

FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

Room #104 - Mrs. Jordan

Calendar Dates:

-Feb. 1st - Wed -Show & Tell (Since we are all artists, bring something you have made)

-Feb. 14th- Tues.
Valentine's Day party

February Focus

We will finish up our discussion of Artists, read stories and do projects related to Valentine's Day. We will be making a book about our favorite things, watch for a note coming home about the assignment. We will talk about feelings, how to express them and how to recognize our friend's feelings.

We will end the month talking about authors and illustrators. We will discuss what is an author or illustrator and who can be one. We will discuss how a book is written and the different parts of a book (beginning, middle, end).

Sign Language

We will learn how to sign I love you and Happy Valentine's Day.

Mailbox / Coat hook mix-up

Just a reminder the mailboxes and coat hooks will move again, last names have been added. It is fun watching the expression on the children's faces when they realize their name has moved.

Estimation jar

We have started our estimation jar. Each child will get a turn to fill the estimation jar for the other children to "guess" estimate how many items are in the jar. Examples: Legos, noodles, jelly beans, Barbie shoes etc. So far we have counted mini marshmallows, animals and gummy bears. We will practice counting by 1's, 5's and 10's. The jar goes home on Tuesday to be brought back on Wednesday. So far JP brought jelly beans and Seth brought candy corn.

Science

I have re-ordered frog eggs and they should arrive soon, the first batch didn't hatch. We will begin observing their transformation from eggs to tadpoles to frogs. This is a long process so we will be watching over the next few months.

Chester

Chester continues his adventures with our classmates. Last month he spent time at Jack's, Amber's and Vivian's houses and it sounds like he had fun. Chester is our raccoon puppet that comes to your house for a weekend to stay with you. Have fun and don't forget to take him with you on any adventures you may go on. I will give you a page that you can draw or put a picture on and then tell a little about what Chester did with your family. Have fun.

Star of the Week

Your child will be assigned a week to be the "Star". They can bring a poster with pictures etc. to display on the special bulletin board. They also can bring show and tell everyday they are the "Star". You are welcome to come for the last part of a day the week your child is the "Star", please let me know which day you will be coming in so I can plan accordingly. You will get a reminder note the week before it is your child's turn. Let me know if you have any questions.

Week of:

Jan. 31 st	Owen	&	Henry
Feb. 7 th	Ella	&	Sage
Feb. 14 th	Lauren	&	Noah
Feb. 21 st	Finn	&	Connor

The Star of the week will be our person to call names to line up. To add a twist to calling names, I have been asking the children to describe something about the other children: such as the color of their clothes, type of shoes, the letter that their name starts with etc.

Happy Birthday

Henry's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 1st
Ella's birthday on the 9th
Lauren's $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday on the 15th

We will be celebrating each child's birthday as close as we can to their day (or $\frac{1}{2}$ birthday, if their birthday is in the summer). Your child may bring a special birthday treat for snack that day. Many parents like to come on that day to have snack with the class and read a story of your child's choosing before we go outside. Please let me know if you would like to come. Thanks.

Valentine's Day Party

Please decorate a shoe box or Kleenex size box and cut a large hole in the top, put your name on it and bring it to school by Thursday, February 9th, have fun. We will show them to our friends and talk about how we decorated them and who helped us. There is a helper sign up by the door if you want to help at our party on Tuesday the 14th.

Vacations

Lots of our friends are on or going on vacation soon, please let me know when your child will be gone. We will be talking about environments later in the spring and would love postcards from the places you visit on vacation. Please think of us and bring back some postcards that represent where you have been. Thanks and have fun.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Thanks