

Teacher Tales

2 1/2 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Julie Zimmerman

Wow! February was another exciting month! We talked about the color PINK as well as the shape of the HEART! In our chapel lesson, we learned about how God loves us. Also, we read the story of the Good Samaritan and learned how God wants us to love others.

We had a great time this month learning about the Olympics! We were able to watch a few clips of the games and learn about skiing, ice skating, bobsledding and more! We practiced our cutting skills when making the Olympic rings, our hand eye coordination and fine motor skills when making our ice skates and used our creativity to paint Olympic rings with toilet paper rolls. We also learned about the colors gold

and silver!

This led right into our USA week! We learned



patriotic songs and practiced saying the Pledge of Allegiance. They talked about the flag and the colors red, white, and blue while learning the letters, U, S and A.

In the middle of our USA lessons, we took time to celebrate Valentine's Day! Our Valentine's Day party was a fun way to show our love for others. The boys and girls especially loved delivering the Valentines you helped them with at home. Thank you!

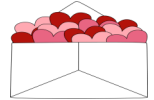
In March, we look forward to reading some Dr. Seuss books, Community Helpers Week, and more special events! We feel blessed!



3 Year Olds Renae Crawford and Stephanie Jenkins

February was a month of love and sharing. The children loved making heart crafts and getting ready for their Valentine's Day party. They had such a great time passing out their Valentine cards to all

their friends as they were able to demonstrate their love for one another just like our Bible verse



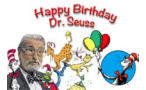
says. As we continued talking about sharing, the children had an opportunity to share special ingredients to make stone soup. After reading the story Stone Soup by Ann McGovern, the children saw how sharing turned into making a delicious soup for everyone to enjoy. YUM!!

At the end of February, we talked about American presidents and our country. The kids enjoyed marching in our USA Day parade wearing red, white, and blue while singing patriotic songs.



Happy Birthday to Yoel! We hope you had fun celebrating with all your friends!

In March, we look forward to getting ready for spring weather. We will be making kites and celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday.



We hope you all enjoyed our USA Day parade and songs! We loved performing for you!!

4 Year Olds Katie Denisar and Kris Morris

What a fun February! We spent most of the month learning about the Olympics and the USA! The kids loved watching clips of the Olympics during snack time and learning about figure skating, speed skating, bobsledding, the skeleton, hockey and curling. We set up a ski ramp for the 'little people' to ski on, went ice skating on our carpet with plastic sliders, practicing curling on the floor and had a little bobsledder with a tube. We made ice skates, torches, gold medals, made the Olympic rings and painted Olympic rings with toilet paper tubes.

Leading up to our U.S.A. parade, we learned about the American Flag, our



first president George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president and

the meaning of our Pledge of Allegiance. The children loved marching in the parade and worked hard learning the patriotic songs. Thanks to all our parents that were able to join us for the parade.

In our learning centers, we have practiced counting and number identification. The children have been practicing writing the letters U, S, A, V and O.



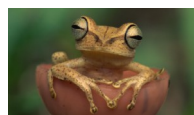
Of course, February would not be complete without a Valentine's Day party. We had fun with our pancake bar and singing the hot cocoa bop!

Next month we will be reading some Dr. Seuss books, having Community Helpers week and much more! We look forward to warmer weather and more time on the playground!



4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

February really warmed us up in this cold season. From the North and South Poles in January, we made our way to the equator, and learned about tropical rain forests. We



learned about what it is like there (hot and wet!) and all the

plants and animals that call the rainforest their home. Monkeys, snakes and sloths got our attention with lots of crafts, singing and dancing. There were lots of fun songs!



Our Valentine's Day party was a great success. We had a fun week decorating our Valentine's Day boxes, coloring our owl mugs, painting, and of course, using our epic cocoa bar for the Valentine's Day party!

The kids had a blast making "stone soup" later in the week!



We were discussing what things make us warm up from the inside. Everyone seemed to really enjoy cooking and eating the soup. This story inspired the concept of 'sharing.' Thank you, again, for contributing the ingredients! It was so much fun that I am going to plan another cooking lesson soon.



We covered 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 throughout the whole month. We had great discussions about what love is, and how we can be more loving toward everyone in our lives.

The Mitten by Jan Brett included ideas about what we wear to keep warm on the outside of our bodies. The kids seemed to really enjoy the story, and did a great job with the craft!



