

Wee Folk in February

Our theme this month will be **LOVE**, with Valentine's Day being the highlight! The children will enjoy wearing their red clothes and accessories with hearts to school on their party days, **February 13 & 14**. Everyone will make a "beary" special valentine holder to receive his/her cards; and take turns wearing our Postman's jacket while delivering their valentines. A list of your child's classmates' names is attached for you to refer to when helping your child prepare their cards for our traditional valentine exchange.

If your child is scheduled for a Helping Hand day this month, he/she will enjoy bringing a **collection** of items they enjoy collecting! These special days allow us to get to know one another better and bring a focus to our show-and-tell opportunities.

Our puppet theater will be transformed into the **Wee Folk Post Office** this month, equipped with paper, envelopes, stamps, and a very official mailbox! You can look forward to receiving some loving messages from your child as he/she enjoys visiting our new mail center.

This is also an ideal time for the children to work on learning their full name, address, and phone number. A variety of activities will be incorporated in order to reinforce this recognition, especially for those going on to kindergarten next year.

Along with some "love-ly" Valentine theme books, reading selections this month will include: *The Giant Hug*, *The Jolly Postman*, *A Letter to Amy*, *Lizzie's Invitation*, *The Post Office Book*, and *Words to Love By*.

Songs and games, such as, "Love Somebody, Yes I Do," "Will You Be My Valentine?" "In My Hand is a Valentine," "Send Me a Red Heart, Send Me a Rhyme," and "I Open My Heart to You," will be part of our music time. On very cold days, we will make time to go "ice skating" in the fellowship hall. Our paper plate "ice skates" are ready to go!

The time is approaching for scheduling February Parent-Teacher Conferences for those with children who are eligible for kindergarten in the fall of 2023. I look forward to sharing with you my observations concerning our daily routines and activities, and your child's interactions with others. We will also review your child's kindergarten developmental readiness evaluation. You may schedule your conference appointment to meet in-person; or if you prefer, we can talk over the phone. I will contact you about a time that works with your schedule on the days we have set aside for these meetings. Please note that classes are not in session on these conference days.

Special February Days

- February 1: **Registration** opens for new families to Wee Folk for 2023-2024
- February 1, 8 & 15: **Alphabet Adventures** continue for letters O, P, and Q!
- February 2: **Groundhog Day!**
Our local celebrity groundhog, Harleysville Hank, will do his prognostication at the Mennonite Heritage Center at 565 Yoder Road starting at 6:45 AM with a Groundhog carol sing! It's a grand time for those who are up early and wish to join the celebration. Snacks will be served in the Nyce barn.
- February 9 & 10: Scholastic Book Club orders are due
- February 10: Moms' Night Out – Valentine card making event at 7:00 PM
Please RSVP if you plan to attend by Friday, February 3.
- February 13 & 14: Valentine Party Days and Card Exchange
- February 14: **Valentine's Day**
- February 20: **President's Day Holiday** – No school today!
- February 22, 23, 24: **Parent-Teacher Conference Days** – Classes are not in session