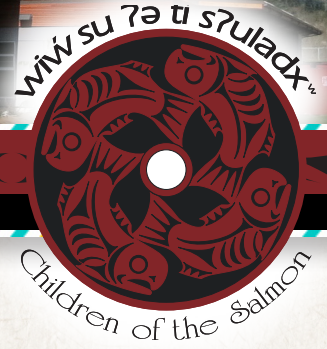




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# 2020 February Newsletter

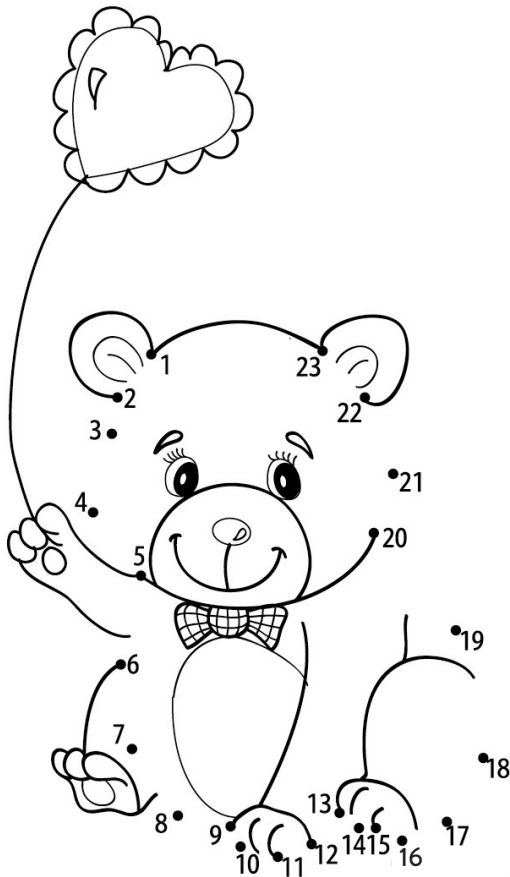


**HAPPY**  
**PRESIDENTS**  
*Day*



What could it be?

**Connect the dots to find out!**



## Important Dates

FEB  
**7**

**Childcare Only**

FEB  
**14**

**Closed – Culture Day**  
Monthly Staff Meeting

FEB  
**17**

**Closed**  
Presidents Day

FEB  
**19**

**Parent Committee Meeting**  
Dental Bingo  
12pm – 1pm

FEB  
**20**

**Policy Council Meeting**  
12pm – 1pm

FEB  
**21**

**Childcare Only**

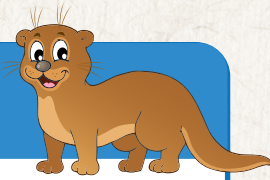
FEB  
**27**

**StoryBook Theatre**  
Little Red

FEB  
**28**

**Childcare Only**

## Otter Room



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 also be doing various activities and art projects to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Also we wanted to share TELA's vision statement with you. Recently we had an all-day training on tribal sovereignty in Washington State. It was extremely educational and refocusing. The information we learned we will be putting into practice in the classroom which brings us one step closer to TELA's vision:

"Our children are capable and confident in our Lushootseed language, our cultural values and teachings, academics and in life based on strong families, community, traditional lifeways and a coordinated early learning education system. Our children are life-long learners."

Finally, please remember to bring your child in clothing appropriate for the winter weather, like warm coats, hats, and gloves. The children go outside daily and we want to keep your kiddos as warm as possible.

**– Jeryre, Samantha, & Marcella**

## Starfish Room



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 and our crazy week of snow. This month's curriculum theme is longhouse—we will be looking at different pictures, doing cultural activities, as well as making a classroom pole for the Starfish Room. Looking forward to a fun-filled month with you and your child.

**– Elisa, Kara, & Anthony**

## Frog Room



This month our curriculum will be focusing on the longhouse and themes that go along with it such as family, community, and storytelling. We would like to create a story pole representing our classroom by including animals that represent each family. If you have a specific animal you would like us to use to represent your child, please let us know. We will also be working on Valentine's Day gifts and goody bags this month.

