

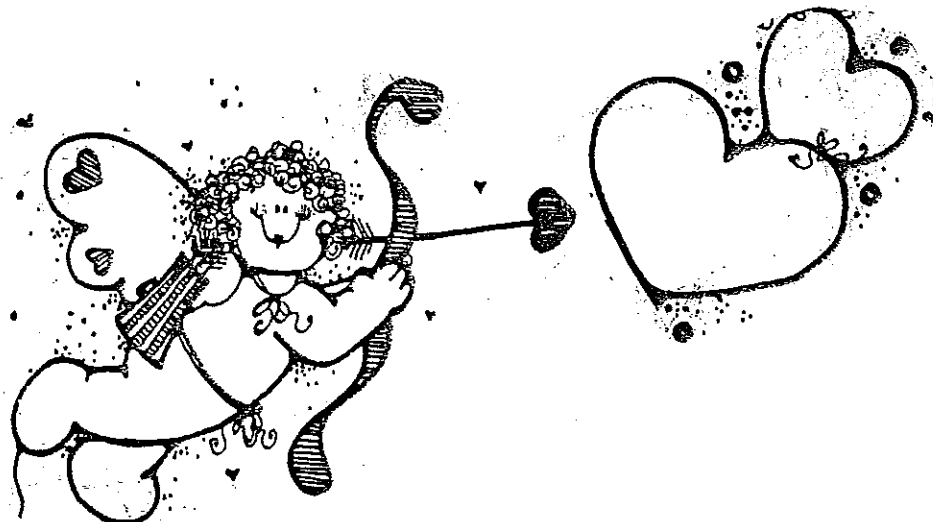
FEBRUARY

Things that we did the week of January 30

- 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!
- 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 then turned to **Mr. Groundhog**. Thursday, February 2nd was his big debut. 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!!!
- 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! We also added another nursery rhyme to our collection: "**Hey Diddle Diddle**". We had fun practicing this new rhyme and listening to its song. Making our own dish and spoon too was exciting too!
- 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.

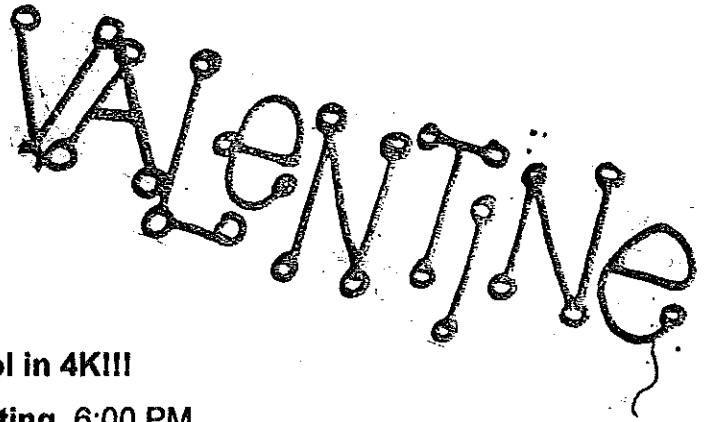
OUR PROJECTS

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 6 **100th Day of School in 4K!!!**
- February 9 **School Board Meeting 6:00 PM**
- February 14 **4K Valentine's Day Party**
- February 16 **Early Release 11:30 Dismissal NO 4K PM CLASS**
- February 16 **10th Annual CHILI OPEN 5:30-7:30 PM**
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
- February 22 **2012-13 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 helpers this week were: **Brenda Conley, Carrie Smithyman and Ron Walter.** They all were GREAT helpers!!! Thanks for bringing in the new month with us all!

SPECIAL NOTES

A **BIG THANK YOU** for returning the **Snowman Letter Cards** – there are just a few still out there (and not everyone received one so don't worry if you don't have one ☺) - if you could return them ASAP that would be great!

Our **DAY 100** celebration is now **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th!** *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!