

FEBRUARY

Things that we did the week of February 6

- Finally we celebrated the... **100th Day of School!!!** Our fifth grade buddies came to help us as we did many **100** activities: **100** Day headbands and clothing were worn, **100** Day necklaces and posters were made, jumping jacks and claps were counted in **100** seconds, several different **100** collections were brought in as well as **100** Day cupcakes made by Carrie Smithyman and Mrs. Schaefer, a **100** dot-to-dot and coloring sheet were worked on with our buddies, we sang our **100** Day song, read a **100** Day poem and stories, finished **100** Day sentences, put **100** blocks together to make a tower, made a **100** Day handprint poster, searched for **100** Hershey kisses, and of course, counted all the way to **100!** Thanks Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa for helping me get ready for this big day! It was so much fun!!!
- Because of all the mail Valentine's Day seems to bring we decided to talk about the **post office** this week. Mail, mailboxes, stamps, and the importance of knowing your address/phone number were discussed. We had fun designing our own mail truck and mailbox too!
- The letter **Qq** was introduced this week as well. We learned its sound and signs. We practiced tracing/writing **Qq**, and did our **Qq** page for our alphabet book. **Secret Qq** Box was fun too! Mrs. Schaefer showed us a real quilt given to her as a gift and actually made by her former third grade class many years ago!
- **Colors** were reviewed this week too. **Mixing colors** was also discussed as we listened to a story about two mice experimenting with paint. We were amazed at the new changes we saw: red and yellow = orange, blue and yellow = green, red and blue = purple. We did a great job of designing our own mouse painting too - FUN!
- February 12th is **Abraham Lincoln's Birthday**. We learned about what kind of person he was, what he liked to do, how he dressed, his family, and what he is remembered for. Mrs. Schaefer showed us several pictures of him too. The best part though was painting a picture of him with his tall black hat!

OUR PROJECTS

Valentine boxes
V-Day Parent Gifts (Ssssh!)
Queen of Heart
Queen Q-tip painting
Watercolor mailbox
Mail truck
Abe Lincoln

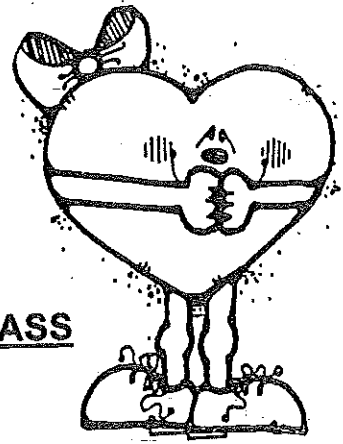
OUR BOOKS

100 Days of Kindergarten
Recess Queen
Valentine Surprise
Clifford's Valentine
Mouse Paint
White Rabbit's Color Book
Abraham Lincoln



DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 14 **4K Valentine's Day Party**
- February 16 **Early Release 11:30 Dismissal NO 4K PM CLASS**
- February 16 **10th Annual CHILI CONTEST 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.)
- March 5 **NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice**



Thanks to **Tristan** (AM class) for bringing in a Special Birthday Snack!

Our parent helpers this week were: **Nicole Hill** and **Jeralyn Multhauf**. Help is always needed in 4K and we are so grateful for our amazing parent support this year! **THANK YOU ALL!!!**

SPECIAL NOTES

THANK YOU to **ALL THE PARENTS** for taking time out of your day/evening to come for conferences and to those of you who had to rearrange times with me as well! It's a pleasure talking with each one of you and I thank you for sharing your special child with me.

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.

Yet another **HUGE THANK YOU** goes to **ALL THE FAMILIES** for taking time to help with our **100 DAY FUN!** **THANKS** for helping your child gather **100** items for our **Day 100** celebration as well as wearing **100** too! There was a big variety of clothing: 100 stickers, stamps, fabric glue designs, wiggle eyes, necklaces, bandaids, jewels, etc. etc. etc.
Hats off to all the creative minds at home!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY WEEKEND!!!