Please remember that we do go outside, even when it is cold, so please make sure to send us a weather appropriate coat for your child to wear during outside time.

**– Lakrista, Caliee, & Kristy**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# February Word Search



VALENTINE

HEART MONTH

BLACK HISTORY

BIRD FEEDING MONTH

SUPER BOWL

CHINESE NEW YEAR

AMETHYST

AQUARIUS

LEAP YEAR

SWEETHEART

CHOCOLATE

GROUNDHOG DAY

FLOWERS

FOOTBALL

LINCOLN



## Crab Room



Can you believe it's already February? That means another one of our babies will be turning one year old—Dalilah-Mae Jack's first birthday is on February 20!

We will be exploring our environment lots this month now that we're all moving and getting bigger! We will be working on lots of gross motor skills with our new climber in our classroom! We will also be reading lots of stories and listening to songs.

Please make sure you're bringing in a coat, socks or blanket with your child so they can enjoy a buggy ride (and extra clothes if needed)!

– **Alix, Jen & Mary**

## Turtle Room



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.

– **Cindi & Sam**

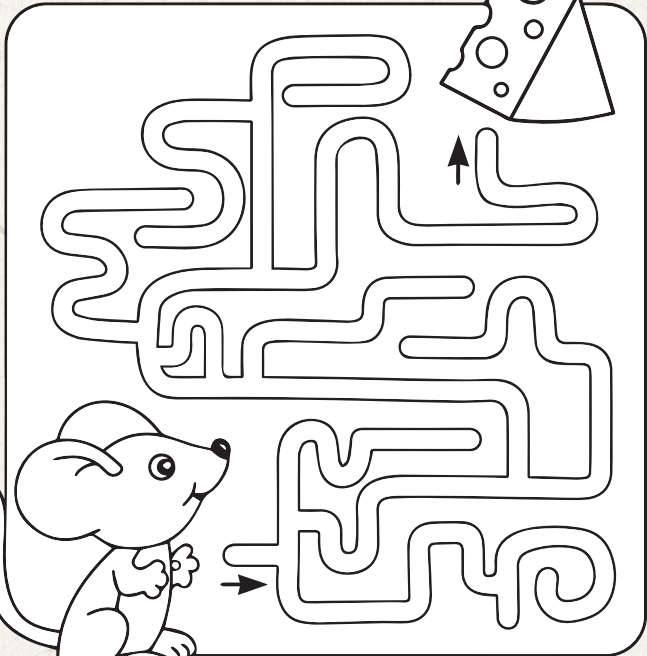
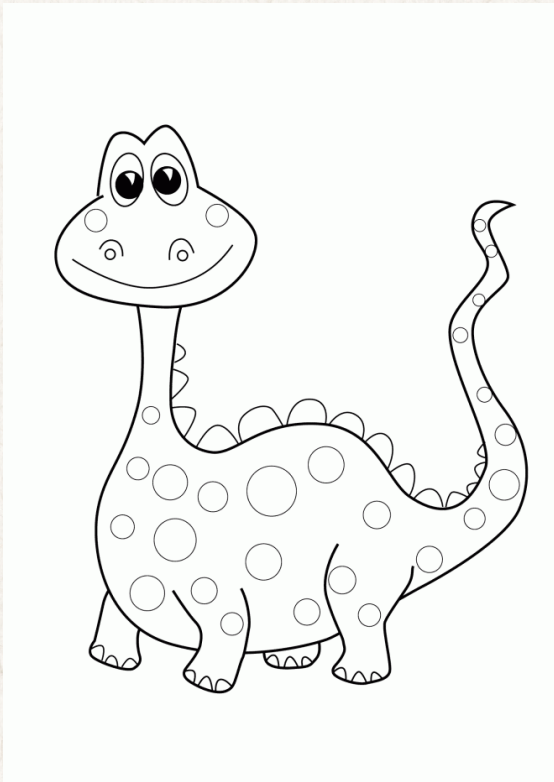
## Beaver Room



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, self-help skills, using utensils, and walking in a line.

