I saw a cute idea that would be fun for young children. Each day, write down something that you love about each person that lives in your house on a paper heart. Tape these hearts to their door or even a common space in the house. Then, when we get to Valentine’s day, you can review all the things that you love about each person. For young children, have them draw pictures on paper hearts each day. Maybe just one per day not per person if drawing isn’t their favorite thing. You can then write what they said they drew. It might be they love a favorite meal you make or that you read to them at night. Even if your child isn’t interested in drawing or writing what they love, do it for them. It’s important that they hear what makes them special and loved each day!

Love,

Ms. Angela



RED Room

Welcome to a New Year of hope, healing, and love. In January the Red Room we are promoting independence and joy! In January we did lots of winter and winter animal studies. We discussed science words such as migrate, camouflage, and hibernate.

For February we will enjoy the traditions of the Asian New Year and Valentine's Day. We will also hold events and explore the Winter Olympics. Some other themes for February will be shapes, opposites, and transportation.

Be on the look out for sign up sheets for an Asian New Year party and a Valentine's Day party (dates to be determined).

Thank you for your continued support in taking precautions and for all of your flexibilities. Thank you for trusting us with your children and letting us play and learn with them.

Love, Ms. Karen, Ms. Sharon, Ms. Barb & Ms. Stacey





YELLOW 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 off learning about the Asian New Year. It is the year of the tiger. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day the following week as we talk about love. We will be having our party (date TBD) and will be exchanging cards. A party sign up and a list of the children's names will be sent home via email. The third week of February we will be talking about Black History and the contributions that have made the world better.

We will end the month with our space week as we travel to the moon and learn about the stars. It will be a busy month!

Your children are working well with each other. They have made so many good friendships. Some of the skills that are practiced every day are letter recognition, number recognition, and engaging together at circle time. We are working on rhyming, opposites, and beginning to write our names. We will also start Show and Tell on January 31st.

Happy February Birthday to Quinn on February 9th, Sammy on February 12th, and to Ms. Bev on February 22nd!

Love,

Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Judi





BLUE Room

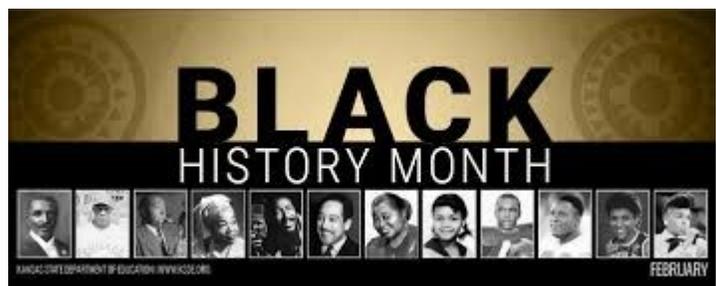
We had such a wonderful January learning all about snow, ice, and winter animals. We are looking forward to all the fun we will be having in February. We are starting the month off learning about the Asian New Year. It is the year of the tiger! We will be making dragons and some of our friends will be learning how to use chop sticks. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day the following week as we talk about love. We will be having our party on Monday, February 14th and will be exchanging cards. A party sign up and list of names will be sent home. The third week of February we will be talking about Black History Month and the contributions that have made the world a better place. We will wrap up the month with our space unit as we take a trip to the moon and learn about the stars. It will be a busy and fun month!

Your children are working so well together. They have made so many great friendships. Some of the skills practiced every day are letter recognition, number recognition, and engaging together at circle time. We are working on rhyming, opposites, and beginning to write our names. We will also start show and tell in February.

Happy January Birthday to Lina on 1/14! Happy February Birthday to Sophie on 2!

With love,

Ms., Celina, Ms. Dominique, Ms. Marsha, & Ms. Sierra



GREEN Room



Hello Parents,

We hope the month of January was a healthy and happy start to the new year!

During January, the children enjoyed learning a bit about Polar/Arctic Animals, hibernation, and the season of winter. We also started a Bible story series about the miracle of Jesus.

As the new year began, we also began to implement more structured activities and lessons for the children. In addition to our circle instruction time in the morning, we also provided a math and/or reading/writing (ELA) activity every day during center time. These activities happen within small groups of children. The specific lessons are described every day in the WEE daily notes that go home in the folders.

In addition to the "academic" lessons, we also provide a craft or art lesson during center time. The third option is free play in either Blocks, table top games, or Home Living. Then the children are rotated through all three centers. We will continue this process through out the rest of the year, and gradually add more academic learning as the children get closer to Kindergarten. The children have responded very well to this rotating system which will familiarize them to a Kindergarten structure of learning.

During February, we will focus on the following themes: Asian New Year, God's Love and Friendship, the Planets and Space, and Black History. 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 each of the planets. Space is usually a favorite topic for Pre-K children.

Upcoming Events:

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th. The children may exchange Valentine's Cards with each other. A class list was sent home and a sign up is coming soon.

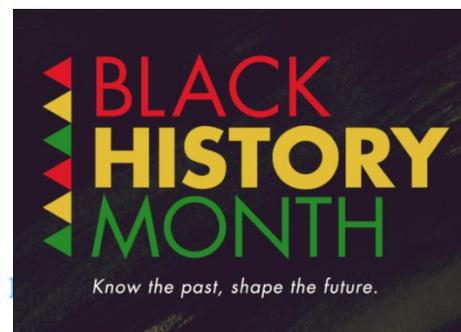
As always, thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement! Your children are true blessings to us! They give us joy and love each day.

