

FEBRUARY 2018



St. Mary of the Hills
Preschool
Rochester, MI

February Newsletter
Things we love!

Mrs. Pfeiffer's 3's Classroom Newsletter

Learning Themes

This month we will talk about things we love like friends, families and our country. We will begin by talking about friendship and Valentine's Day. How can we be a good friend? How can we show someone we care for them on Valentine's Day? We will also be discussing the USA and our past, present, and future presidents. The children will be creating some wonderful art! We will also learn about opposites, winter activities and special helpers in our community.

Pink, red, white and blue are our colors for February. We will definitely be using pink and red when we create our Valentine's Day creations.

Heart is the shape we will be working on this month. We will find all the hearts in our room.



Science Studies

We will be experimenting with pennies this month in honor of President's Day. Can we turn old pennies into new shiny ones? With a little bit of science we can! We will also be making fizzing hearts from baking soda and vinegar. We hope to see our hearts bubble over with love!

Math Awareness

We are planning on doing a graphing activity and need your help. Please help your child color and cut out a heart. **Please return the hearts by February 13th**. The hearts can be any color. Please write your child's name on the back of each heart. Thanks for your help with this fun activity.

Religion

We will talk about St. Valentine and how we show kindness to others. We will also discuss how we are each special and unique and how Jesus loves each of us.



Literacy/ Language Development

The children have enjoyed sharing their "Bear in a Bag" stories with their classmates. Thank you so much for participating. The children are so proud to tell their stories of Teddy. Don't worry if you haven't had Teddy yet. Each child will get a turn.

The children are doing great at finding their names as they walk into class and on their work. This is an excellent way to work on reading readiness. We are going to learn about positional words such as 'over', 'under' and 'beside' by playing games with hearts.



Conferences

You should have a conference time for **February 8th. We will not have school on this day.** Mrs. Forde will look after the children and siblings in the room next door during your conference time. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please let me know at any time.

Social Studies

This month we will discuss with the children that we live in the USA and have them try to find it on the globe. Also we will look at a map to see if there are any places on the globe that the children have been. The children will learn about some symbols of America like the flag and stars. We will also talk about who the President is and what his job is. How many presidents have there been so far?



Cooking Snack

February 15th is our next cooking day. We will make a valentine treat as part of our party. I will need a volunteer that day. If you are able, please sign up on our snack calendar.

Valentine's Day Celebration

We will celebrate with a small party on February 15th. I will post a small snack sign-up sheet for a few items we will need. The children are welcome to bring in a valentine for each child in the class. There are eleven children in our class. Please just write whom the valentine is from. If the valentine has who it is to, it is very difficult for the children to deliver it. The children will 'mail' them in our 'post office' to each preschool friend. Our kitchen play area will be turned into a post office so the children can enjoy 'mailing' things to each other.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders are due on February 8th. This is a great way to fill your home library. It's so easy to order online. Go to www.scholastic.com. Our school code is NYFLF.



Class Library

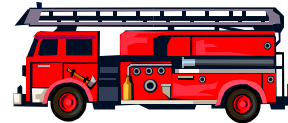
We are very excited to have our class library each month! We hope you have enjoyed reading these library books at home with your children. Our library day for this month is February 13th. I would appreciate a parent volunteer on this day. It is only a 30 minute commitment at the beginning of class. Please sign up on the snack calendar.

Practice at Home

- Write names on valentines
- Point out heart shapes around you
- Use positional words - Make a game of it!

Special Guest Night

Each year we close the preschool during the day to host a special shortened session at night so that the children have a chance to bring a 'Special Guest' with whom they would like to share their school. Your child's guest will stay with them for the entire hour. The 'Special Guest Night' is **Tuesday March 6th** but I wanted to let you know now so that you and your child can talk about whom they'd like to invite. The class that day will be from **5:30 to 6:30 pm**. More information will follow.



Field Trip

We are planning a field trip to a Rochester Hills fire station on March 22nd for the children to learn about fire safety. We will not be in school that day but instead meet at the fire station at 10:30. This is definitely a memorable experience for our children. Our visit to the fire station usually lasts about an hour. More information will be given in our March newsletter.

February Birthdays!

	Date	Class Celebration
Julia K	Feb 1	Feb 1



- **Conferences – No School** – Feb 7th
- **Scholastic Book Order Deadline** – Feb 8th
- **Return Hearts** – Feb 13th
- **Valentine's Celebration** – Feb 15th
- **Class Library** - Feb 13th
- **Mid-Winter Break** - Feb 19th – 21st
- **Special Guest Night** – Tuesday, March 6th at 5:30pm
- **Fire Station Visit** – Wed. March 29th at 12:15pm

During February we talk a lot about love and those people in our lives that we are so blessed to call family and friends. We feel so fortunate to be able to work with each and every one of your children. They are such a blessing to us! The growth and development in each of them, since September, is magnificent. They are truly our little valentines!

Mrs Pfeiffer and Mrs Forde

FEBRUARY 2018



Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill to
fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down and broke his crown
And Jill came tumbling after.



Colored Hearts

Here's a heart that's colored red
Colored red, colored red.
Here's a heart that's colored red.
I made it just for you!

One Pink Valentine

One pink, two pink, three pink valentines
Four pink, five pink, six pink valentines
Seven pink, eight pink, nine pink valentines
Ten pink valentines for you!

H-E-A-R-T

There is a shape and it means love
And Heart is its name-O.
H-E-A-R-T, H-E-A-R-T, H-E-A-R-T,
And Heart is its name-O!