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's Day curriculum will feature many art explorations using theme colors and heart shapes to decorate our classroom. Mobiles, valentines, bubble painting, spray art, storytelling, singing and dancing and a lot more! We will review about the post office and how the mail goes in a mail truck to their house. Also will be working on taking turns with the toys. A book we will be reading is Sam McBratney's "Guess How Much I Love You". We will also continue with winter related projects.

– **Anita & Nicki**



## Octopus Room



February brings hearts and love to everyone. During this happy month we will be sharing with our children acts of kindness and friendship to one another, along with family importance. With the help of our Lushootseed Department, we will do this following Tulalip Tribes' traditions: learning through art, stories, songs, and music. We will focus on the longhouse—how they were used and their significance, and family members—what role do they play.

Our students will also continue to explore their world and the winter season through art, language, and cognitive activities. One way of doing this is making and sending cards for our friends and families with a Post Office in our dramatic play area.

The children have been enjoying the addition of a sensory table in our classroom. Look for added fun items into the mix.

Shapes of the month: Heart and Rectangle

Colors: Red, Black, White, and Pink

Vocabulary words: Friendship, Post, Envelope, and Stamps

Thank you for allowing us to be your partner in the growth and development your child.

**– Melissa, Roxane, & Selina**

## Orca Room



February is family and friends month and we have activities planned around our family and Valentine's Day. We will be having a Valentine's Day party so stay tuned for more details. Just a reminder that we will be closed on February 17 for Presidents' Day and a StoryBook Theatre Little Red we hope to see you there.

**– Sherry, Darla, & Melissa**

## Rabbit Room



The beginning of 2020 has gone by so quickly, especially for the children. They have been very busy in January with all our snow- and winter-themed activities. February will include lots of love! Our Valentine's Day celebration will be carried over throughout the month as we talk about all the people in our lives that we love. We will do fun love-related art projects that allow the kiddos to explore many materials including glitter, markers, crayons, paint, stickers, and many other fun and new items to make beautiful art. We will still be going outside as much as we can so please dress your child accordingly.

**– Sarah, Leah, & Sam**

## Jellyfish Room



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 (also please check to make sure they have extra clothes).

This month we will be focusing on Valentine's Day and starting to plant seeds for the spring. We are going to have a Valentine's Day party for our children in our class during snack time on February 13. If you want you can bring in valentine cards for your child to pass out to their classmates. We will be decorating valentine boxes for the children to put valentines in from their classmates. We will also be decorating and frosting cookies with the children during snack time.

**– Jamie, Teresa, & Cheryl**

## Raccoon Room



Hello families! Can you believe it is already February? This year has gone by so quickly thus far. For the month of February, we are going to be focusing on activities that have to do with family, love, and kindness for all. We will need help from our parents though. We need a family picture that we can use to create your child's Valentine's Day gift to you. We are asking that you send in the picture as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!

**– Stacie & Stacy**

## Chipmunk Room



Hello Chipmunk Room families, some important dates to remember Friday the 14th is Valentine's Day and the academy is closed (culture day). Monday the 17th is Presidents Day and the academy is also closed that day. Parent Committee is the 19th (Dental Bingo 12–1pm) Policy Council is the 20th from 12–1pm. Lastly, StoryBook Theatre Little Red. Just a little heads up for next month, Dr. Seuss' birthday is the first week of March and the academy will be dressing up different every day. This will include PJ/colorful, crazy socks, crazy hair/hat, and wear green.

Our curriculum will include Lushootseed language and songs, as well as longhouses and potluck teachings. Our other curriculum will be based on winter, dental, and valentines for fun.

**– Shala, Kathy, & Lutreece**

## **Community Early Learning Opportunity:**

Early Childhood Developmental Services through a federally funded community based program, serving the Tulalip Reservation and Marysville School District

# **Early Head Start**

### **Services provided for:**

- **Pregnant Mothers**
- **Children Ages Birth to Three**

### **We offer:**

- **Disabilities/Special Needs**
- **Center Based Learning**
- **Certified Educated Teachers With Early Learning Experience**
- **Small Class Sizes**
- **Only Eight Children Per Class, With Two Teachers**
- **Parent and Family Involvement**
- **Fun Family Events**
- **Parent Resources**
- **Parent Education Trainings**
- **Native American Cultural Teachings**

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