



Happy February! I hope this month brings us a little snow! Here is what we have planned for the upcoming month:

We will start out continuing on with Polar Pals and the cold arctic in which we will discuss all of the neat animals that live in the polar regions. Leading up to Valentine's Day, we will be talking about Friends and Family. We will be using the family pictures you have sent to school during these couple of weeks. If you have not sent a family picture yet, please send one ASAP so your child is not left out. In honor of President's Day we will be learning about the importance of our great leaders past and present. We will end the month by learning about Dr. Seuss and exploring his fun rhyming books. Now that we are exploring colors again, this time in Spanish, when students are asked to draw something that is a certain color on their daily sheet, they will not be provided with examples, but will be expected to come up with something of that color on their own. Beginning in January we started putting last names on the table for identification rather than first names. We will continue to do that this month as well. You may also see your child writing his/her last name on daily sheets instead of first names. If your child is not confident writing his/her first name, he/she will continue practicing writing his/her first name rather than the last.

We will be having Valentine's Day Parties on Monday, February 13th at the end of each class time. We will be exchanging valentines during class time. Please bring a valentine to school that day for each child. We do ask, however that you do not put individual names on the outside of the envelope. It's a great idea to have your child sign each individual valentine. You may want to start early, though. Please note when you are making your valentines, we have 20 students in the morning and we now have 19 students in our afternoon class.

There is an optional field trip the rest of the school will be participating in this month. It is the Mr. Stinky Feet Concert on Thursday, February 2 at 10:00. If you choose to attend, you must bring and stay with your child for the duration of the concert. You may bring siblings to this field trip. The cost is \$4.00 per child and can be paid along with the other field trips or to Cindy or Mary Kay in the office.

This year, HTEEC will be hosting its first ever art show, featuring the work of our very own artists... your children! Each class will take some time to learn about the life and art of a famous artist. Students will get the chance to create their own masterpiece, using the style and technique of the artist. The artwork will be on display from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 29th. We will have a silent auction for the works of art, and every penny raised will go directly into sprucing up our outdoor playgrounds. More information will be sent home as the date approaches. Mark your calendars for this special event!

There is no school on Monday, the 20th.

We are having a problem getting afternoon Atrium volunteers. Please be sure to volunteer if you are able to. If the sign up is not on the door, please ask for it.

**Looking ahead at March: 7th-field trip to the Nelson Atkins Museum of Art
9-no school; 12-19-no school, spring break**

**XOXOXO,
Jamie Sink and Katie Dorsey**

