

FEBRUARY

Things that we did the week of January 31

- We started this new month with quite the excitement because Monday happened to be our **Teddy Bear Picnic Day!!!** We introduced our own favorite teddy bear at our picnic, had Teddy Grahms, milk, sang a few Teddy Bear songs, read Teddy Bear books, went on our own bear hunt in the classroom, used our fingers to make a pudding bear, and did some gummi bear graphing too! It was a LOT of FUN!
- We then turned to **Mr. Groundhog**. Tuesday, February 2nd was his big debut (but because of our BIG SNOW DAY we talked about him Wednesday instead)! We had fun talking about groundhogs, shadows, and the excitement he brings to many people this time of year! We even played "Groundhog Shadow Tag" in our room... If (Mrs. Schaefer's) flashlight caught you (representing the sun/shadow) you had to bury yourself in your burrow (under the table). We all got pretty excited playing groundhogs!!!
- The letter **Vv** for valentine was introduced this week. We learned its sound and signs, practiced tracing/writing **Vv**, did our **Vv** page for our alphabet book, guessed what was inside Mrs. Schaefer's Secret **Vv** Box, and did a few **Vv** valentine projects too!
- We also reviewed our nursery rhymes and learned two new ones. "**Little Boy Blue**" was early in the week. We practiced it and made our own Little Boy Blue horn. It looks neat because we made a pattern when we colored it! Next week we'll add another nursery rhyme to our collection: "**Hey Diddle Diddle**". We'll have fun practicing this new rhyme and listening to its song. Making our own dish and spoon too will be exciting!
- The **number 7** was introduced and practiced this week as well. We realized that 7 is just a letter L turned upside down! We practiced tracing/writing 7, counted many different objects to 7, and counted to 7 using many different actions.

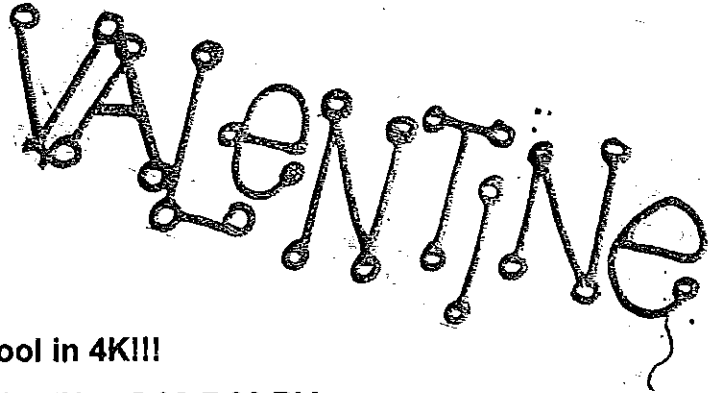
OUR PROJECTS

Little Boy Blue horn
Hey Diddle Diddle
Mr. Groundhog
Valentine sponge painting
Valentine dot painting
Vv is for Valentine
Vv ABC page
Valentine friend
Valentine counting booklet



OUR BOOKS

Sweet Hearts
Clifford I Love You
Dora Loves Boots
Hey Diddle Diddle



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 7 **100th Day of School in 4K!!!**
- February 8 **9th Annual CHILI OPEN 5:30-7:30 PM**
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
- February 10 **School Board Meeting 6:00 PM**
- February 14 **4K Valentine's Day Party**
- February 17 **Early Release 11:30 Dismissal NO 4K PM CLASS**
- February 22 **2011 4K Screening Day NO AM CLASS**
- February 23 **5K Screening**
(You do NOT need to register your child. He/she will be pulled out of the regular class to be screened.)

Our parent helper this week was: **Cindy Keskimaki**. She is an AMAZING helper!!! Thanks for bringing in the new month with us all!

SPECIAL NOTES

A **BIG THANK YOU** for returning the **Snowman Letter Cards** –there a just a few still out there- if you could return them ASAP that would be great!

Our **DAY 100** celebration is now **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7th!** *Wearing 100* and *bring 100 of something* (if it's possible) are just two of the many fun things we'll be doing on this day. Remember these two requests are **OPTIONAL**.

Please send a **SHOEBOX** to school **ASAP**. We will use them for our valentine holder and we'll be decorating them next week!

HAPPY FEBRUARY!

GO PACK GO!!!