## Miss Dawn's Class News

Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies. Psalm 36:5

I cannot believe it is February already! It is going to be a very busy, fun-filled month! During the first part of the month the children will focus on Valentine's Day and then move into a fairy tale and nursery rhyme unit.

To celebrate Valentine's Day we will be asking the children what love is. We'll talk about how caring, sharing and being a good friend are all acts of love along with emphasis on God's love for each of us. Valentine's Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> with a class party which will involve decorating cookies, exchanging cards, Valentine's art and more. Please have your child decorate a Valentine's box for our party at home and bring it in the day of the party. Include an opening which will accommodate treats. There are 21 children in our class. There is no need to personalize each valentine, just have your child sign their first name.

Our dramatic play area has been changed over to a Castle where the children can pretend to be knights and princesses. Our sensory table will be filled with purple sand for the children to make sand castles. At carpet we will be working on rhyming words and discuss parts of a story. Some of the popular fairy tale and nursery rhymes your children will be introduced to are The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Gingerbread Man, Cinderella, Humpty Dumpty, and many more. The children will be creating art to tie in with these classic stories.

In math this month the children will continue learning their shapes along with focusing on our teen numbers. There will be lots of fun valentine counting games as well.

In science this month as part of a stem challenge the children will be given a variety of materials to build houses for the three little pigs. The children will play the part of the big, bad wolf and try to blow the house down! We will also take part in a conversation heart science experiment.

The month of February is American Heart Month. It is a great way to remind children how we can take care of our bodies by exercising and eating healthy foods. To help the children define healthy foods I am asking parents to donate healthy foods for our morning snack if you are interested in helping please send me a text and I can assign a date. I will start off by bringing in fruit and yogurt the first week. I am hopeful this will be a hit!

The children are doing great at learning their last names; a handful of children already have this task accomplished. Please continue working at home as kindergarten is just around the corner!

Thank you for your donation of change for our pizza party. The children are learning the coins and their value and also the president on each coin along with our current president.

Thank you for sharing your little ones with us, I have such an amazing class and I feel extremely blessed!

I hope everyone has a wonderful month.

Miss Dawn and Miss Jill