



You Are Loved



Dear Parents,

February 2018

January sure was busy. We sure enjoyed meeting with each of you during our conferences and appreciate your time. Lisa & I feel so fortunate to have such wonderful parents in our class. Now I know why you have such wonderful children... You guys are the best! It is so amazing to see how the children have grown and changed already this year.

Our Units for this month are Dinosaurs, We Love Dinosaurs, Valentines, Texas and Texas Rodeo! For Valentine's we will discuss all different kinds of love, including the love we have for our parents, families, friends, pets and most importantly God's amazing love for us. We will have a **party on Wednesday, Feb. 14th**. Lunch will be served during the party, so no need to pack a lunch that day. Each child should bring **12 Valentines** to share with their friends **at arrival time**. The children will be exchanging Valentines **during class centers** in the morning. Valentines need to be signed by your child with their name only! For simplicity, please do NOT write classmate's name on them. It is easier if they can put 1 Valentine in each friend's bag without having to sort them out. Thank you for your understanding.

In preparation for our Dads unit, please send in an **old tie** on or before Friday, **February 16th**. We will be decorating the tie for **Dad's Night**, which is on **Wednesday, March 7th at 6:30pm**. You will not need to send a lunch on the 7th as we will have early dismissal at 12:00pm noon that day, so we can prepare for our special night!

There WILL BE school on **Monday, February 19th**, Presidents' Day. This will be to make up for our inclement weather day in January. If you already have plans, please let us know your child won't be here, but school will be in session that day.

The next couple of weeks we will learn about our great State, Texas and how there are many different kinds of animals and where we might see them. We will top it off with one of our awesome special events "**Go Western Day**". Mrs. Avalos does a wonderful job of turning the gym into the Wild West for your children. We will have a rip-roaring fun time on **Wednesday, Feb. 28th (Set up day is Monday Feb. 26th)**. You may dress your kiddos in their Cowboy or Cowgirl duds. This is a good time to remind you that this is the **only day our students are allowed to wear boots** as stated in our school handbook. In class, we will make a bolo tie to complete their look. Afterwards, we will celebrate with our cowboy lunch. I will have a sign-up sheet for this lunch-only event. Please bring the item you sign up for that morning, at drop off time.

Just a gentle reminder, letter pictures are due each week for literacy and fine motor work. I know everyone is very busy, but please take the time to sit with your child while he/she cuts out at least 2 or 3 pictures and discuss them. They are writing their own alphabet books and they are the proud authors and illustrators!

Whew, another busy month! A quick reminder: Please call the school office or send an email or text to me to let us know when your child is absent and the reason why. We understand and appreciate your time, and worry when our friends are not here. And we want you to know that we appreciate all your efforts to keep our class healthy during this rough cold and flu season. We have made such good friends and love to lift them up in prayer during circle when they are away from us.

May God Bless You,

Monica Donaldson and Lisa Billeck

Looking ahead:

Dad's Night will be held Wednesday, March 7th @ 6:30pm (noon dismissal for set up)
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED March 12-16, 2018 for SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY
Wednesday, March 28th Easter Party
Friday March 30th Holiday - Good Friday & Monday April 2nd Easter Holiday