





Woodbrook Early Education

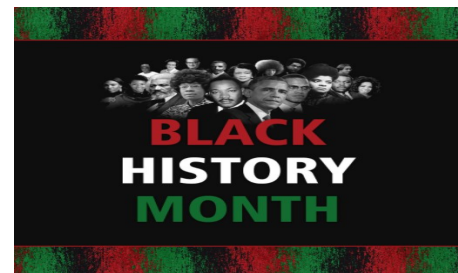
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February Greetings From Ms. Angela

February- the month of love. January was definitely full of changes in routines as we recovered from the holidays, had a few snow days and there were definitely some illnesses to overcome. I know we are all looking forward to more routine days ahead. Although raising and teaching young children, sometimes it's hard to know what routine is. As soon as we figure it out, they change in their development a little and we re-route and figure out the new normal.

As we head into February, we often think of love and how we show that to others. It seems even more important as we look at the world around us to want to educate this next generation on how to show love and caring to their families, friends and communities in which we live. I think it's important that we start at a young age sharing there are so many ways of showing love. We often think of how we show that in our families and marriages first. However, we want our children to know how to care and love for those around us.

February is one of the months that Woodbrook Baptist Church collects items for ACTC (Assistance Center of Towson Churches). There is more information in the newsletter to follow on what specific items they are focusing on. However, I think what would be very tangible for our students is having them help go to the grocery store and purchase the items to help others. Talk to your child about how there are people in our communities that need our help to have food. Sometimes this seems like a heavy topic but I think it can help children begin to appreciate the things that they have and that we as a community can help those around us.



February is also Black History Month. At WEE, each of our classrooms will spend time learning about important contributions and sacrifices of Black Americans who have helped shape our country. We want children to see and acknowledge these gifts and struggles that many had to go through to share their gifts and to be appreciated by others.

We also have worked to expand our school library to include many books that provide “mirrors and windows” to the world around us. “Mirrors” in books allow us to see ourselves in the book while “windows” in books allow us to look into the lives of those that are different from us. It’s important that children have both of these in their lives. We often select books that are comfortable or have cartoon characters that our children like. While any reading is great for our children, I encourage you to look at your home libraries or books you check out from the public library and try something new. At bedtime reading, maybe read a favorite and a new book.

Here are a list of books that I would recommend to try this month that will help introduce our children to Black History month:

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

There are so many amazing books now. You may learn something new. I know I have with the children as we widen our net to look for new materials. These books can help open a conversation about different cultures in our local communities and internationally. It will help this generation grow up to be more open and understanding

With Love,
Ms. Angela

RED Room



Happy New Year to the Red Room Families. We hope everyone had a great holiday season. We have had a great start to the new year. In January, we started off by talking about the new year. We looked at the numbers 2024 and talked about how it changed to 2025. We talked about how to keep our body healthy by exercising and eating healthy. Each month, we love to learn a new song about the month. In January, we sang:

“January, January,
Happy New Year, Happy New Year,
Icicles and Snowflakes,
Eskimos and Snowman,
Winter is Here. Winter is here.”

It was great that we got to see icicles and snowflakes in January. It is fun to see a snow day through the eyes of a child. In January, we got to talk about the winter weather that was happening outside, what animals do in the winter, colors, and opposites. It was great to talk about the seasons, what we wear in the winter, and any changes we see in the winter. Some animals love the cold weather while other animals like warmer weather. We talked about animals that hibernate, migrate, and camouflage into their environment. It was neat to learn big words like hibernate, migrate and camouflage. It is interesting to learn about animals that love winter like penguins and polar bears. We concluded the month of January talking about colors, and being introduced to opposites. We read books, did art projects and completed science experiments to see how primary colors can mix together to make secondary colors. In February, we will start off learning about shapes. It is exciting to learning about the shapes all around us in the world. Then we will do a Valentine’s Day theme. We will understand what Valentine’s Day is and how we can show love to the people around us.



