

## Good Samaritan February 2025 News

February is a month all about friendship, kindness, and hearts. Our classrooms will be buzzing with fun activities, from Valentine's crafts and card exchanges to learning about sharing and caring for one another.

### Valentines Day

Valentines Day is a special time to celebrate friendships, kindness, and love! To make it extra fun, each preschool class will be having a Valentine's lunch party and card exchange. We invite all children to bring Valentines cards for their friends and sign up to bring a dish for our lunch celebration. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up sheet on your child's classroom door. Below are the classrooms and the children's names.

### New Staff

Please help us welcome our newest staff member Monalisa, she is joining us next week in our Infant/ Toddler wing. She brings with her a new friend that will be joining the Flower Room, Kavya. Ms. Monalisa has worked with children of ages ranging the Infant years to preschool. She is very excited to join us and looking forward to meeting the children and their family throughout her time here.

### Flower Room

Aria  
Lucas  
Lydia  
Samuel  
William  
Kavyanshi

### Rainbow Room

Alana  
Caleb  
Maxwell  
Mia  
Martin

### Dino Room

Abigail  
Amayah  
Diego  
Georgia  
Millie

### Butterfly Room

Cassidy  
Elizabeth  
Emma  
Madelyn  
Sammuel

### Froggie Room

Audree  
Evan  
Lily  
Max  
Robbie  
Shiloh  
Theo

### Parent Teachers conferences/upstairs classes

This February the teachers will be hosting Parent-Teacher conferences. This will give you an opportunity to learn about your child's progress, see your child's classroom work and activities first hand, and ask questions and collaborate with your teacher to support your child's growth at home and in the classroom.

We value these conferences as a time to celebrate your child's accomplishments and work together to support their continued growth and joy of learning.

### REMINDER

Just a kind reminder to label all your child's belongings, including their water bottle, and all home belongings.

## Heart health and healthy habits

February is a perfect time to talk about hearts, not just for Valentine's Day, but for our own health! Here are some simple ways we're helping children learn to take care of themselves.

- Eating healthy snacks at school: Fruits, veggies, and food that gives energy
- Wash hands regularly: Keeping germs away and staying healthy
- Move your body: Dancing, jumping, and active play keeps everyone healthy
- Practice kindness: Caring for friends and family is good for the heart too, you feel good and make others feel good about themselves.

By practicing these habits together, we help little hearts grow strong, happy, and healthy.

## Dates to remember

February 13<sup>th</sup> Valentine Party

February 16<sup>th</sup> No school-Presidents Day

## Teddy Bear News

Dear Teddy Bear families,

February is the month of love, and our Teddys Bear friends are celebrating in a sweet way with friendships and lots of learning fun. This month the children will enjoy special activities to encourage kindness and connection with their friends. Through play and hands-on experiences, we will be focusing on building important social skills. We will also work on strengthening fine motor skills through art, painting, and hands-on activities. The children also will be working on developing gross motor skills through movement, games, and outside play. February is about hearts, hugs, and helping hands, and we are so proud of the progress our little Teddys are making every day. Thank you for being part of our Teddys Bear family.

Ms. Gia

## Flower News

Dear Flower Families,

Happy February! ❄️❤️

We are excited to welcome a new month filled with kindness, friendship, and fun learning experiences. February may be short, but it is packed with meaningful moments in our classroom! We also welcome two new friends this month, Aria who turned two and Kavya who is just joining our class.

### This Month's Themes

In February, we will be exploring:

❤️ **Friendship & Kindness** – learning how to be good friends, share, and use kind words

❄️ **Winter Fun** – talking about winter weather and how people and animals stay warm

**us Presidents' Day** – learning that some people help lead our country

### Learning Focus

We will be busy developing skills through play and hands-on activities:

**Literacy:** Valentine-themed stories, listening skills, and name recognition

**Math:** Counting hearts, sorting by color and size, and simple patterns

**Art:** Creative projects using hearts, pinks and reds, and winter materials

**Social Skills:** Practicing kindness, cooperation, and expressing feelings

### Special Activities

Valentine crafts and card-making

Friendship games and group activities

Music, movement, and plenty of indoor fun to stay active during winter

### Reminders

Please dress children in layers for chilly weather

If your child brings valentines, please remember they should be able to give one to each classmate

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Warmly,

Lakshmi Ganapathy

## Rainbow News

Hello and happy February to all!!! Over the course of February, the Rainbows will be focusing on the theme of friendship, kindness and giving lots of love. We

will talk about all the people in our lives that we love dearly. Some art activities that we do in the classroom are dot art, finger painting, crayons, markers and much more. This helps the children with their fine motor skills ... learning on how to grasp a crayon or marker. This also helps with their hand-eye coordination. On the 13th, we are having a pajama party and valentine card exchange. Pls have your child wear their PJs to school. We will be doing a lot of storytelling and let them bring their favorite stuffed toy to cuddle at nap time. Have a wonderful month of LOVE!!!

