

Little Lamb Nursery School

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The Lamb February 2017



Happy Birthday to:
AM - Elliana Werley
Gabriella Werley

Mrs. Duda

CALENDAR

February 1(Wednesday) - Today we will learn about groundhogs!

February 2 (Thursday) - Library

Today we will learn about the Chinese New Year celebration. It is the year of the rooster. Since the Chinese people consider red to be a lucky color we encourage our students to wear something red today.



February 8 - (Wednesday) - We will be doing activities with the heart shape today. Any clothing with hearts would be great to wear today. Your child should bring a show and tell item related to the heart shape.



February 9 - (Thursday) - Library

February 13 - (Monday) - Red Day and Valentine card exchange today
- Please help your child "mail" his valentines in the valentine containers in the hallway. The list of names for the children in your child's class is attached to this newsletter. Students may wear something red today.

February 16 - (Thursday) - Library

Please have your child wear red, white and blue today in honor of our Presidents.

February 20 - (Monday) - NO school

February 22 - (Wednesday)-**hearing screening permission forms are due today**

Circle Day!! Children should wear clothing that includes circles.

February 23- (Thursday) - Library

February 27 - (Monday) - **Hearing screenings** will be done by the Berks Association of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - signed parental permission form required before the testing.

Vision screenings will be done in March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. Valentine's cards will be exchanged on Monday, February 13th. The Valentine holders will be in the hallway. Please help your child place his/her valentines in the appropriate holders. You may choose to put the names of your child's class mates on the valentines or you may leave the envelope blank and put them into the Valentine holder. The class list is attached to the end of this newsletter.
- II. Applications for enrollment for the 2017-18 school year are now available for the members of Epler's Church and families of former or currently enrolled students. These children will be given first opportunity at enrollment. Please see Mrs. Lash for the application papers or download the paperwork from the Epler's Church website. General enrollment will become effective after February 29th for new students. If you know anyone who wishes to enroll a new student, please leave his/her name, address, and telephone number with the church secretary or with Mrs. Lash or have them call 610-926-1135 (Mrs. Lash) or 610-926-1006 (Church). These applications will be mailed out to them or they could download the forms from the Epler's church website. Enrollment will be based on the order in which they are returned.
- III. The Berks County Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will perform hearing screenings **on Monday, February 27**. This is a simple, non-invasive test geared to preschoolers. Please return the signed hearing screening form on or before **Wednesday, February 22** so we can have all the forms before the day of the screening. If your child is absent we will not be able to reschedule this screening. If for some reason your child would not pass the screening on this day, Miss Betsy will usually reschedule a retest at a later date when it suits her schedule.
- IV. This month we could use large sized packs of napkins, wet wipes for hands, **and especially 5 oz. paper cups**. Thanks.

CLASS NOTES

In January our classes had to pretend we had snowy, wintry weather as we learned winter finger plays and songs. Our students learned about arctic animals such as the walrus, polar bear, moose, and beluga whale. They learned about a globe and where the arctic would be found on the model of the earth. We introduced scissor skills in January. We do have scissor rules at school such as: We do not cut hair, skin or clothing. We walk when carrying scissors. We keep our thumb on the top of the scissors when cutting. We use the non-cutting hand as the helper hand to hold the paper. We pass or carry scissors with the blade down.

Our Thursday children learned two nursery rhymes about mice. "Hickory Dickory Dock" and "Three Blind Mice". Nursery rhymes are good sources of rhyming words and fluency. These are two important aspects of learning to read. By this time of the year our

students have worked with activities related to the following letters of the alphabet. L,E,F, H,O,Q,G,C,J, M,T. The staff would ask that the families help their child(ren) at home to reinforce the recognition of and the sounds these letters make. The children should also be able to identify the lower case form of each letter of the alphabet before they go to kindergarten.

In February we will have fun with the color red and the heart and circle shapes. Our Thursday students will learn a little about the Chinese New Year celebration, discuss the importance of President's Day, and will begin a unit on dental health.

Favorite books from the month of January include:

Where's Walrus? - Stephen Savage

The Snowy Day - Ezra Jack Keats

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus - Mo Willems

I Love My New Toy - Mo Willems

Walruses - Colleen Sexton

Say Hello to the Snowy Animals - Whybrow and Eaves

Polar Bear Night - Lauren Thompson

Thursday students enjoyed:

Whose Mouse are You? - Robert Kraus

Mouse Mess - Linnea Riley

Our Thursday students really enjoyed this DVD:

"Mouse Around"

Happy Valentine's Day from the LLNS staff !!



(for our Valentine exchange on Monday, February 13)

Class Lists: * indicates Thursday student

Morning:

1. Aiden
2. Anderson *
3. Arie
4. Blake *
5. Christopher
6. Daxton
7. Elliana *
8. Gabriella *
9. Gracie *
10. Lilliana
11. Mia *



Afternoon:

1. Jordyn *
2. Kathryn
3. Violette *
4. Wyatt

Mrs. Duda

Mrs. Lash