

February 2026

Monday-Wednesday-Friday – 4 year olds

GROUNDHOG DAY and STORYTELLING

On Groundhog Day, February 2, our class will make predictions and experiment with our shadows. We'll check the news report to see if our predictions are correct, play games with shadows and wiggle through tunnels. All of the children love to tell stories so we are going to spend this month learning about storytelling. We'll continue to talk about how stories have a beginning, middle and end, how we read from left to right and top to bottom and also how to tell stories by "reading" the pictures. The children will recreate stories, tell stories of their own and practice their listening skills. We will also read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett. We'll talk about making predictions, sequencing and make our own mitten to retell and act out the story.

VALENTINE'S DAY

We will learn about the letter V as we prepare for Valentine's Day. Your children will be ordering, sorting and matching with hearts this month. This is a great month to talk about ways that we give. Children will have the opportunity to visit our art area during free play time to construct valentines for homebound members of our church. We will also read the book *The Word Collector* by Peter Reynolds and share kind words with each other.

* We ask that all children bring an undecorated shoe box to class any time during the week of February 2-6. We will decorate the boxes together in class and this will be their valentine mailbox. On Friday, February 13 we invite all of the children to bring valentines to share. There are 17 children in our class. The children will pass their valentines out during class time, play games and have fun with other projects involving hearts.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

There will be No School on Monday, February 16 in honor of President's Day.

CONFERENCES

I will plan to have in-person conferences during the week of February 23. A sign up for conference times will be available soon through email. I will offer times in the morning and late afternoon. If you are not interested in an in-person conference, I am happy to send home a written conference report.

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027

Registration packets for the upcoming preschool year will be distributed during conference week. If you have a child that is not currently attending preschool that you are interested in enrolling next school year, please let us know so we can make sure to get registration to you.