



# February Newsletter

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Smart-E-Pants, Inc.

## School Happenings

### Pajama Party

On Thursday, February 11th we will be having a pajama day in conjunction with our Valentine's party, with a special lunch menu that will include: waffles with whip cream, eggs, bacon/ sausage, fruit, and chocolate milk.

### Special Points of Interest!

- Please remember to send your child with **snow pants, boots, gloves and a hat** on snowy days. We still like to go outside, but want the kids to stay as dry as possible. Please label these items.
- Pajama Day and Valentine's exchange, Feb. 12, 11:00 am
- Friday, February 12th, ski night at Meadows
- No School, Monday, Feb. 15th, President's Day
- Tuesday, February 23rd, field trip to Ceilo
- Feature Children: **Julia Meyer, Troy Rockett**

Curriculum highlights:

Language arts— name writing with emphasis on last names, word and letter journals, sentences, single and multi-letter phonograms.

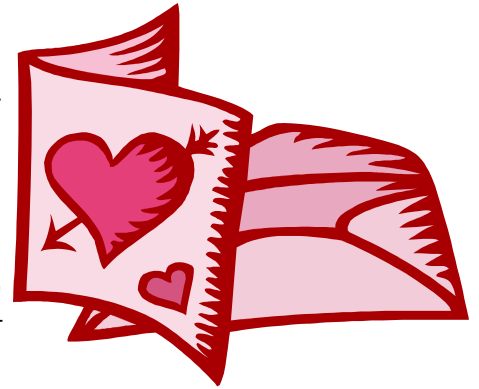
Math—ones/ tens family, sorting, patterns, the color pink, and the heart shape. Kids will continue to work number recognition, writing, and for the older group, addition and subtraction. Introduction of money.

Thematic Units— Furry Friends and Valentines. In our furry friends unit we will learn about aardvarks, opossums, walruses and moose!

Our Valentines unit is one of our favorites. We will be making fun arts and crafts, baking treats, and learning about how the holiday came about. We will be

having our **Valentine exchange on Thursday, February 11th at 11:00 am**. We would like for all the kids to bring a valentine for every student in the class. We have **20** students. There is no need to write out individual names, as we will have each student place a valentine in everyone's bag, but please encourage your child to sign his/her own name. Feel free to be as creative as you'd like, and as always, if your student does not normally attend on this day, feel free to bring him/her at 11:00 am.

If your child will not be able to attend the fun on Thursday, you may bring his/her valentines on Wednesday, and we will see that they get passed out.



### Special Guest/ Field Trip

Local artist, Jessica Levin, will be her on Wednesday, February 10, to help the kids create some special Valentine's Shrinky-Dink art.

On Tuesday, February 23rd, we will taking a field trip to Ceilo. Benn Stenn, Isis' dad, owner, and head chef, is graciously allowing us a behind the scenes look at how the restaurant is run, and will be overseeing the kids as they help to prepare their lunches. This will be the second year that we have been to Ceilo, and I have to say, it's one of my favorite field trips ever!

### Ski Night

Many of our students hit the slopes on a regular basis, so we thought it would be fun to get them all together for a night of skiing. On Friday, February 12, we will be meeting in Meadow's Snow Blaster's room, in the north lodge, at 5:30 pm. If you can come, terrific. We're hoping that each family can bring something to share at a pot-luck style dinner, and then hit the slopes. If you have further questions, please let Amber know.

### Kiva Update

Smart-E-Pants has taken the money raised before Christmas, and used it to sponsor Esther Oghene Ochuko. Esther lives in Warri, Nigeria. Esther owns a shop where she sells articles such as nails, toothbrushes, padlocks, keys and other items. Esther is 38 years old, married, with 5 children. She has been in

business for 7 years, and business is booming. She is using the money to increase and expand her stock.

Esther has already begun to repay the \$200 loan that Smart-E-Pants was able to send her.

More updates soon.