

# The Giving Nest Preschool - Warren February Newsletter



*This month* we will learn and practice our new February songs! We will talk about being grateful! Love is in the air while we read Valentine storybooks and talk about those that we love! For more valentine fun, we'll have class parties! Look for the email to sign up for treats!

For Groundhog's day we'll dim the lights and shine a flashlight to create shadows of the children, while pretending to be groundhogs! We'll all call out.. "Wake up Groundhog"! the children will pop up, pretending to be popping out of hibernation! Will we see our shadows? This activity always includes lots of giggles!

For President's day, Mrs. Tracy and the teachers will do a skit telling the story of George Washington as a little boy chopping down the cherry tree. The story focusses on telling the truth, *even* when you think you might get in trouble!

## Grateful Hearts!



Your child will be bringing a red or pink heart home in his/her backpack. This month there will be a large banner displayed in the school. Throughout the month we would like each student to tell their parents about someone at the Giving Nest who they would like to thank. Parents, please help us out with this exercise and write down the name of the person (classmate, teacher, office staff, someone's mom, aftercare helpers etc.) and the reason they are being thanked. Your child will have the opportunity to present the heart and Mrs. Tracy we will read what is written on the heart during morning sing throughout the month of February. Later, the children will hang their hearts on the banner to display!



### **Valentine's Day at the nest!**

We love celebrating Valentine's Day!  
If you choose to send in Valentine cards for your child's class party, please send in enough for the whole class and **leave the envelopes blank**. This way, your children can "deliver" their own cards without having to read the names on the outside. Simply sign your child's name on the inside of the card.  
Thank you!



### **Parents:**

Your child will be bringing home a blank envelope in his/her folder. Together, we ask you write your mailing address and a place a stamp on the envelope. Then, return the envelope to school.

Next, check your mailboxes this month for your special Valentine surprise!  
Details are in your February "tweet" and Grateful heart email.

### **TAX TIME!**

You may need this information for your taxes:  
Our tax ID # is:

**02-0693987**

# February Songs

## LITTLE GROUNDHOG

(Sung to "I'm a little teapot")

I'm a little groundhog, furry and brown  
I'm coming up to look around  
If I see my shadow, down I'll go  
Then six more weeks of winter  
OH NO!



## George Washington

(sung to "Olde Gray Mare")

Oh, George Washington was a famous general,  
Was a famous general.  
Oh George Washington was a famous general many long years ago.  
Oh, George Washington became our first president  
Became our first president.  
Oh, George Washington became our first President many long years ago.



## If you Love me and you know it..

Sung to: "If your happy and you know it"

If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands. If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands. If you love me and you know it, Then your face will surely show it. If you love me and you know it, Clap your hands.

(Other Verses):

Blow a kiss, Shout "I Love you"

## Will You Be My Valentine?

(sung to "London Bridges")

Will you be my Valentine,  
Valentine, Valentine  
Will you be my Valentine?  
I'm your friend.

I will be your Valentine,  
Valentine, Valentine  
I will be your Valentine  
You're my friend!



## Mr. Lincoln

(sung to "If You're Happy and you Know it")

Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Lincoln  
You were brave  
Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Lincoln  
You were good  
You stood for what was right  
You did not give up the fight.  
Mr. Lincoln you were braver, You were good!



## Do You Know?

(sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Do you know who's on the penny?  
On the penny? On the penny?  
Do you know who's on the penny?  
Abraham Lincoln.

Do you know who's on the quarter?  
On the quarter? On the quarter?  
Do you know who's on the quarter?  
George Washington.



### **Valentines are made to share!**

Valentines are made to share,  
Made to share, made to share  
Valentines are made to share  
With my friends at school.

I made you a valentine  
Valentine, valentine  
I made you a valentine  
That says I love you!

### **Five pretty Valentines**

Five pretty Valentines waiting at the store.

(teacher name) bought one and then there were four.

Four pretty Valentines for you and for me

(teacher name) bought one and then there were three.

Three pretty Valentines said "I love you"  
(teacher name) bought one then there were two.

Two pretty Valentines, this is so much fun.

(teacher name) Bought one and then there was one.

One pretty Valentine sitting on the shelf.  
Just one left and all by itself

(teacher name) bought it and now there are none! Valentine's Day is lots of fun!