



WWA Pre-K February Newsletter

Important Dates:

- ♥ 1st- Tuition Due
- ♥ 13th- Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30
- ♥ 14th- No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30-11:30
- ♥ 17th- No School- Presidents Day

February Happenings!

This month, we'll be finishing up our Upper Case letters in *Handwriting without Tears* and starting our Lower Case letters with the *Kickstart to Kindergarten* Handwriting books. We'll also dive into some fun fairy tale activities, including *The Three Little Pigs*, *The Billy Goats Gruff*, and *The Little Red Hen*, where we'll focus on sequencing.

In Math, we will conclude Module 3, which covers Parts of a Number and more complex patterns, before moving on to Module 4. In this next module, we'll explore comparing length and weight through hands-on activities. We'll also discover coins and the Presidents on them, expanding our knowledge of money and its connection to history.

For Social Studies, we'll be learning all about Presidents, exploring important historical figures and their roles in our country's history.

Valentine's Day Celebration

Since Valentine's Day falls on a non-school day this year, we will celebrate on the 13th in the morning with students only. If your child would like to bring in valentines to pass out to the class, they are welcome to do so. We have 25 students in our class. We will decorate Valentine bags, enjoy a special treat, and make a fun craft together!

Birthdays:

- ♥ 2/5- Ellie
- ♥ 2/19- Logan
- ♥ 2/19- Thea



Literacy Tip: Encourage your child to write their name independently. Talk to them about which letters are in their name. If they have mastered writing their first name, encourage them to start recognizing and writing their last name.

Math Tip: Playing simple card games like Go Fish with a deck of cards helps your child begin to recognize numbers 1-10 in a fun way!

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The WWA Pre-K mission is to nurture each child's individual potential to help instill the building blocks for developing a love for learning through active, play-based, and developmentally appropriate activities while working in partnership with families, embracing mutual respect, diversity and open communication.

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Borrowed Clothing?

* If your child has borrowed clothing from Pre-K, please remember to return it as soon as possible, as we are running low on spare clothes. Also, if you're cleaning out your child's closet and have any size 4 pants to spare, we would greatly appreciate them!



Reminders:

* Please remember to return your child's library book. We have Library on Wednesdays.

* Bring in a water bottle each day labeled with your child's name. We have several duplicate water bottles.



Important Reminder:

This month, we will be relocating our student sign-in area to the desk right outside our classroom door. This will be our "Hug and Go Zone". We strongly encourage you to drop your student off, share a quick goodbye, and let them come into the classroom independently to complete their morning routine. This is a great way to prep them for what mornings will look like once they are in Kindergarten. We understand that this may be a bit tricky for some students who really rely on their parents in the mornings, and we will be there to support them. Please know that your child is more than capable of handling their morning tasks—they've been practicing all year!

Social Emotional Learning:

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is a key part of your child's development. We are always working on being our best selves and making safe choices at school. This month, we're focusing on ways to regulate emotions. You may hear us saying things like, "I can see you are upset, how can I help you?" or "Calm your body down, show me what that looks like." Below, you'll find some helpful links for families to support your child in building regulation skills at home!

♥ <http://www.getreadytoread.org/early-learning-childhood-basics/early-childhood/understanding-social-and-emotional-development-in-preschoolers>

♥ <https://challengingbehavior.cbcs.usf.edu/Implementation/family.html>

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held this month. Please keep an eye out for the sign-up link. If you are unable to attend any of the listed days or times, feel free to reach out to Kacey, and we will be happy to schedule an alternative time that works for you.