

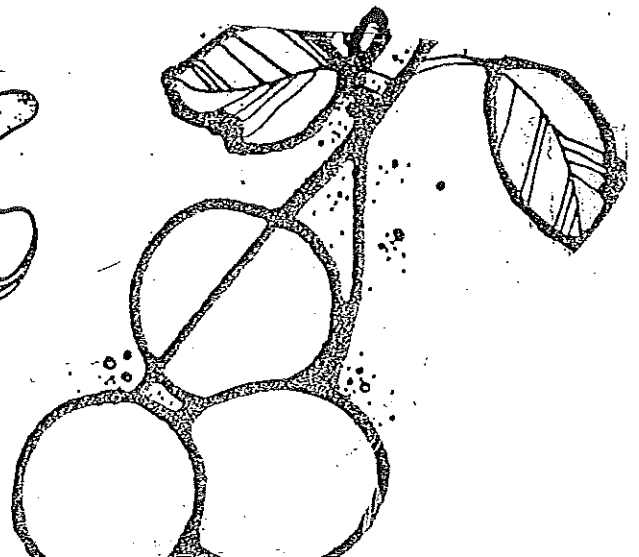
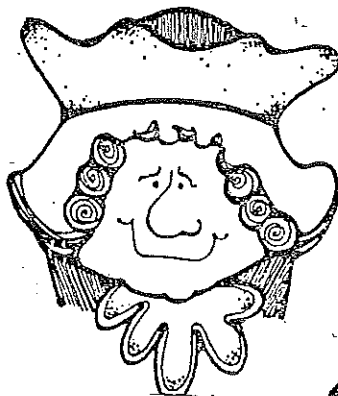
♡ FEBRUARY ♡

Things that we did the week of February 13

- This week the letter **Dd** was introduced (and we'll continue it into next week too) along with its sound and signs. We also practiced tracing/writing Dd and realized that the lowercase d was not as easy as the capital D.
- Of course, the big highlight to start off the week was our **Valentine's Day Party!!!** To get in the valentine mood we got to show our valentine/red/pink/purple things that we brought for Sharing Day (last week), read several valentine books, pass out our valentines, play games, decorate heart cookies, and eat lots of yummy treats!!!
- President's Day is this month so we've started talking about two famous presidents: February 12th was **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. Mrs. Schaefer showed us several pictures of him. We also learned about what kind of person he was, what he liked to do, how he dressed, his family, and what he is remembered for. The best part was painting a picture of him with his tall black hat! We then moved on to our first president **George Washington**. We liked hearing about his likes, what he is best remembered for, and especially the famous "cherry tree" story. We got to paint our own cherry tree, design our own GW hat, and play "Chop the Cherry Tree" too!
- Dd also brings us **Dental Health**. We began talking about the importance of caring for our teeth. Mrs. Schaefer showed us an experiment using eggs, vinegar, and soda. It represented plaque and how easily our teeth can be stained. We learned that we all must brush at least twice a day! We also discussed the proper way to floss our teeth. We even practiced using ourselves as the teeth and a jump rope for the floss as! We watched a few very important dental health videos and read several fun teeth books this week too. A really fun part about learning good dental habits was playing "Tooth Decay" in our classroom. The plaque (yellow pom pom) had to attack (tag) the healthy teeth people and the only way they could get clean again was to go see the dentist (white pom pom) and count to seven (our number for this month). We all had LOTS OF FUN! I think we're all very excited to visit our dentist again!!!

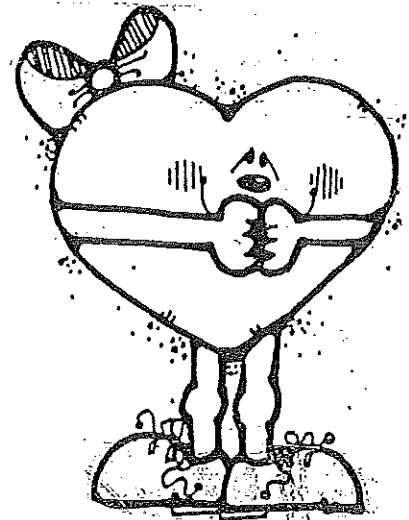
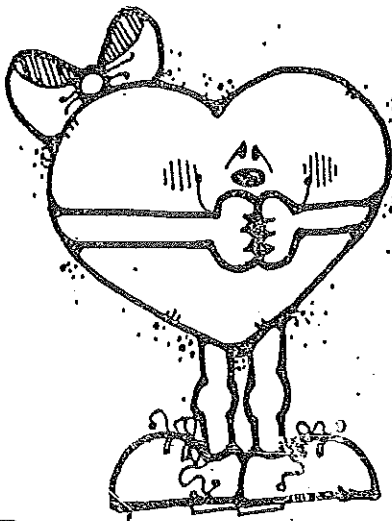
OUR PROJECTS

- GW cherry tree
- GW hat
- Mouth/teeth project
- Toothpaste/toothbrush
- Giant toothbrush
- Plaque tooth



OUR BOOKS

George Washington
Going to the Dentist
Show Me Your Smile!
Wiggle Wobble
Moose's Loose Tooth
Hippo's Tooth Surprise
Big Shark's Lost Tooth
Clifford's Loose Tooth



DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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.)
- March 5 NO SCHOOL (Inservice)
- March 6 **PTG Meeting** 6:30 PM - Please come!
- March 8 **School Board Meeting** 6:00 PM

SPECIAL NOTES

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to **ALL THE PARENTS** for supplying treats, drinks, cups, napkins, plates, and valentines for our Valentine's Day party. A **HUGE THANK YOU** goes to the **SEVERAL PARENTS** who donated frosting & sprinkles for our cookies and (Hannah's Mom) Held for making the cut out cookies for **BOTH** classes! A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** goes to **Chrissy Bardo, Nicole Hill, Carrie Peterson, and Becky Uhlman** for "braving it out" at the actual party – **THANK YOU!** Our party was a success because of all of you!!!

Thank you once again to all the parents for taking time out your busy schedules to come for conferences. I think I've finally reached everyone. I enjoyed spending time with you. It's hard to believe that 5K screening is next week and there are only 3 1/2 months of school left! I'm extremely proud of your children and am amazed at how quickly they each have grown and changed this year.

Please return your **child's portfolio** (yellow folder) that you received at conferences when your finished. You will be able to keep them at the end of the school year.

Have a **GREAT** weekend everyone!

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