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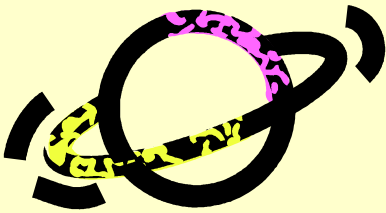
# Kindergarten Newsletter

## Dear Kindergarten Families

We are almost halfway through the school year! The children are growing in all aspects. It is amazing to see the growth that occurs in a few months. The routines are old news and the students seem ready to tackle new challenges.

A big **THANK-YOU** to all the children and families for the gifts, goodies, gift certificates and all the good wishes at Christmas!!

We are just finishing our **SPACE** theme. The children are really enthusiastic about the stories and the facts that we are discussing. Ask them what they know! We are reading many books, fiction and non-fiction. We will be doing a few science experiments too.



The students have been working hard. They are sitting for longer periods of time and are doing more book work. We continue to work with numbers and have begun formal alphabet work. Any help at home would be an asset!

Another big thank-you to all of the parents who have prepared nutritious and creative snacks and taken time to volunteer in the classroom and for field trips. Also, thanks to the ladies who organize the volunteers, plan the snack calendars, type up the newsletter and get additional books from the library. I really appreciate it!

Thanks to Jase's grandma and George H's mom for sewing our home reading bags for us.

February is going to be a very exciting and busy month. Please check your snack calendar for details.

Mrs. Hanson

## Important Dates

- February 8 Skating with Buddies. Regular class times, helmets **MUST** be worn. Parents and family are invited to join us at 9.00am and 12.30pm. Please let us know if you are planning on attending **and** do not have a lake pass because your name must appear on the sign in sheet in order for you to get in.
- February 20 Magic Gala – Magician  
Please dress up in your Sunday best to celebrate our Magical Day
- February 13 Valentines Day Party – Bring Valentines Cards (we will make valentines holders in class)  
Red and White day
- February 14 & 15 Teacher Convention – No school
- February 18 Family Day – No school
- February 25 100<sup>th</sup> Day of Kindergarten. 8:20 – 11:04 am all Classes.  
Parade: 10:30 am (meet in foyer) \*no PM class  
\*More information to follow\*
- February 27 Pink Shirt Day

## Skating with our Buddies

Kindergarten will be skating at McKenzie Lake on Friday, February 8 (regular class times). Bring your own skates, helmet, and wear warm clothes.

We are pleased to have our buddy classes joining us at the lake.

**HELMETS MUST BE WORN!!** Parents and siblings are welcome to join us at the lake at 9:00 am and 12:30 pm. If you do not have a lake pass **and** if you are going to join us, I need your name a week before the trip to put you on the lake's sign-up sheet.

## Snacks

Be sure snacks are already organized on four plates (am) and (pm) or individually wrapped, as the "Citizen of the Day" is responsible for setting out snacks.

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## Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day in our classroom on Wednesday, February 13. Valentine's Day is a good way to help children learn about sharing, love, concern and friendship.

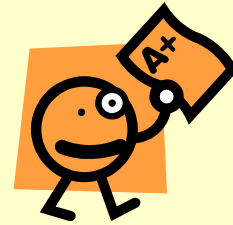
We will make card holders in our class and our classes will be exchanging valentines on February 13.

If your child is bringing cards for other students, please have your child **sign his/her name ONLY**. This enables the children to just drop the cards in their classmate's holders, without trying to read each name and find the appropriate holder.

As a reminder there are 23 children in Mrs. Hanson AM class and 24 children in the PM class.

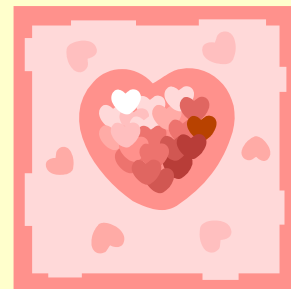
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND CARDS UNTIL FEBRUARY 13th.**

## Report Cards

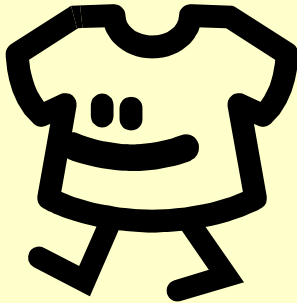


Progress reports are coming up on March 8. Some of the skills that will be tested for the progress report are:

- ❖ Review of shapes and colours
- ❖ Rote counting
- ❖ Recognizing and printing first and last names (beginning to use appropriate case)
- ❖ Healthy food choices
- ❖ Fine motor skills, cutting and printing
- ❖ Recognizing upper- and lower-case letters of the alphabet
- ❖ Counting objects
- ❖ Patterning. Creating, extending and identifying
  - Red, blue, red, blue – identified as an ABAB pattern
  - Pink, pink, purple, pink, pink, purple – AABAAB pattern
  - Square, circle, triangle, square, circle triangle – ABCABC
- ❖ Sorting objects according to size, colour, shape or function
- ❖ Comparing height and length (unconventional measures)
- ❖ Comparing temperature – hot, warm, cold



## T-Shirts



For our 100 day celebration, each child needs to bring in one colored t-shirt (available at Wal-Mart, Michael's, etc.). No pockets, prints, buttons, etc. Please check out the note in the Friday folder from the design company that I use.

T-shirts must be in by **February 11**. Please have your child's name on the inside tag/collar.

They will wear this t-shirt over top of the shirt they are wearing that day.

## Home Reading



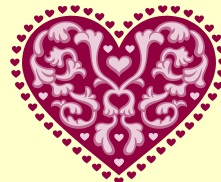
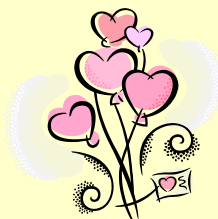
I am looking for 2 parents per class to volunteer to help with our home reading program. You would be asked to take turns coming in on Mondays (or another day if it works better for you) to listen to the children "read" their stories and hand out new books. Please let me know if you are interested.

## Literacy Backpacks

Each day one child will be chosen to take home the Literacy Backpack. Inside are stories related to the theme for you and your child to read. For factual books it is not an expectation to read the whole thing. There will be another activity to complete in the bag (anything from a game, puzzle, craft, etc.)

Please complete the activities at home and return the backpack the next day. If you do not have time to complete it, please return the backpack the next day and I will give your child another chance to take it home after everyone has had a turn.

Thank you for your cooperation with this activity.



# February Birthdays

## Mrs Hanson's Class

Claire 1  
Josie 8  
Thomas 14  
Amelia 27

