

Betty J. Taylor Early Learning Academy

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Beaver



Even though February is the shortest month of the year, we have much going on! It is the international month of friendship, which we will honor with discussions, stories, and encouragement on how to care for our friends. We will continue to work on taking turns, sharing is caring, and self-help skills, and potty training.

We have a celebration planned for Valentine's Day and encourage you to bring valentines for your child to share with their classmates. Our Valentine curriculum will feature many art explorations using theme colors and heart shapes to decorate our classroom. Mobiles, valentines, bubble painting, spray art, and more! We will review the post office and talk about how the mail goes in a mail truck to their house, grocery store, and veterinarian office. We will be reading the book "Guess How Much I Love You" by Sam McBratney. We will also continue with winter related projects.

—Anita, Nicki, Anthony,
& Monica

Otter



We are settling back into our regular routine. The kids have enjoyed learning about winter but we are ready to move on. For February, we will be touching on a few different subjects/themes. February is Healthy Heart Month so we will be talking about healthy food choices. We of course will be doing various activities and art projects for Valentine's Day. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday in both the classroom and academy wide with a spirit week. The various dress suggestions will be posted at the end of February in the front lobby and around the building. We look forward to seeing the kiddos' "spirit".

We have recently given each child their own cubby located at the old sign-in/out table for their art. Please check it daily for their most recent masterpiece. Finally, PLEASE remember to bring your children in clothing appropriate for the winter weather—like warm coats, hats, and gloves. The children go outside daily and we want to keep them as warm as possible.

—Jeryre, Roxanne, & Rainey

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



IMPORTANT DATES

- **Friday, February 8**
Cultural Day, no AM childcare
- **Wednesday, February 13**
Parent Committee Dental Bingo
12:00pm–1:00pm
- **Thursday, February 14**
Policy Council 12:00pm–1:00pm,
Valentine's Day
- **Monday, February 18**
Presidents' Day, academy closed

Chipmunk



Yay it's February! Just want to start off with a reminder that it is still cold outside. Please make sure to bring your child a warm coat and hat.

This month we will be focusing on Valentine's Day and Dr. Seuss. We are going to have a Valentine's Day party for our children in our class during snack time. We will be decorating valentine boxes for the children to put valentines in from their classmates. So you can bring in valentines for them if you like. We will also be decorating and frosting cookies with the children during snack time. If your child has a favorite Dr. Seuss book, you can bring it in so we can read it to them or let us know what one it is and we can see if we might have it. We will be doing different activities with the kids pertaining to the different books.

Calendar reminders:

- Culture Day: Feb. 8 no AM childcare that drop off at 9:15-9:30AM
- Valentine's Day: Feb. 14 we will have a special snack during snack time.
- Presidents' Day: Feb. 18 no school.
- Feb. 28 a special family breakfast of green eggs and ham in the TELA gym to end our Dr. Seuss Week.

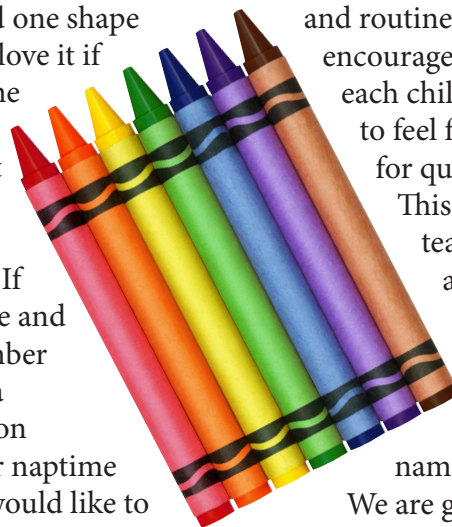
—**Jamie, Teresa, & Cheryl**

Octopus



For this month, February 2019, our new goals are to start learning colors and shapes! We will be learning one color and one shape each week. We would love it if each family could name the shapes/colors as you discover them out in the world (bonus points if you can take a picture with them!). If your child loves to give and get hugs please remember we will also be doing a Valentine's Day party on Thursday, Feb. 14 after naptime 2:30-3:00PM. If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome to bring in store bought treats of any kind.

—**Shala, Katey, & Katherine**



Frog



This month will talk about caring and sharing. We will continue to introduce the new environment and routine to your child and encourage growth. We want each child's family members to feel free to come to us for questions or concerns.

