

HOEPPNER'S HERALD

February 3rd, 2012

Welcome to the month of February. Despite being a shorter month we're jam packed with lots of events and special days (Valentine's Day, President's Day, the 100th Day of School, Dental Health month). Make sure you read any upcoming newsletters and mark important dates on your calendar!

Groundhog Day was this week and we spent time learning about Groundhogs and Groundhog Day. We read fiction and non-fiction about groundhogs, made a graph about whether or not we think the groundhog will see his shadow and made a book of our own to read at home. Did you know that groundhogs are also called woodchucks or that groundhogs can climb trees? We learned lots of interesting facts about groundhogs.

Do you know your **Geometric Solids (3-D shapes)**? We are learning all about them in the K-1 room. Students are focusing on cylinders, cones, spheres, pyramids, rectangular prisms and cubes. We are learning how these shapes are the same and different from 2-D shapes (squares, rectangles, circles...). As we explore these shapes we are also learning about sides, corners, points, edges and bases. As you go about your daily life ask children to help you decide what shapes things are that can be found at home (cans, boxes, party hats, balls, etc).

Did you know that **Valentine's Day is coming soon?** We will be having a party on the 14th at 2:15. Students will need to bring Valentines for everyone in the class. We have 21 K-1 friends in our room. Although we are learning to write our friend's names it's best for students to not address each individual card. It cuts down on time and confusion when we pass out our Valentines. If you and your child have the desire and time I encourage you all to make your own☺.

Wednesday (February 8th) is our Count Day. If possible we ask that students be present and on time, and any appointments scheduled for another day.

This week's **Student of the Week** is Ryen Norman. Ryan is an easy going girl who gets along with everyone. She has worked hard to make her handwriting neat and is doing a good job on her reading skills.

Sincerely,

Miss Melissa

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REMINDERS:

*Letter of the Week – Xx

*Movie Night at Woodland! – Friday, February 10th at 6:30– Kung Fu Panda 2 - Donation of \$1 per person or \$5 per family for the "Helping Hands Fund."