Sincerely,

Ms. Betsy and Ms. Carol

*There is not a day when everyone in the class attends school. If your child does attend school on Mondays they can bring their cards then. If they do not come on Mondays they can bring their cards in on Tuesday (2/15). If you would like to add Monday please reach out to Ms. Angela or Ms. Elise.

Happy January Birthday to Norah (1/3) and Elliott (1/19)!



PURPLE Room



Dear Purple Room Families,

We hope this finds you well....and staying warm! It is hard to believe that January is coming to an end, and 5 months of school as well! The children have grown so much; not only in size, but with skills! Our hearts are full of pride and joy. In January, we enjoyed learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., all about winter: winter weather, winter clothing, winter animals... including hibernation, migration, and adaptation. We look forward to waking our classroom hibernating bears in the spring (only 48 days away)! We also celebrated Darla's birthday on 1/7! Happy Birthday, Darla!

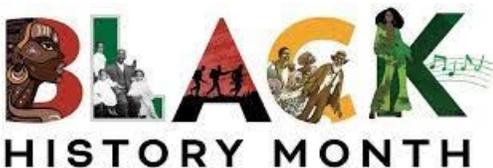
February will bring learning about the letters Kk, Oo, & Qq, new sight words, AABC pattern, Asian New Year, Groundhog Day, Olympics, president, kindness, friendship, love, and of course, Valentine's Day! We will have a classroom Valentine's Day celebration on Tuesday, 2/15 (all our friends are here this day). Look for a Sign-Up Genius soon! We will exchange Valentine cards with our classmates, so please send those in on, or before Tuesday, 2/15. We have 11 wonderful students in our class (class list to follow)!

Additionally, we will be exchanging a "Surprise Valentine", where each child will select another classmate's name and prepare a special Valentine at home, with you, to surprise that friend with on the 15th! We will send home the large heart (with more details) to decorate by Wednesday, 2/2. It should be decorated and returned by Friday, 2/11. The children love this!

In February, we will reach WEE's 100th day of school! This is very exciting as we've been keeping track during circle time. We will also begin homework later this month. We hope the children will enjoy practicing the skills at home with you. It will be simple, review activities to enhance skills your child has already worked on in class... and should be NO stress! If you have any questions or concerns, please send us a message.

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us. They bring us such happiness, and humble us each day. It is our privilege to teach them.

Love, Ms. Stacie and Mr. Nate



MUSIC NOTES

In January we had fun singing songs about winter. Our songs included “January”, “In the Winter”, and “ Snow if Falling” with the use of felt snowflakes. We also sang “Frosty the Snowman” while tapping an AB pattern with rhythm sticks. The children enjoyed moving with scarves to music. Their favorite was balling up the scarves and throwing them like snowballs! The weather was cooperating by giving us cold temperatures and snow!

In February we will sing about Groundhogs Day, the Winter Olympics, and Valentine's Day. I love that the children love to sing, dance, and march!

Love, Ms. Claire



Science!

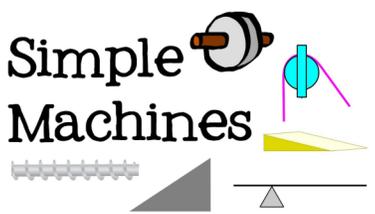
This month we have been inventing new ways and creating new things to use simple machines. We have looked at wheels and axels, pendulums, ramps, levers, springs and wedges. The children have used each of these things to do their intended job and then thought of other ways to use them.

As your children grow, they are creating a file in their brains of words and concepts that will be available for them when they move up to elementary school. These words and concepts will join with new ones and then continue on to amazing things. The more things they can see, hear and try, the more things they will store in their file. Part of learning is playing and exploring. It is connecting what we know with what we don't know. It isn't about being right, it is about being curious, excited and confident enough to continue to try.

Our science motto is- Try it again and see what happens!

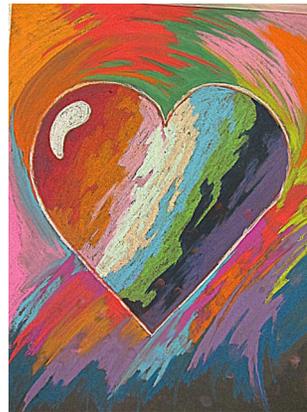
“You can teach a student a lesson for a day, but if you teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives.”

-Clay P. Bedford



Art Strokes

In the month of February Ms. Carol looks forward to teaching the children about some fascinating artists! For Valentine's Day they will be looking and doing works of art inspired by Jim Dine. In honor of Black History Month the children will learn about artists such as: Jen-Michel Basquiat, Alma Thomas, and Faith Ringgold (Pre-K only).



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Dates to Remember

Monday, February 21st: WEE Closed for President's Day

Upcoming Dates in March

Friday, March 4th: WEE Closed-Staff Professional Day

February is ACTC Food Drive Month!

All month we will be collecting donations for the ACTC Food Party. Please give donations to Ms. Elise or Ms. Angela at drop off or pick up. The most needed items are:

- *Peanut Butter
- *Pork and Beans
- *Ready-to-Serve Soups
- *Jelly
- *Pasta Sauce
- *Full-size lotion
- *Full-size dollar store shampoo and conditioner (2 in 1 formula)

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