

## February News

### **Mrs. Rutkowski & Ms. Janine Pre- K**

January came and left in what seems like a flash. We managed to gain lots of ground on our letters and learn about Dr. King, igloos, icebergs, and hibernation, jaguars, and jungles, as well as Kites, kangaroos and Chinese new year. We hope the groundhog comes out to play and brings Spring soon!

We are almost half way through the alphabet this month we will cover L, M, N, and O. As we progress through the letters we do try to keep reviewing all the letters both upper and lower case. It's a lot to retain but repetition does help. We play games and do puzzles and some papers to help. I suggest as you read to your child or even just out in the store or driving, sight letters and refer to them by name; it does help to let them see them in everyday use.

February will be busy with Valentine's Day, and President's day projects, which we will incorporate as themes with the letters. During L week we will be learning where we live (addresses) as well as last names. Please start to discuss these with your child to help them learn. The week of Feb.6th is when we'll start asking them and going over in class. Letter N (week of Feb. 20) will have us learning our Phone Numbers, (we will need your help with this).

\*\*\*\*\*Please send in a stamped (postage) stamp before feb.6 addressed to a person your child would like to send a "love" note to ( a grandparent, cousin) someone to get in the mail.

The Valentine's celebration will be during class time on Feb.14. We ask that you help your child sign his/her name on cards (24) and not to put names on the envelopes; it will help us with distributing them, as most of the children are not able to read all the names. You might want to start soon and let your child do a few each evening, (good practice). For our celebration we will have an ice cream sundae party with all the fixings, there is a sign up for ice cream sundae ingredients and party necessities. Any child that does not usually attend on Tuesday is welcome 9:30 to 11:15.

I will be starting to do the Spring evaluations in readiness for the Spring conferences, which will be during the week Feb. 27(a sign up will be up 2 weeks prior). Please remember that all registrations should be in the office: go ahead and register for spots for your child. If you have questions before Conference please contact me.

Please continue to dress children warmly as we will go out as often as we can.

Thank you for special snacks as they brighten the day!