



## Panda's February 2012 Newsletter

In January we were busy studying anything that had to do with snow. They loved making cut-out snowflakes, snow pictures and especially their "Snowmen Story Books." The kids worked very hard on those and loved every minute of it. The highlight was when they read their finished product to their class and a few read to Ms. Mary Kay. I am very proud of each one of them and the work they put in their books. Those books are keepers!

We studied about Martin Luther King, Jr. (made a Bulletin board of "Our Dreams", and learned more about dinosaurs (favorite topic with the boys).

We started to learn about time and will continue to do so for some time. We made our own clocks and will use them to learn how to tell time and to play time games with them. Those children that already knew how to tell time refreshed their own knowledge and HELPED others learn theirs.

In February we will be studying and learning about Groundhogs, St. Valentine, President Lincoln and President Washington, and start studying about Rainbows. We will also start talking about Lent and preparing for Easter.

I know our weather has been very unseasonable warm lately and it has been great to go outside, which we all enjoy! It can also change at any minute, and our recess times are at different times of day, plus our playground can be much cooler and windier than the front of the building, so coats & sweatshirts have been very helpful. Please make sure they are well marked.

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!

On February 21st, we will again kick off the season of Lent by celebrating Mardi Gras and having our own Mardi Gras parade. Each class will create their own float for the parade, but we want families to be included as well. Families are encouraged to work together to make their own floats out of shoeboxes. These will proudly be displayed in the halls of HTEEC. Our parade will be at 10:30 am, and parents are welcome to join us as the parade spectators.

If your child would like to celebrate their birthdays in our class with treats they are always welcome to - just let me know so they we can plan for it. Ms Mary Kay also comes to sing to them with her green birthday chair and birthday cake hat. They love it!!!

Thanks for your help!

- *Whenever HT is closed, your child will need a sack lunch for HTEEC. Please make sure there is an ice pack in their lunch box, we share our room with 2 other classes (TK & 4x4), so there is very little room in our class refrigerator.*
- *Please check "Parent Pockets Info" above the cubbies each day! Thank you.*
- *If there is a change in your child's pick-up or they will not be in school at Hteec, always feel free to email me to let me know. My HTEEC email account goes straight to my phone, so I get it immediately!*
- *Please make sure we see you "face to face" at pick-up time.*
- *Please leave all toys and electronics at home.*

**Birthdays:**

Brianna - 13  
Addison - 23

**Sack Lunches Needed: 2/20 & 2/21**

**HTEEC Closed: 2/20 & 2/21**

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