

# January 2012

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## Themes for the Month...

snow - Although we didn't experience much wintry weather...snow is *usually* a perfect theme for January. Tracing a circle with mini-marshmallows revealed a happy snowman in one of our crafts.

ICE - Painting with different colored ice cubes gave us a chance to talk about science words like *freezing* and *melting*. Mixing colors was fun as well!

Hibernation- We had a great opportunity to learn about the many different animals that hibernate (deep sleep) during the winter. As part of our learning experience, we made a "cave" in our classroom.

Bears- Filling in a number graph with Teddy Grahams was a great way to practice math skills! Another math activity involved sequencing bear counters from smallest to largest.



## Coming Soon...

We have some special days coming in February, and hopefully some snow (but only on the weekends!) -

February 13 will be our Valentine Party! We will be exchanging Valentine Cards with each other. Please bring a card for each of the children in our class. We have 10 students. We'll talk about our friends as we distribute the Valentine Cards and it would be nice if you could include your child somehow in preparing them! Here is the list of our friends at school:

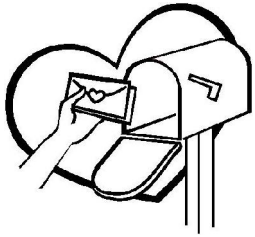
BLAIZE	LILY
BOBBY	MADDOX
CHELSEY	MEGAN
COLIN	NATE
JAKE	RYAN

February 20 is President's Day...NO SCHOOL for students.

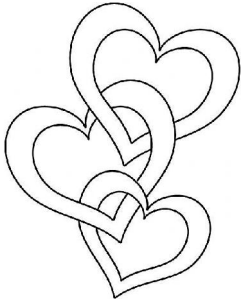
February's JESUS time focus will be on Jesus showing love and helping us to love others.

## Reminders...

- A good way to start conversations about what happened at school is to ask your son/daughter what song they chose from the Song Box at Circle Time. Maybe they'll even sing it for you!
- Check out the songs on the....they will be in our February Song Box.
- We're working hard at learning the letters in our names. Ask your child to find his/her "letters" in your house.



I'm sending you a little valentine,  
 It says "I love you. Please won't you be mine?"  
 I'm sending you a little valentine.  
 Who should I give it to? (spoken)  
 (I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee)



Skinamarinky dinky dink, skinamarinky doo, I love you.  
 Skinamarinky dinky dink, skinamarinky doo, I love you.  
 I love you in the morning and in the afternoon.  
 I love you in the evening and underneath the moon.  
 Oh, skinamarinky dinky dink, skinamarinky doo, I love you!



Valentines are fun to make, fun to make, fun to make.  
 Valentines are fun to make, Let's all make one!  
 First, we'll cut a paper heart, paper heart, paper heart.  
 First we'll cut a paper heart, snip, snip, snip, snip!  
 Next, we'll paint a happy face.....brush, brush, brush, brush.  
 Now we'll glue on pretty lace.....dab, dab, dab, dab.  
 We'll wait for our hearts to dry.....ticktock, ticktock.  
 Then we'll hang them on the wall....aren't they lovely?  
 (Tune: London Bridge)



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me.  
 Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me.  
 Little one like me, sat upon his knee.  
 Jesus loves the little ones like me, me, me

Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
 Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.  
 Little ones like you, he saved you through and through.  
 Jesus loves the little ones like you, you, you.



I'm a little groundhog, fat and brown.  
 I live in my den under the ground.  
 If I see my shadow, then I know.  
 We'll have six more weeks of snow.  
 (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)