### Dino News

The Dino room has been our home for quite some time now and I have enjoyed my time with every single Dino, as well as building memories. All our friends have shown growth in their social, emotional, cognitive and motor development. We have friends that direct a full sing along show with the class and have grown to have so much confidence in their learning. They have enjoyed working together and helping one another with problem solving, advocate for friends and some can even help show a friend a new skill. While we will finish up the month of February together to smooth their transition to Butterflies, we will still continue our curriculum in the Dino's. I will be taking time off in the month of February and that's where Dino's will start to merge and get acclimated to the Butterflies. They are very familiar with Ms. Daniela, Ms. Ciera and Ms. Ploy. I will still be visiting and checking in but will be downstairs with the toddlers for the time being. Parent Teacher conferences will still be taking place, please if you have not signed up for a slot, be sure to do so at your earliest convenience. Please remember that we will be exchanging Valentine's Day cards and I wanted to include both Dino and Butterfly. I will miss seeing all my friends every morning and have really enjoyed being part of their preschool years, I have informed them that I will always be available if they miss me and will still be here, just helping our little friends for the rest of the school year.

With sadness, gratefulness and excitement for all our new adventures,  
Ms. Maria

### Butterfly News

Dear Butterfly Room Families,  
Happy February! This month, I will be having parent teacher conferences! This is a wonderful opportunity for you to bring your questions and ask away! I will be sharing with you your student's progress throughout the year. I would love to hear what your plans are for the future with your student! :) Please don't forget to sign up and pick a time & date! The sign-up sheet is posted outside of my door!

In Literacy, students have been learning about the alphabet and will continue to work on recognition and phonics. During circle time, we recently read a book in class called "I Knew You Could!" by Craig Dorfman. From there, we brainstormed ideas of what was going on, possible fears we may have, and drew a picture.

Drawing a picture after reading a story helps students comprehend and deepen their knowledge of interpreting emotions and how to connect with others in the real world. In addition, relating to a character in the story helps students develop their emotional literacy. We will continue to work on developing this skill.

In Math, we have been working on recognizing and visualizing the numbers 9 and 10. We used colorful fish and blocks to help with the learning knowledge. When I was reviewing numbers 9 and 10, a student mentioned the word "addition." To me, hearing them talk about addition made me happy because it was something that I have never spoken about. I asked the class if they wanted to learn what addition is and what it does and the students; very excitedly, said yes. So, I used the colorful blocks and taught them what addition is and what it does. The highlight, for me, in this experience was seeing the students make a 'plus sign' with their fingers. For the month of February, I will be helping students learn some addition (not the math equation version) using hands on play so I can have them be familiar with the concept. In Science, we just wrapped up our mini-Ice unit! It was so much fun seeing students engage and interact with one another about possible ideas for what we could've used for the science experiment. For the month of February, we will continue to learn about animal habitats along with the different types of weather. For this, I want to talk about the Northern Lights because I am

curious to hear about their theories as to why it exists, along with how it's formed.

As a friendly reminder, please be sure to bring your student's water bottle, along with checking their cubbies to make sure they have extra clothing. As always, I am available via Brightwheel! Please reach out if you have any questions/concerns.  
Ms. Daniela

### Froggie News

Dear Froggy Parents,

Happy February! January has quickly passed, and we had such a fun and exciting month. The Froggies especially loved learning about polar animals and had a blast during our experiment using Crisco to see how these animals stay warm in winter. It was a hands-on, playful activity that really sparked their curiosity.

This month, our classroom themes include Valentine's Day, Friendship & Kindness, Healthy Eating, and Dental Health. Through these planned activities, the Froggies will continue developing skills in fine motor development, math, science, arts & crafts, and language & literacy. These activities help foster social-emotional growth, healthy habits, and a love for learning.

In addition to our monthly theme, the class will also be learning about President's Day and Black History Month through age-appropriate discussions and stories.

We are so excited for our Valentine's Day party on Friday! Please check the class schedule for times.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: A friendly reminder to please save the date and time you signed up to discuss your child's growth and progress.

Thank you for your support and partnership. I truly enjoy working together with you to nurture your child's curiosity, growth, and love for learning.

Warmly,  
Ms. Ploy