



February 3, 2012

Dear Parents,

Happy Groundhog Day! Did the groundhog see his shadow or not? We are having a very interesting winter!

In religion, we talked about Jesus' baptism and how, in our baptisms, we are baptized in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We also learned about a special helper of God. We studied the story of Gideon and how he trusted in God's power to help the children of Israel. *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."* Proverbs 3:5

In reading, we had a review unit of letters, sounds, and words. Have your child practice reading the stories, *"Mmmm, Good!"* and *"The Playground"*. In math, we are learning about telling time, writing numbers, and money, and we continue with our winter science. We are working on our gymnastics unit with climbing and tumbling. We finished discussing Martin Luther King, Jr. Next week we will begin talking about Presidents of the United States. We will also take a look at China. Monday, we will be celebrating the 100th day of school.

February is Dental Health month. Mrs. Hall, a dental technician, will be talking to the children on Friday, February 10, about dental health. We will also be talking about nutrition, healthy foods, eating balanced meals, and eating healthy snacks. When it is your turn to bring in snacks for the class, talk to your child about what they can bring that would be a healthy snack.

HOMEWORK:

1. Monday, February 6, have your child bring in a 100 items of something. Examples: 100 popcorn seeds, 100 matchbox cars, etc.
2. Please send in a \$1.00 bill – due Tuesday, February 7. The children will be getting their \$1.00 bill returned to them in a special Chinese New Year activity.
3. Groundhog sheet is due Tuesday, February 7.
4. Story *"Peg Can See!"* is due Wednesday, February 8.

The February calendar was sent home. There are days when a parent helper is needed. If you are able to be a helper on any of the available days, please send me a note. Thank you.

Also, a list of students' names is in your child's folder for Valentine's Day. Your child can begin addressing Valentines for our party on the 14th.

Our Chapel offering through February 15 will go to the Concordia Theological Seminary. Our mission item is shampoo. Don't forget to bring in bottles of shampoo to help those in need.

Have you turned in your re-enrollment form and fee? To ensure that you have a spot in first grade next year, please return by February 15, because open enrollment begins the next day. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call. Have a nice weekend!



Mrs. Shirley