On Friday, 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 (with an adult) for our party that starts at 10:00 a.m. Below, there is a complete list of our Red Room friends for any valentines you wish to send in. After Valentine's Day, we will do an author study on the Clifford series. We will learn what an author and illustrator do. Our last unit in February will be a rhyming words theme. We will learn some rhyming words and talk about why we call them rhyming words. Thank you for sending your child to WEE. As teachers, we love to watch your child learn, blossom, and grow throughout the year.

Happy February Birthday to Teddy (2/16)!

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

RED Room Friends

Ava	Bryson	Charlie
Charlotte	Emma	Hank
Liora	Luca	Lucia
Olive	Olivia K.	Olivia O.
Owen	Sophie A.	Sophie M.
Teddy		



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! We will also start Show and Tell in March!

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 Naoto on 2/5, Daisy on 2/9, Vera on 2/20 and Ms. Bev on 2/22!

Love, Ms. Bev, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Kristen, and Ms. Kate



YELLOW Room Friends

Brooks

Charles

Cole

Daisy

Georgia

Grey

Jordyn

Josiah

Kathleen

Leo

Naoto

Ruby

Ruth

Tsukino

Vera

Wells



BLUE Room

We had such a wonderful January learning all about snow, ice, and winter animals. In January we learned about the Lunar New Year, rhyming words, snow, ice, and winter animals. We are starting the month of February learning all about opposites. Then we will be talking all about Black History Month and will learn about and celebrate Valentine's Day. We will continue on with Star Students and look forward to learning about each one of our Blue Room friends!

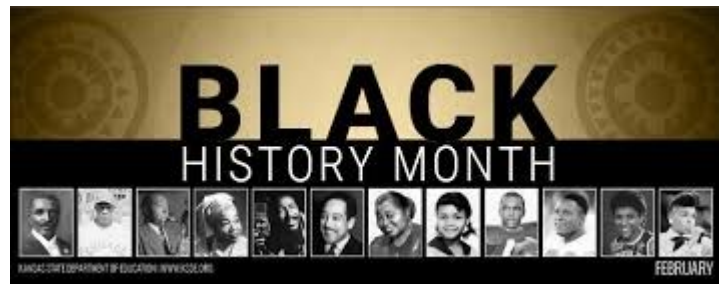
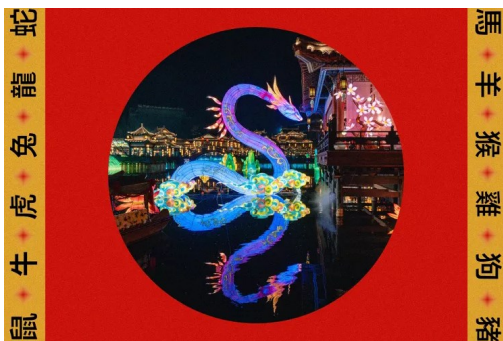
We will be having our Valentine's Day party on Friday, February 14th and will be exchanging cards. We will send out a class list closer to the party day. A party sign up will be posted on the main door. We are looking forward to an exciting February!

Happy Birthday to Ms. Becky on February 15th!

With Love,

Ms. Dominique, Ms. Becky, Ms. Ellie

Ms. Angela, and Ms. Celina



GREEN Room



Dear Families,

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, 100th Day of School, 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.

February Skills and Developments:

The Green Room friends will be working on a 100th Day project this month. More information 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, simple addition, and making sets of 10.

Upcoming Events:

1. We will have a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, 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.
2. The 100th Day of School Celebration will be 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 much, not only in size, but in skill and their social/emotional development. We are very proud of their individual accomplishments. We've enjoyed learning about winter, Martin Luther King, Jr., and hibernation, migration, adaptation of different animals. We will finish January learning about the Lunar New Year, hibernating our bears (another fun pajama day), and beginning to explore Arctic animals. We will begin to officially work on sight words. This is mainly for exposure. Some children will "get them", and others may take longer; both are okay! We will learn about Groundhog Day, dental health, Valentine's Day, and (hopefully) space. We will celebrate our 100th day of school too (stay tuned for more information coming very soon)!

