

February 2012 Newsletter
Kindergarten Readiness Class
Mrs. Britt & Mrs. Lee

Dear parents,

What a busy month we have this February! We will be having a dentist from Small Smiles Dental come in to talk with the children about healthy teeth. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day, continuing with our Star Student of the week and many other activities. You will not want your kids to miss!

Our Ohio focus for February will be the following...

- **N is for Nature** – Rockbridge State Nature Preserve; Ohio Caverns and Hocking Hills State Park are only some of the places we have to see nature in Ohio.
- **O is for Ohio** - Ohio comes from the Iroquois word *Oheyo*, which means “beautiful river” or “great river.”
- **P is for President** – Ohio is known as “The Mother of Presidents” because it has sent more men to the White House than any other state. Presidents from Ohio - William Henry Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Howard Taft and Warren G. Harding.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact me anytime (kellelynnbritt@gmail.com, home # 937-318-8495 and cell 937-235-0327.)

Blessings,
Mrs. Kelley Britt

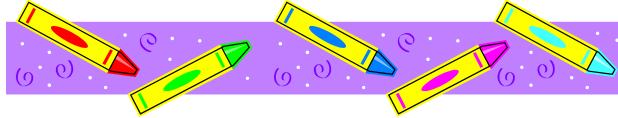
Our February focus will include:

- Letters: D, E, Z
- Number: 0 & 10
- Color: **pink**
- Shape: heart
- Moral focus – **Love – As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34**
- Word Wall Words: but, a, in & pink

Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, February 7 – Christian, Star Student of the week**
- **Thursday, February 9 – Small Smiles dentist visit at 10:00 a.m.**

- **Tuesday, February 14 – Austin, Star Student of the week & Valentine’s Day Party (Please bring in valentines for 18 children & please have your child write only their name on the valentines.)
*****Reminder, Please, No Nuts or Chocolate for our party!!!!
Thank you!**
- **Tuesday, February 21 – Mason, Star Student of the week**
- **Tuesday February 28 – Marissa, Star Student of the week**



February Lesson Plans ~ Mrs. Britt and Mrs. Lee

Love – As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13

Date: Thursday, February 2	M is for Motto: With God, All Things are Possible
	Ground Hog Day
Star Student of the Week:	Janaya
Circle Time:	Sorting activities – sort items by color, size, etc. Make lists of rhyming words Worksheets “Dd” & # 0
Book:	<i>Penny Loves Pink</i> by Cori Doerrfeld
Activity:	Free paint using white and red to make pink.
State Standard Focus:	English Language Arts – Children will identify matching sounds and recognize rhymes in familiar stories, poems, songs and words. (Example – cat/hat, dog/frog)
Date: Tuesday, February 7	Love
Star Student of the Week:	Christian
Circle Time:	Chart with tally marks Worksheets “Dd” & # 0
Book:	<i>Be Mine, Be Mine, Sweet Valentine</i> by Sarah Weeks
Activity:	Love Activity
State Standard Focus:	Mathematics – Children will represent quantity using tally marks to keep track of how many children in the class know their B verse and we will have an attendance chart to see who is here and who is absent.

Date: Thursday, February 9	Love
Star Student of the Week:	Christian
Circle Time:	Worksheets “Dd” & # 0
Book:	<i>Hedgehog: A Sharp Lesson in Love</i> by Benn Sutton and Dan Pinto
Activity:	Love Activity
State Standard Focus:	English Language Arts – Children will recognize that words are made up of letters. (Example – c-a-t)
Date: Tuesday, February 14	N is for Nature The white-tailed Deer is Ohio’s State Mammal
Star Student of the Week:	Austin
Circle Time:	Worksheets “Ee” & # 10
Book:	<i>White-tailed Deer</i> by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent
Activity:	Painting with items from Nature
State Standard Focus:	Science – Children will learn the understanding of motion related words as we talk about how the white-tailed Deer moves around and is able to protect itself. (Examples – up, down, fast, slow, rolling, jumping, backward and forward.)
Date: Thursday, February 16	N is for Nature
Star Student of the week:	Austin
Circle Time:	I will bring in my bunny, Oreo, and we will talk about what he needs to survive. Worksheets “Ee” & # 10
Book:	<i>Deer Zoo</i> by Rod Campbell
Activity:	Painting with items from nature
State Standard Focus:	Science – Children will identify common needs of familiar living things (they need food, air and water.) & Science – Children will match familiar animals with their young. (ex. Rabbit/bunny, Horse/colt, cow/calf)

Date: Tuesday, February 21	O is for Ohio
Star Student of the Week:	Mason
Circle Time:	We will walk around the church to see where we may see flags Worksheets "Zz" and the color pink
Book:	<i>Chicka Chicka Boom Boom</i> by Bill Martin
Activity:	Make a Ohio Map
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies – Children will recognize the flags of the United States and Ohio as a symbol of our Government.
Date: Thursday, February 23	O is for Ohio
Star Student of the Week:	Mason
Circle Time:	Go over the penny, nickel, dime and quarter Worksheets "Zz" and the color pink
Book:	<i>The Coin Counting Book</i> by Rozanne Lanczak Williams
Activity:	Make a Ohio map
State Standard Focus:	Mathematics – Children will identify penny, nickel, dime and quarter and recognize that coins have different values.

Date: Tuesday, February 28	P is for President
Star Student of the Week:	Marissa
Circle Time:	Worksheet - heart shape
Book:	<i>Duck for President</i> by Doreen Cronin
Activity:	Faith Preschool President craft
State Standard Focus:	Social Studies – Children will demonstrate an understanding of the specific roles and responsibilities within a group. (Example) – How their actions effect others and how the President’s actions and choices effect many people.