

# Kindergarten News

Kindergarten Team Newsletter  
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## Important February Dates

**Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Our 100<sup>th</sup> Day (as long as we have no more snow days!)

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** – Valentine’s Day party 12:15 – 1:15

Our Room Parents will be arranging the snack. Please do not send anything unless you are contacted. (Remember that many of our classrooms have children with nut allergies so no nut products, please!) Each teacher will send home a class list for valentines.

Make sure you send a valentine for everyone in the class. Thanks!

**Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** - Early Dismissal Day – School dismisses at 1:30

**Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** – School closed – Presidents’ Day

**Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** – No school for students – Teacher Curriculum Day

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## Activities to Try at Home!

As we have each month, we are including more activities that you can try at home to reinforce skills we are learning here at school. We appreciate your help!

### Load the Ship

If you have a toy ship, you may want to use it to play this game, but it is not necessary. Tell your child you will be pretending to load the ship. All the things put on the ship must rhyme! To begin the game, say, “The ship is loaded with cheese.” Then your child needs to tell something else you could add to the ship. (such as “The ship is loaded with peas.”) Continue with as many rhymes as you and your child can generate. Then begin to fill your ship with some new cargo. Examples to try:

logs (dogs, hogs, frogs...)

mats (cats, rats, bats, hats...)

stars (cars, bars, jars...)

Phonics Extension Activity – Have your child write the words.

### Act It Out

Tell your child some stories and have him/her “act them out” using materials from around your home.

Story examples:

I bought 3 pencils at the store. Then my friend gave me 2 more. How many pencils did I have in all?

My sister had 5 pennies. She went outside and lost 1 penny. How many pennies does she have now?

My friend had some books. I gave her 1 more. Now she has 6 books. How many did she have before I gave her one?