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## The Lamb February 2020

### Happy Birthday to:

AM- Brayden Iezzi  
Tyler Koppenberg  
Emma Roy  
Anderson Zaleski



## CALENDAR

February 1 - tuition is due

FYI - Little Lamb will be celebrating Chinese New Year (Lunar New Year or Spring Festival) the week of February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The New Year celebration starts January 25 and ends February 8. We will do some activities related to this cultural event with our students. It is the year of the Rat according to the Chinese zodiac.

February 3 - (Monday) - We will be learning about shadows and groundhogs today.

February 5 - (Wednesday) - time today, to aloud to all Older kids like to hear an listening to the sounds of an adult reading.



February 6 - (Thursday) - Library  
Students may wear **red** today to celebrate Chinese New Year.

February 12- (Wednesday) - Valentine card exchange today- Red is the color of the day today. Have your child wear something red. Please help your child "mail" his/her 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.



February 13 - (Thursday) - Library

February 17- (Monday) - (President's Day) - snow day makeup classes for Morning and Afternoon students. Have your child wear red, white and blue today!!

February 19 - (Wednesday) - Return hearing screening forms today.

February 20 - (Thursday) - Library

February 24 - (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

February 27- (Thursday) - Library

Vision screenings will be done on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- I. Valentine's cards will be exchanged on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 2020-21 school year will be available for the members of Epler's Church and families of former or currently enrolled students by February 15<sup>th</sup>. These children will be given first opportunity at enrollment. Please see one of the teachers for the application papers or download the paperwork from the Epler's Church website. General enrollment will become effective after March 1<sup>st</sup> 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 610-926-1006 (Church). 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 24.** This is a simple, non-invasive test geared to preschoolers. Please return the signed hearing screening form on or before **Wednesday, February 19** 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 testing day, Miss Betsy will usually reschedule a follow up at a later date when it suits her schedule.
- IV. This month we could use large sized packs of napkins and paper towels. Thanks.

## CLASS NOTES

In January we did activities related to the season of winter. We learned songs and Finger plays about snow and snowmen. We did activities with the colors black and white and learned that mixing those two colors together make gray. We learned about polar bears and penguins. We sang the silly action song "Penguins Attention." Did you know the skin and tongue of a polar bear is black? Did you know that father penguins' care for the eggs by holding them on their feet while mother is out getting food?

For our Thursday students, the staff would ask that families help their child(ren) at home to reinforce the recognition of and the sounds alphabet letters make. By this time of the year a few children have mastered all the letter and letter sounds. Some have mastered a few of the upper-case letters and are trying to master the lower-case equivalent. They are trying hard to find spoken words they know that begin with a certain letter. At school we try to increase the vocabulary words they are exposed to so that reading will be easier when they have heard lots of new words. We encourage our families to identify letters in words at home and to find the letters they are working with at school, in books, in the community and on labels. We would like our students to have mastery in at least 15 upper-case and lower-case letters by kindergarten registration. They should also know the letters in their names out of order. Writing their name is an important pre-kindergarten skill. Most of our students are doing a fine job forming readable letters. We offer many opportunities for our students to build the finger, hand, arm and shoulder strength that young children need to make handwriting successful kindergarten.

Letters we have worked on so far include the following:

L,l E,e F,f T,t C,c O,o Q,q G,g Zz. Other letters we have identified in the classroom include N, D, J, plus the letters in their names.

In February we do activities with the colors red and purple. We will do activities with shadows and Chinese New Year. We will learn about gorillas and other great apes at the end of February.

### **Books we all enjoyed in January:**

I Love My New Toy - Mo Willems

When Winter Comes - Nancy Van Laan

A Big Guy Took my Ball - Mo Willems

Gingerbread Cowboy - Janet Squires (PM class)

Olivia the Pig-Olivia and the Missing Toy - Ian Falconer

(PM class)

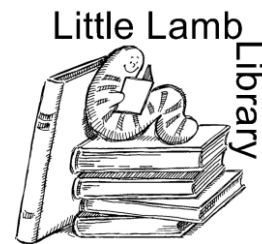
National Geographic: Polar Bears - Laura Marsh

Polar Bears - Mark Newman

Sneezy the Snowman - Maureen Wright

Black Meets White-Justine Fontes

Bold and Bright, Black and White Animals-



**Books our Thursday children enjoyed:**

Put me in the Zoo - Robert Lopshire

The Dot - Peter H. Reynolds

Rhyming Dust Bunnies - Jan Thomas

How the Zebra Got its Stripes - golden book

Zebras - Jill Anderson

Videos we enjoyed:

“The Stranger in the Woods”

Questions? Contact Mrs. Lash

Happy Valentine’s Day!

LLNS Staff