This month we practiced writing V, W, M and K. The students are all improving so much, and getting more confident! We continue to practice writing our names as well. The children seem encouraged to do their very best; and I do think they are starting to like writing.

The end of the month, we celebrated Presidents' Day and learned about presidents Washington and Lincoln. We prepared for the USA Day parade by creating our hats, focusing on our pledges of allegiance, wearing red, white, and blue, learning and singing patriotic songs. Parades are always so much fun to show you what is happening at school! Thank you to everyone who participated.

On to March and the next season. Spring is almost here!



4 Year Olds Glenda Rodriguez and Sarah Medina

We started the month discussing Punxsutawney Phil's big job on Groundhog Day. We made predictions on whether or not Phil would see his shadow, and we played numbers and sequencing games to practice our counting.

The following week we discussed the concept of love, and we played a "Thumbs Up/Thumbs down" game to discuss our likes and dislikes both individually and as a class. We are trying to get to 20!

We had a beginning letters center to match the correct letter stamps to the matching beginning sound on the post card. The children are getting much better at recognizing the sounds each letter makes.

February 4th was National Soup Day. We celebrated by making homemade vegetable soup after reading Stone Soup by Marcia Brown in class together. It was delicious!

Leading up to our U.S.A. parade, we learned about the history of the American Flag and discussed past presidents. The children loved marching in the parade.

Teaching time this month focused on learning the

letters: K, A, V and N and drawing objects to represent numbers for evaluations. Valentine 10 frames were introduced to continue our work with numbers. Daily sign-ins continue and we are so thrilled to see many of our students automatically writing their own names on their crafts and work.

Thank you for sending in Valentines to exchange amongst the class. Your family Valentine heart projects turned out amazing, and the children loved discussing how everyone's heart looked unique.

In March we will celebrate Dr. Seuss and discuss God's promise.



Music with Marcia Lee



February had us moving and exercising to stay warm, packing a lot into this short month! We started the month by singing our **LOVE** songs in celebration of Valentine's Day. We included movement songs like **Joy, Joy; Jump Into The Light;** and **Abundawonderfull!** These songs kept our hearts healthy as we put our bodies into action during Music time. **Touch Your Shoulders, Touch Your Knees; I Have a Knee, a 'Noggin', and an Elbow, Happy All the Time,** and **Father Abraham** were also favorites we sang.

What a great time the boys and girls had getting ready for USA

Day! We marched around, waving flags while patriotic parade music boomed from the speakers. We proudly sang songs like **Twinkle, Twinkle 50 Stars, Wave, Wave, Wave the Flag,** and (the children's favorite), **Give Three Cheers for the USA!** We are in a patriotic spirit now!

In March, we look forward to singing about leprechauns, kites, the wind that God sends and that famous Irish missionary, St. Patrick.



Chapel with Marcia Lee

With snow still on the ground, we began February with a book entitled The Tiny Snowflake by Arthur Ginolfi. In the story, a little snowflake was not happy being herself, and wanted to be like other snowflakes. As the tale continued, the little snowflake found the reason God made her just like she is!



This month in Chapel we discussed **LOVE**. Throughout the month, we celebrated **love** of family, **love** of friends, **love** of country, and most especially, **love** of God.

The story of the Good Samaritan was told. How inspiring it was for the children to realize that this man stopped to help a perfect stranger,

soothing his wounds, getting medical help for him, and even



paying for a room for him to stay in until he was healed.

February was a great month to talk about **"being kind to one another"** from Ephesians 4:32. We reviewed the lesson of the Good Samaritan, and discussed how being kind, doing kind things and using only kind words will make others feel good and will encourage them. The children were each given a heart shaped paper. Their assignment was to try very hard to be kind to others so as not to **"wrinkle their hearts."** It is our goal at FBCDS to give children the 'tools' to help



them make wise choices and decisions, maintain a healthy body and mind, and learn to treat others as fairly and kindly as they would like to be treated. This is what God expects of us.

At the end of the month, we prepared for USA Day. We were excited to celebrate our freedom, including the freedom to worship God. We recited the pledge to the American flag and the pledge to the Christian flag. These flags make us proud! We were certainly "bubbling over" with patriotism by the time we dressed in red, white, and blue and paraded around the gym in celebration of our great country!

Our Bible verse was from **2nd Chronicles 7:14**, and said **"If my people...will pray, I will forgive their sins and heal their land."**



FBCDS in 2022-2023

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