

FEBRUARY 2021

Family Newsletter

February Book List

The Day It Rained Heats

by Felicia Bond

Pete the Cat Valentine's Day is Cool

by Kimberly and James Dean

Happy Valentine's Day, Mouse!

By Laura Numeroff

The Biggest Valentine Ever

by Steven Kroll

Snowy Valentine

by David Petersen

Love from The Very Hungry

Caterpillar

by Eric Carle

Love Monster by Rachel Bright

I Love You!

by Calee M. Lee

LOVE, CELEBRATION, AND KINDNESS

February is an **AMAZING MONTH**. Not only does February mark the last month of winter, we also celebrate Black History Month, Valentine's Day and Random Acts of Kindness Day! The days are short, but February does not fail to pack the month with **LIGHT**.

In honor of Black History month we'd like to highlight poet Amanda Gorman and portion her poem "*The Miracle of Morning*",

*"...Read children's books,
Dance alone to DJ music,
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow fonder
...Our world will emerge stronger..."*

May all your hearts grow fonder this February. For more poetry by Amanda Gorman go to, <http://bit.ly/febAGorman>.

Fun Fact

February is the only month where it's possible to go the entire month without a full moon.



INFANTS AND TODDLERS



ACTIVITY

VALENTINE'S SENSORY BAG – Take a sealable bag and draw an outline of a heart on the outside. Fill the bag with clear hair gel and conversation hearts. Seal the bag and then tape the opening just to make sure it does not open. Tape the bag onto your floor or highchair and let your child explore with moving the hearts around the bag.

Curriculum Corner

EXPLORERS! Our Explorers program offers a balance between academics and play that allows children between 3-5 to be able to explore the world around them while still learning. Explorers is made up of explorations. Each exploration contains activities for early literacy skills, writing - fine motor, math and science, arts, social emotional, circle time and gross motor. The activities are developed to be adapted to meet the needs of each individual child and help them grow and learn at their own pace.

Explorations are created based on the interest of the child and what is going on around them in the world. Here are some explorations: Hearts, Dinosaurs, Fairy Tales, Let it Snow, Pets, Robots, Bugs, Weather, Rainforest, Outer Space, Ocean, Nursery Rhymes, Farm and Spring.

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K



ACTIVITY

HEART LETTER HUNT-

Cut heart shapes out of construction paper and write a letter on each one. Then create a key on a piece of paper that has the letters written on it. Hide the hearts around your house. Let your child search for them. When they find one, let them cross it off the list and tell you what letter it is.



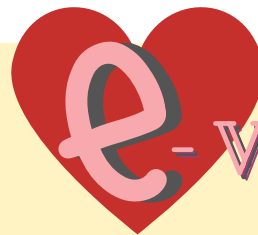
SCHOOL AGE



ACTIVITY

FLOATING HEARTS -

Using a dry erase marker, draw on a plate. Yes, draw on the plate. Make different colored and different sized hearts. Then cover with water and watch what happens. Your hearts should pop off the plate and move around in the water.



e-VALENTINES

Here are a few fun websites where you can send digital cards and messages this Valentines Day!

(Charges may apply)

Blue Mountain | <http://bit.ly/VDAYBLUEMTN>

Jib Jab | <http://bit.ly/VDAYJIBJAB>

American Greeting | <http://bit.ly/VDAYAMGREET>