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Otter



Wow, we're already in the second month of 2018. Happy Valentine's Day to you and your family. We are blessed to work with your child and watch them grow.

We will be turning an area of our room into a post office. We will be writing letters with a pencil or a pen, stuffing and putting stamps on envelopes, and then mailing them. A fun idea for home: make Valentine's Day cards for loved ones and address each in an envelope. Then take a trip to the post office, have your child buy stamps and place them on the envelopes, and put them in the mailbox.

The students will have opportunities to dress in dress-up clothes and role play. We will be talking about what firefighters, cops, nurses, and cooks choose to wear and what they do for us. We will also read books about them.

The colors will be working with this month are red, white, and pink. We will decorate heart-shaped cookies and make valentines boxes with heart stickers and talk about the heart shape.

— Anita, Sarah, & Marcella

Frog



Now that we have settled into the new year, we will be doing lots of heart activities since Valentine's Day is coming this month! We will be learning and exploring our shapes and colors. We will also be introducing and talking about feelings in our classroom. We're excited to see how they grasp these new subjects.

Since our "babies" aren't so much babies anymore, we are happy to announce that we are officially a shoe room! So please make sure you are sending your child with appropriate shoes because we do go outside daily.

—Jenn, Alix, and Kaitlyn

Orca



February is a very special month for our classroom—not only are we celebrating Valentine's and Presidents Day but all of our little babies will be officially "waddlers"! We have graduated from "little crawlers" to running around and climbing on furniture, tables, chairs, and anything else we can reach. So our goal is to keep everyone safe and well loved. Hope to have all of you at our Valentine's Day party as we mail our cards to our friends and frost heart-shaped cookies by ourselves to celebrate our curiosity and motivation!

— Shala, Katherine, & Anthony

Sheryl Fryberg, Director



IMPORTANT DATES

- **February 2:**
Academy Late Start Drop
8:45AM–9:15AM
- **February 14:**
Parent Committee
12:00PM–1:00PM (Dental Bingo)
- **February 15:**
Policy Council 12:00PM–1:00PM
- **February 19:**
Presidents Day Academy Closed
- **February 26–March 2:**
Dr. Seuss Week

Crab



Our theme for this month is about friendships and family. We will be emphasizing words that represent these such as love, friends, family, nice, gentle, and caring. Activities will include creating valentines for our friends/families (using red, pink, and white paint), story time with books focused on love/friendships, and music that also emphasizes these qualities.

Reminder: please make sure your child has spare clothes (in the right size), hat, gloves, shoes, and a winter coat each day since we will be continuing our outside adventures.

— Miss Cindi & Miss Stacy

Rabbit



Good day Rabbit Room families. We've taken big steps into becoming a fully potty trained room. I lift my hands to you parents, it's not the easiest of tasks. Congratulations on getting through the "terrible twos"! We will now enter the "magic years" when your child's imagination will run wild. Your child will start asking lots of questions like "why is the sky blue?" This is a normal developmental milestone.

This coming month for curriculum we'll install: development for early math skills (counting/shapes/number recognition), alphabet recognition and their sounds, colors, and expand on fine motor skills with literacy tools. We'll also do age-appropriate science activities to lay the foundation for early scientific inquiry skills which encourage children to ask questions, make observations and predictions.

This month we will learn about our five senses with fun-filled science activities that engage all our senses and extend our newly developed scientific inquiry skills. The last week of February is Dr. Seuss Week which will be a fun week with tongue-twisting literacy. We will be planting seeds for the early stages of learning to read with "phonemic awareness"—this means that children become aware that speech is made up of individual sounds, and with the "pre-alphabetic phase" where children recognize and remember words by their shapes.

We look forward to an amazing 2018—success is the sum of small efforts repeated...day in and day out. Happy new year!

— Alondra, Cailee, & Toni Jo

Jellyfish



Hello families, my name is Stella and I'm the new teacher who joined the Jellyfish Room in January. We also have a new student named James—his mom said to call him "JJ" and we are very excited that he joined us. Last month we had fun exploring all the characteristics of winter, playing with ice was a joy to watch. In February we will explore the colors white, pink, and red as well as textures, visual activities, and singing songs to make our friends happy. We will be moving our bodies to "I'm Moving, I'm Learning" to keep our hearts healthy. Jellyfish Room will be having a Valentine's Day party in February so get your valentines ready for all your sweetheart friends. We are celebrating Dr. Seuss during the week of February 26–March 2.

With this new year, we would like to see if parents want to have their children carry their own backpack of extra clothes and other personal things to school on a daily basis.

— Stella, Melissa, & Jasmin

Octopus



Yay it's February! Just want to start off with a reminder that it is still cold outside and know that we are a shoe room that follows an outdoor schedule. 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 valentines boxes to put in valentines from classmates. So you can bring 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 it is and we can see if we have it. We will be doing different activities with the kids pertaining to the different books.

— Jamie, Teresa, and Cheryl

Chipmunk



This month's theme will be Healthy Hearts. We will be learning about healthy foods and habits, along with supporting social-emotional development and building friendships. We will also be exploring activities related to Valentine's Day, as well as new shape and color games. Please remember to bring extra clothes and dress warmly as we regularly go outdoors. Happy birthday to Neriah on February 25!

— Stacie, Alix, & Casey

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Valentines
Day



Salmon



We enter 2018 with some bitter yet sweet news: our beloved Salmon Room teacher, Alicia, has accepted a new position at the academy and although she's no longer in our room, she will still be around supporting our families in other ways as a family advocate. Our new teacher is Mrs. Sheila. She is a veteran teacher here and comes to the Salmon Room with lots of knowledge and experience and I look forward to working with her.

For February we will be touching on a few different subjects/themes. We, of course, will be doing various activities and art projects for Valentine's Day. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with a spirit week 02/26–03/02. The various dress suggestions will be posted the last week of February. We look forward to seeing the kiddos "spirit."

Happy 2nd birthday to Darius on February 26! It's been so wonderful watching you grow and learn...look out world and toasters! 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 your kiddos as warm as possible.

— *Jeryre and Alicia*

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 winter break. This month's curriculum theme is Healthy Hearts, where we will be focusing on health. We will be doing different large and small motor activities as well as identifying healthy foods. We will also be learning about the heart shape and doing different Valentine's Day activities with hearts. We would like to wish a very happy birthday to Lucy, Kara, Elisa, and Jessyca!

— *Elisa and Kara*

Gray Whale



We hope you are all enjoying the new year. We're excited to have had a new student join our class last month—welcome Jaxon! We're now have a full class. We have some exciting things going on this month—we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Week and will still be doing a lot of tummy time this month to get those babies crawling!

— *Clarissa, Lakrista, & Jasmine*

Beaver



Greetings from the Beaver Room! 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 and add nutritious food to our home center and talk about different types of healthy foods we enjoy eating.

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

— *Fran, Leah, and Sam*

Turtle



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 2nd birthday! We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss the last week in February.

— *Sherry and Darla*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS!

**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**