Our focus in February will be on letters Qq, Cc, and Gg, and numbers 15, 16, and 17. Our new pattern will be an AABC, beginning mid-month, after we really grasp the ABCD pattern. The children will continue to find their birthdays on their door tag. We will learn a new patriotic song and prayers this month as well. 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 Friday, 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 13 total children 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.

Happy February Birthday to Isla – February 6th!

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

PreK will be finishing off January by doing a Chinese style scroll painting in honor of the Lunar New Year. They will be using chalk pastels and paint to create their cherry blossom paintings and sign them using a chop. Chops are stamps that many Asian artists use to stamp their signatures onto their prints. The threes will also be using chalk pastels to create their own pictures of the Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis as we say goodbye to this especially cold January.

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



Science News from Ms. Dawn

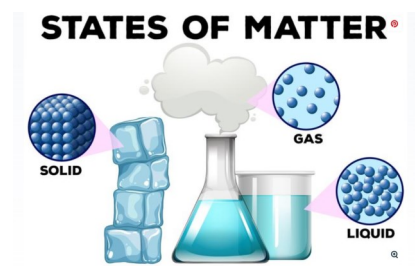
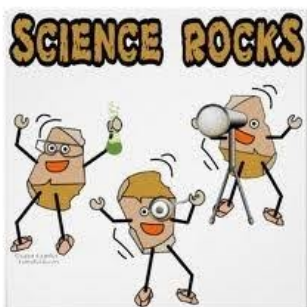
I am so excited we finally got some snow! And now I am excited that it is melting! We have continued to learn about simple machines: springs (Slinkies), ramps, wheels, pulleys, and levers. After we talk about machines we will begin to learn about how bridges are built and we will build some bridges of our own! Our Pre-K friends will work together in partners as engineers and designers to build their own bridges. They will create a visual plan first and then build their bridges.

We are all learning Science concepts and skills at our own pace and in an age appropriate way. Our 2's and 3's will be using pipettes more as we revisit liquids, solids, and gases.

Have a delightful February!

Love,

Ms. Dawn



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February is ACTC Food Drive Month!

All month we will be collecting donations for the ACTC Food Panty. Please put donations in the boxes by the front doors.

The requested items are:

Canned Tomatoes and Canned Green Beans

Thank you!



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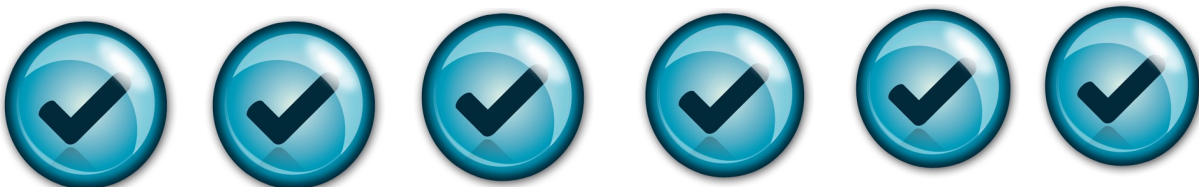
Please continue to scan your receipts for box tops. You can download the Box Tops app on your Smart Phone and choose Woodbrook Early Education Center as the school. This is an easy way to help raise money for the WEE Center.



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Dates to Remember for February

Monday, February 17th:

WEE Closed for President's Day

Save the Date

Thursday, March 13th: **WEE Closed**-Staff Professional Day

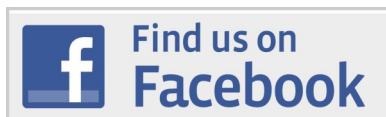
Monday, April 14th: **Spring Break begins**

Tuesday, April 22nd: **WEE Re-opens**

Friday, May 2nd: Art Show/Family Night

Monday, May 5th & Tuesday, May 6th: Picture Days

Friday, May 16th: **WEE Closed**-Conferences



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