

## KINDERGARTEN—FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

During the week of February 4-8 we will celebrate Chinese culture. We will learn about Chinese New Year, and make firecrackers and paper lanterns. **On Thursday, February 7**, we plan to take a walking trip to the zoo to visit the panda's. We will come back to school, and enjoy Chinese take out food. Please send in \$6.00 for lunch that day. Our letter will be "Oo"

During the week of February 11-15 we will learn how the post office works, and we will prepare for Valentine's Day. We will have our very own John Eaton Post Office in the classroom. Please send unopened junk mail that we will sort and distribute to each other (and then throw into the recycling). We also appreciate any envelopes you can send, which we will use to practice writing addresses. Our letter will be "Vv".

**Our Valentine's Party –for students only- will be held on the afternoon of Thursday, February 14.** Each child should plan to give a little valentine to each member of the class. Your child, with your help and encouragement, should address an envelope to each child, and write his/her own name on the valentines. Attached, you will find a class list written in large manuscript, which your child can copy. Writing valentines for everyone takes time, so make it easier by starting early. Please encourage your child to write all the names. This is a wonderful exercise for fine motor development.

**Monday, February 18 is President's Day, and school will be closed.**

We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on **Tuesday, February 19**. Our activities will include dividing 100 cookies, filling in a 100 chart, and stringing 100 fruit loops. We would like each child to share and display a collection of 100 items (e.g. coins, shells, pebbles, beans, toothpicks) gathered and counted at home. To make it easier, try counting ten groups of ten items. This is fun for all.

During the week of February 18-22 we will learn about our presidents. We plan to make Lincoln's log cabin. We will make cherry pies in the shape of trefoil hats in honor of our first president, George Washington. We will also explore the penny and the quarter. **Monday, February 18 is President's Day, and school will be closed.**

During the week of February 25-29, we will learn about famous Black Americans. Each child will be assigned a famous person, and will present a short memorized text as part of our program celebrating Black History Month. The program will be held for parents on **Thursday, February 28**, at 9:15 a.m. This is a short and very sweet program; please plan to attend. Our letter of the week will be "Xx".

**Friday, February 29 school will be closed for Parent Conference day.**