



Youth Service Bureau Child Development Center

# From the Director's Desk

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## Teaching Kindness to our Children

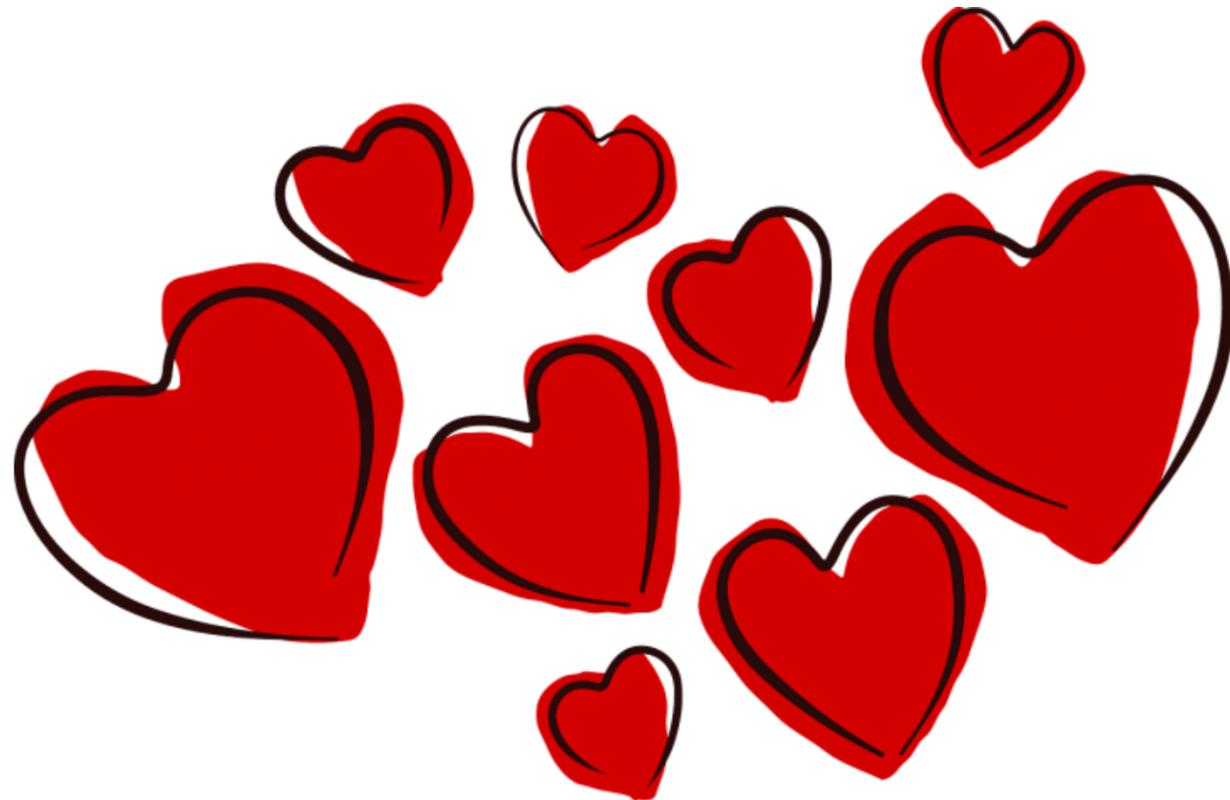
We are already a week into the shortest month of the year!

Embracing the spirit of Valentine's Day, the teachers will be focusing on "Kindness". Our children will be encouraged to speak kindly to one another, they will work on activities together to encourage teamwork, taking turns, friendship, and what it means. There will be a lot of "heart" around the center. We look forward to much creativity this month.

I would also like to take a little time to congratulate Jenifer Barr on her promotion to Assistant Director. She will replace Linda Janusick, as she has moved on to other adventures. Linda will be missed. We wish her the best.

Please help your child practice self-help skills at home to add to their continued success such as buttoning, zipping, and putting on their shoes, to name a few. Encourage kindness in words and actions - remember to praise your child when you "catch" them making good choices!

*Deb Wackerline*



**Pre-K**

**Fairy Tales**

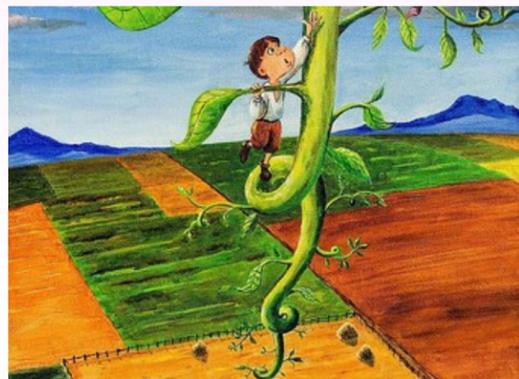


Once upon a time there was a Pre-K class that learned about fairy tales. Some of the stories they were told about were the “Three Little Pigs”, “Beauty and the Beast”, and “Jack and the Beanstalk”.