This month we will be teaching the children about different textures, shapes, and colors. We will also be teaching the children color names in Lushootseed.

We are going to have a Valentine's Day party on Thursday, Feb. 14. On Feb. 18, there will be no school for Presidents' Day. On Feb. 25, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Week. Please bring proper dress to keep your child warm and dry for outside time.

—**Melissa, Francine, & Marcella**

Crab



This month our theme is Valentine's Day! Expect lots of hearts and love! We will be incorporating our buggy rides more often and be doing lots of crafts to work our fine motor skills and social emotional development! We will also have Dr. Seuss Week on the last week of February! Along with Valentine's Day this month is Presidents' Day, African American History Month and National Children's Dental Health Month! Don't forget that home visits are coming up and we will be scheduling them for this month, so if we haven't scheduled it please come see us!

—**Lakista, Cailee, & Christina**

Rabbit



February is Healthy Heart Month and we have activities planned around exercise and healthy eating to keep our hearts healthy. We will be having a Valentine's Day party so stay tuned for more details. We would also like to wish Aiden and King a very happy 3rd birthday. Just a reminder that we will be closed on Feb. 18 for Presidents' Day and we will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss Week the last week of the month.

—**Sherry & Darla**

Turtle



This month is all about colors and shapes. We believe that shape and color are two very noticeable attributes of the world around us. Understanding color and shape is a tool for learning many skills in all curriculum areas, from math and science to language and reading. We will be encouraging and playing different games in the classroom to help us learn shapes. With lots of patient and practice, it can help your child solidify their understanding of two-dimensional structures and can be an advantage in many areas of learning.

Also this month, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and Dr. Seuss Day, which we will be doing a lot of fun activities with our hands, minds, and hearts. Lastly, please keep in mind with the weather changing and colder days bring in the appropriate weather attire such as thicker jackets and hats, as we spend 30 minutes outside every day.

—Ms. Stacy, Ms. Val,
& Ms. Seandra

..... **HAPPY**

Valentines
Day

Salmon



We are excited to move into our February theme: Healthy Hearts! Some of the things we will be focusing on are our families, people, and things that we love. We will read stories about love and caring. We will also talk about the different members of our families including both people and pets. We will learn about healthy eating habits as we add nutritious food to our home center and talk about the different types of healthy foods we enjoy eating.

Please check your child's spare clothing basket and bring in extra clothing as needed. Have a wonderful February!

—Sarah & Leah



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
DR. SEUSS!**

—Alondra,
Molly, &
Toni Jo

Starfish



Hard to believe we are already coming into February and are a month into the new year! Our children are getting back into the routine after our winter break. We will be learning about the heart shape and doing several different Valentine's Day activities with hearts. At the end of the month, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss with a spirt week, watch for the flyer! We look forward to partnering with you and your family this month.

—Elisa, Kara, & Jessyca

Gray Whale



February is Healthy Heart Month. This month in the Gray Whale Room we will be focusing on healthy fruits and vegetables, expanding upon our mealtime conversations about healthy foods that we like. Along with this and other learning activities, we will be creating our own Valentine's Day artwork to decorate our windows with, and our own special gift to bring home to a loved one. Although it is rainy and cold, our class still goes outdoors for activities daily, so please remember to send your child in weather appropriate clothing. Also a reminder that TELA will be closed for Presidents' Day on Feb. 18 so enjoy your three day holiday weekend!

Orca



February is the month to remember all the family and friends we love. This month we will be talking to our children about friends and family and how each and every one is special. We will work on a Valentine's Day art project this month. This month is rather chilly. However, if we get the chance we would like to take our class out on a walk. Please make sure your child has a warm jacket and socks.

—Sam & Cindi

**COMMUNITY EARLY LEARNING
OPPORTUNITY:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a
Federally Funded Community - Based Program
Serving the Tulalip / Marysville School District

Early Head Start

**Services provided for
Pregnant Moms
Children ages birth - 3**

We offer:

- **Disabilities / Special Needs**
- **Center Based Learning**
- **Certified Educated Teachers with Early Learning Experience**
- **Small class sizes**
- **8 Children Per – Class with 2 Teachers**
- **Parent & Family Involvement**
- **Fun Family Events**
- **Parent Resources**
- **Parent Education Trainings**