



# February



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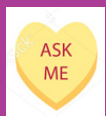
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Center Central



Hearts are starting to decorate the rooms and doors for Valentines day! Check your child's calendar for party dates and details!



Our Fall class rosters are just about full, so if you have any friends or family that are looking for infant, toddler, or preschool care please have them give us a call ASAP!



Kids for Kids

With Valentines Day approaching we are focusing on showing others kindness and love. For the second year in a row, all the children here will be making a Valentines Card for the residents at The Meadows of Ottawa. This is a great way to teach the kids how to show love for others in our community!

# Nursery & Climbers



We would all like to welcome Miss Lacy back from her maternity leave and her new baby Logan! Our Nursery class is growing so you will be seeing our new staff member Donna Utrup here more often! Coralie is on the move and starting to take steps, and Lucy is starting to sit on her own!

The Nursery staff would like to remind families to label all of your personal belongings (blankets, bibs, bottles, clothes) so things don't get sent home with the wrong child.



Our Climbers group is focusing on friendship and nice touches this month! They will be doing various buddy arts and crafts to help promote being nice to our friends, like heart stamping! Miss Sharon and Miss Denise will read the story "How Much I Love You" and pass out lots of extra snuggles this month!!



# Explorers & Adventurers

Explorers: This month the toddlers will be learning about Friendship and Feelings. They will be making a class book where the kids are illustrating different feelings, and they will also be doing lots of friendship painting where 2 friends will paint different pictures together!



Adventurers: Miss Emily is teaching her class about feelings and expressing them the right way by using your words! She has books, videos, and activities that all enforce using your words and how to be a nice friend!



## Stories & Songs



“The Three Little Pigs”, “This Little Piggy Went to Market”, and “Panda Bear, Panda Bear”  
“I’m A Little Teapot” and “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star”



# Preschool

Miss Lacy & Miss June were so excited last week that all of their kids new what an OCTOGON was!! Great job! This week they are going focusing on tracing names and the kids will start to write their name on their own! They are also playing games during circle time to find the big and little shapes.

February is a big month for Preschool! The very important wedding for Q & U is February 13th where Q & U will vow to stay beside eachother forever! Each class will have a Valentines party, look on your child's classes bulletin board for the date and details. 5 Senses week is also at the end of February. Each class will learn about all 5 senses and do lots of activities and games for fun learning!

Miss Miranda's 3 year old's explored cause and effect last week with Pete the Cat! If Pete steps in strawberries his shoes will turn...?! The kids really soared mastering this concept! Through the rest of February they will be learning about opposites, introduce rhyming, and focus a lot on mastering color recognition and patterning.



Miss Linda will be talking a lot about rainbows during Letter R week. They will be learning about where rainbows come from and what colors make up a rainbow. She will also be testing the kids' sense of smell by having them smell mystery foods to see if they can guess the smell during 5 Senses week!



Miss Mindy's class made 3 Little Pig masks last week and the kids really enjoyed role playing and building their comprehension and sequencing skills! They have also been working on mastering the numbers 1-10 and counting skills as well! Over the next few weeks they will shift their focus to rhyming skills, and science exploration!

Miss Dawn's class thought of 176 P words during Letter P Week! WOW!! Everyday during circle time they will be rhyming with different words, and they will also be sounding out words and spelling on their own. Boy those kindergarten teachers are going to be impressed!!

Miss Carrie's class made a very thoughtful friendship quilt this week and talked a lot about how they can be a good friend! They will be doing Science experiments for letter R week that teach about where rain comes from. The students will also be focusing on beginning sounds and rhyming with fun games and activities!

# School-Age

This month the school age kids will be doing experiments and games with the Valentines treat Conversation Hearts . They will have to think creatively and make charade hearts, and also spell the word on the Conversation Heart and see who knows the word first! And of course they will still be playing their favorite Minute To Win It games every Monday with Carrie. They are getting really good at them!