In celebration of discovering these fairy tales, the children will be making pig houses, egg puzzles and beanstalks, just to name a few.

We will also be learning about **Valentines Day!** We will have a party on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a sign up sheet in Pre K if you would like to bring treats in.

As a **Reminder** please check your child’s cubby to make sure they have a set of spare clothes. Accidents happen even if they are potty trained.



**Welcome!**

Welcome Keigan, Niyah, and Kenadie.

**Early Preschool**

**Fabulous February**

During the month of February the children will learn about the following topics: **Penguins, Chinese New Year, Winter, and the Zoo.**

Here are some of the activities that Mrs. Patti and Miss Emily have planned for the children:



**Music: “Penguin Song”**

*Have you ever seen  
A penguin come to tea?  
When you look at me  
A penguin you will see!  
PENGUINS ATTENTION!  
PENGUINS BEGIN!*

*In between each chorus, add one of the following by calling out the following commands with actions. Each time you call out a new command, you add it to the existing motions.*

- Right Flipper (Flap right arm)*
- Left Flipper (Flap left arm)*
- Right Foot (Kick right foot)*
- Left Foot (Kick left foot)*
- Bob your head (bob your head...)*
- Turn in a circle (turn in a circle)*
- Stick out your tongue (stick out your tongue and sing song)*

*At the end... it's PENGUINS ATTENTION! PENGUINS DISMISSED!*

**Art:** Sponge Paint a dragon, make and hand print dragon, make a fan, make a monkey, “my melted snowman” and so much more!

**Weather:** We have been very lucky to have been able to go outside twice in the past few weeks! Parents, please keep in mind that we still go outside when the weather permits. Also when we do go outside for the first few times it is very muddy.



We want to give a huge welcome to our two new friends, Savannah and Ronan!

**Children’s Dental Health Month**

The month of February is Children’s Dental Health month. Even though we do brush our teeth every day after breakfast, it is still important to put emphasis on teeth brushing and why it is important, especially with younger children. We will talk about how we should brush our teeth, why we should brush our teeth, and why it is important to go to the dentist.

**Valentine’s Day**



Valentine’s Day falls on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be having our annual Valentine’s Day party on that day. Keep an eye out for notes from the teacher as to what we will be doing that day.

**Chinese New Year**



February 16<sup>th</sup> marks the start of the Chinese New Year. This year is the Year of the Dog. We will talk about the Chinese New Year and the kinds of traditions that go on during the start of the new year, as well as making crafts that reflect these traditions.

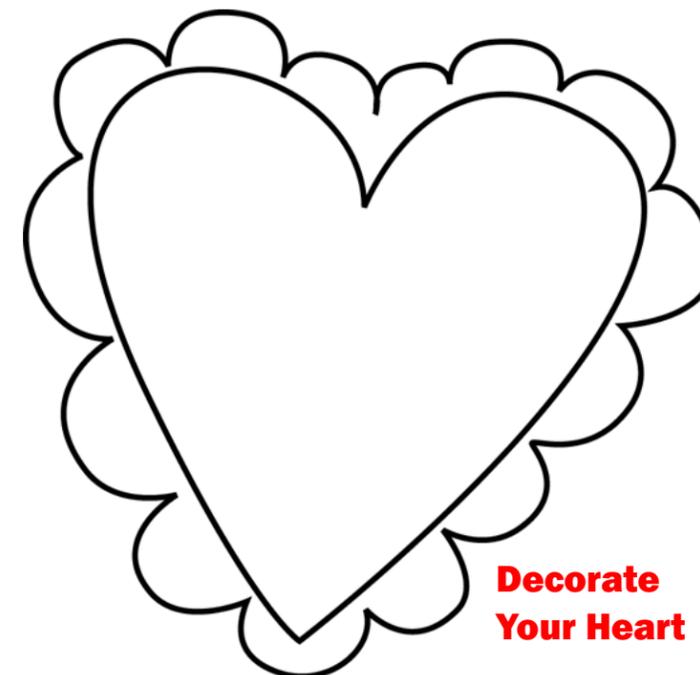
**Happy Birthday!**

*Kenadie*

**Reminders**

Remember to always be checking your child’s cubby for notes from the teachers/office, projects that are going home, and notes about needing extra sets of clothes.

**Fun Center!**



**Decorate Your Heart**

Find and circle the sight words below (→ only).

it, in, you, on, my & we

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a	v	i	t	e	r
w	e	b	j	t	g
d	r	e	a	d	y
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