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St. Mary of the Hills
Preschool
Rochester, MI

February Newsletter
Things we love

Mrs. Sigelko'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 the hearts we send home with them. **Please return the hearts by February 12th**. 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 gotten 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

Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, **February 7th**. **We will not have school on this day.** Mrs. Munaco 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 14th is our next cooking day. We will make a valentine treat as part of our party. I would like 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 14th. I will post a 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 14 children in our class. Please just write your child's name on the valentine so their friends know who it is from. There is no need to write to whom each valentine is for because it will make it difficult for the children to "deliver" it. The children will 'mail' them in our 'post office' to each preschool friend.

Book Orders

Scholastic book orders are due on February 9th. 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 23rd. 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

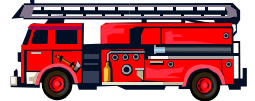
- Write names on valentines
- Point out heart shapes around you
- Use positional words - Make a game of it!

- **Conferences – No School** – Feb 7th
- **Scholastic Book Order Deadline** – Feb 9th
- **Return Hearts** – Feb 12th
- **Valentine's Celebration** – Feb 14th
- **Class Library** - Feb 23rd
- **Mid-Winter Break** - Feb 19th – 21st
- **Special Guest Night** – Wed. March 7th at 7:00pm
- **Fire Station Visit** – Wed. March 21st at 12:30pm



Special Guest Night in March

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 **Wed. March 7th** 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 **7:00-8:00 pm**. More information will follow.



Upcoming Field Trip

We are planning a field trip to a Rochester Hills fire station on **Wed. March 21st** for the children to learn about community helpers and fire safety. We will not be in school that day but instead meet at the fire station at **12:30 pm**. 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
Massimo	Feb 22 nd	Feb 16 th
Emma	Feb 26 th	Feb 26 th
Luressa	Feb 28 th	Feb 28 th



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. Sigelko, Mrs. Munaco & Mrs. May

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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!

