

Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back.
-Ruskin

The Kindergarten News

for the week of 2/1/21

- **Theme-** Dinosaurs/Post Office/Valentine's Day
- **Expressive Vocabulary-** oasis- *a fertile spot where there is water in a desert*
pertinent- *related directly to the purpose*
- **Introduce-** Review Oo and Pp/Sight words -could, did, for, had
- **Bits of Intelligence-** Presidents
- **Manners-** "Take turns", "Show good sportsmanship", "Listen when other people talk"

Language Arts

This week we will discuss the post office and learn how our mail travels from one destination to another. This unit also presents the perfect opportunity for us to practice saying our address! Any student who can say it correctly (this includes not only street address and city, but also state and zip code), will get to put their name in the "I Can!" can! If your address has changed since the beginning of our school year, please let me know so I can update your child's address card. We will also discuss Valentine's Day and learn more about the customs and symbols associated with this holiday that celebrates love. Watch for a valentine tree to appear in our classroom! We will fill this special tree with heart shaped leaves; each one to stand for somebody or something we love. Lastly, we will continue to work on our writing skills as we complete I wish.. themed pages for our journals.

Math/Science

After 99 days of much anticipation, 100 Day finally arrives on Monday! We will celebrate this momentous occasion with a yummy snack and plenty of fun counting activities. If your child has not brought in their 100 project, please remember to bring it on this day. The students are also invited to come to school dressed how they think they will look if they were 100 years old. Dinomania will also sweep over the kindergarten class this week as we begin a new unit on almost everyone's favorite topic- dinosaurs! We will learn that the age of dinosaurs was known as the Mesozoic Era and that it was divided into three parts- the Triassic, Jurassic, and the Cretaceous periods. We'll try to imagine how different the world looked back then as we learn the names and some interesting facts for a variety of dinosaurs, many of which will appear on our theme table. We will be sure to discuss that there were dinosaurs of many sizes (some were HUGE, while others were as small as a chicken), what their eating habits were (carnivore, herbivore, omnivore), and their methods of defense.

Important Dates

February 1.....100 Day/projects due

February 5...../Art Day/Valentine Mouse

Look for these critters to be displayed in our room

February 6.....Happy Birthday Caitlin McEnerney

February 12.....Valentine's Day Party (remember to bring your Valentine's cards)

February 15.....Parent Conferences/ school open for Daycare only. Look for a note to be sent home to schedule a phone conference

