

Teacher Tales

2 1/2 Year Olds Kris Morris and Karen White

Wow! February was another exciting month! We continued with Abraham. We learned about the stars and the planets that God made. We were trying to see if we could count all of



Abraham's children. (Nope they were more numerous than the stars in the sky and the sand on the shore!)

We had a blast with the One Man band. He got us wiggling and dancing, what fun!



We got to learn all about Joseph and his many colored coat but our focus was on how he forgave his brothers for selling him into slavery! How important a lesson to forgive, just as God has forgiven us through Jesus! We continued to remember our memory verse (We love because God loved us first. 1 John 4:19) as we celebrated Valentine's



Day. It was fun to make heart animal cookies and eat them too!

We celebrated USA day with our shakers at the end of the month. Thanks Moms and Dads

for coming to our parade! Mrs. Morris and Mrs. White were so impressed with how well the kids did!



We started studying Moses at the very end of the month. We will hang out with Moses in March, as we learn how God spoke to him from a burning bush, and how he led God's people (Abraham's children) out of Egypt!

We look forward to St Patrick's Day and Community Helper's Week as well in March.



As the days start to get warmer, please check your child's bag and consider switching out their extra clothes for warmer weather shirts and pants. Thank you!

3 Year Olds Katie Denisar, Julie Zimmerman, & Karen White

February was a month of love and sharing. We started the month with a week of Kindness talking about what kids do and say to be kind. As we continued talking about kindness and



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!!



The children loved reading books about animals for A week, especially Hey Little Ant, There's an Alligator Under my Bed and My Heart is a Zoo. They were able to make alligator puppets and choose an animal to make with hearts.

Valentine's week was full of fun! They finger painted to make beautiful flowers to put in our 'V' Vase and made 'stained glass' hearts to hang in our classroom windows.



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.

We practiced the letter N and made noodle necklaces which were a big hit! We had extra time practicing identifying our numbers and putting them in order. We had fun making hats for our USA parade. We talked about American presidents, our flag and some local monuments. The kids enjoyed marching in our USA Day parade wearing red, white, and blue while singing patriotic songs.



In March, we look forward to getting ready for spring weather. We will be making kites and introducing the last of the letters for the year- M, W, X, Y and Z!



4 Year Olds Brenda Allen and Meagan Luallin

The Owl Class really warmed up in February! Keeping warm from the cold weather was fun as we read books by Jan Brett, and made mittens and hats. The Owl Class also got to participate in the Peter McCorry "One Man Band" show during February's first week. We ALL had such a blast!



The Owl Class traveled from the North and South Poles down to the equator during the second week; learning about tropical rain forests. We learned all about the weather there, 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. Lots of fun songs!



Our third week was all about warming up from the inside, Valentine's Day, God's love and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Our Valentine's Day party was a great success. We had a fun week decorating our Valentine's Day bags, coloring our owl mugs, painting, and of course, our deluxe hot cocoa bar for the Valentine's Day party!



The kids had a blast making "stone soup" later in the week! Everyone seemed to really enjoy cooking and eating the soup. Thank you, again, for contributing the ingredients! It was so much fun that I am going to plan another cooking lesson soon.



The fourth week was filled with celebrating the love of our country. 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, learning and singing patriotic songs. The parades are always so much fun for the students to show you what is happening at school. Thank you for everyone who participated!



We continued to practice writing our names, as well as identifying the alphabet letters and numbers. The Owl Class is making great progress and having a hoot! On to March and the next season. Spring is almost here!



4 Year Olds Glenda Zarco and Sarah Medina

We started the month discussing Punxsutawney Phil's big job on Groundhog's 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!



letter stamps to the matching beginning sound on the post card. The children are getting much better at recognizing the sounds each letter makes.

We celebrated National Soup Day 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.

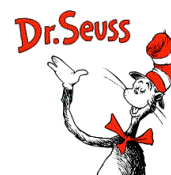
Teaching time this month focused on learning the letters: K, A, V and N and drawing objects to represent numbers for evaluations. Valentine 10 frames were introduced to continue our work with numbers. Daily sign-ins continue and we are so thrilled to see many of our students automatically writing their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



Thank you for sending in Valentines to exchange amongst the class. Your 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 **Abundawonderful!** 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!

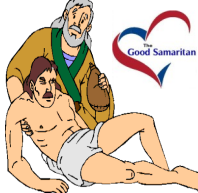
In March, we look forward to singing about leprechauns, kites, the wind that God sends and that famous Irish missionary, St. Patrick.



Chapel with Marcia Lee

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 (a Samaritan from Samaria) stopped to help a perfect stranger (a Jewish man from Jerusalem), soothing his wounds



with oils, getting meals for him, and even paying for a room for him to stay until he was healed. In addition, he gave instructions to the innkeeper (since he had to leave) to get the man anything he needed and that he would pay for it when he returned. Typically the Samaritans and the Jewish people strongly disliked each other, but this 'good Samaritan' did not consider that the wounded man was Jewish. He only wanted to help him. Amazing!

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 good choices and wise 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.



We also learned the story of the boy who shared his food of 5 small loaves of bread and 2 fish. Through a miracle Jesus performed and God who blessed the food, 5,000 people were fed with 12 baskets of food left over!



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 both the



pledge to the American flag and 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."**



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