

# Little Village Preschool



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## February 2026 News from the Office...



### Happy Valentine's Day Families!

**EVERYBODY** needs to create a Valentine Box at home with their mom or dad (or both!) to collect their Valentines on Friday, February 13th. We have had some amazing boxes turned in over the years, so we'll have to see what our families will come up with this year. Please **DO NOT** bring your box in prior to the week of Valentine's Day, we just do not have room to store them. The children really enjoy giving and receiving Valentines. Keep an eye out for treat sheets as well for our Valentine's Day party. On page 8 of the newsletter, we have attached class lists for your convenience. We will be judging the Valentine boxes and will pick one winner from each room who will receive \$25 off a week of tuition, so get out your hot glue guns and get to work!

On February 2nd, our favorite groundhog will determine what the rest of the winter will bring! With the arctic temperatures we had during January, we need an early spring and some warmer temps Phil!!



February is National Dental Health Month, we will be hosting a visit from a dental hygienist from Dr. Glinka and Voss's office on **Wednesday, February 5th**. We will discuss how to take care of our teeth, what foods are good for our teeth, and which foods are not so good.

Thank you to everyone who completed our annual Parent Questionnaire. In case you missed it, the winning class with the highest percentage returned was the **PRESCHOOL ROOM!** Please see page 7 of the newsletter for the results and some upcoming changes!

A quick heads up for our Pre K families—Graduation is approaching! I know, it seems like you just got used to being at Little Village, but kindergarten is not so far away! I have scheduled graduation for Wednesday, May 6th at the Maumee Indoor Theater so save the date!! It will begin at 6:30 pm. Please feel free to invite extended family etc. as there will be plenty of room at the theater.



## **\*\*February Themes\*\***

Dental Hygiene  
Presidents  
Groundhogs  
Healthy Hearts  
Norman Bridwell  
Andy Warhol

## **February Birthdays**

Brooklen C.	3
Keefe S.	4
Tyler B.	1
Brianna C.	1
Carter L.	1
Ruthie C,	2
Marlow B,	3



## Miss Tiffany, Miss Nicole, Miss Becky—Infant Room News

Hi Families! What a bitterly cold January we have had! Hopefully, February and the Groundhog bring us some warmer weather!

February is a busy month in the infant room. On Friday, February 6th, we will have our Super Bowl Party. On Friday the 13th, we will have our Valentine's Day party and the following week, we have THREE birthdays!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Carter, Tyler and Brianna!

Our themes this month will be : Football, Love/Hearts, Love Bugs and Emotions/Feelings.

Our Family involvement activity for February will be to decorate a paper bag for your child's Valentines. We will send home the bag the first week of February, and you can return it for the party on Friday the 13th.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to message us in the app and we will respond as soon as we can!

Stay Warm!!



## Miss Nikki —Toddler I News

Hello Families and happy February! Our themes this month will be sports, valentine, healthy hearts, and dental health. Some dates to put on your calendar are as follows. Feb 6th, super bowl party, where your favorite team colors. Feb 9th, check your child's cubby as there will be homework in it this day that will be due Feb 16th. Feb 13th we will be having a Valentines party! We ask that you make a valentines box with your child and bring in valentines cards for each of their friends. They will then put these cards in their friends boxes. We will be combining classes for this activity! There are 20 kids total between the two classes. One Feb 26th, we will be doing a Taste and Tell where we ask that you bring in a nutritious snack for your child. We will be having this snack in the afternoon, so please let us know if the snack needs refrigerated. The last date to put on your calendars will be the 27th, we will be having a pajama day! Ruthie will be turning 2 this month! Ruthie has grown so much in my classroom. She is using her words more and more everyday. She brings me toys just to tell me what it is and just walks away. It's so adorable! She is getting more comfortable with her classmates and will play more with them than just on her own! Our student of the month is Murphy! She started in my class at the beginning of January. Her personality is still slowly coming out, but she is getting along with all her classmates. Murphy is my little Shadow! She loves to follow me around the class and then play near me. I am very excited to see her grow more and more everyday. I am always here if y'all have any questions or concerns regarding the classroom and/or your child's development in my classroom! Hope you all have a great February!



Hello families, I hope you all had a great January! Todd's II had so much fun learning about snow and witnessing Ohio's crazy weather! For the month of February we have lots of fun things planned such as, fishing for hearts to focus on your child's fine motor skills and a kindness scavenger hunt to help foster creativity and self-expression. Starting off strong we will be focusing on sports, this week your child will be focusing on their fine and gross motor skills! Fri, Feb 6th is our Super Bowl Party, please wear your favorite team colors! The following week we will be celebrating Valentines, this week will foster kindness and social emotional growth! Homework will be sent home Mon, Feb 9th and I ask that it be returned the following Monday, Feb 16th. The children are very excited for our Valentine's Day Party, don't forget your valentine's and decorated box! To end the month off on a healthy note we will be talking about healthy hearts and dental health! On Thursday, Feb 26th we ask that you pack your child a healthy snack so they can show and tell the class why it's their favorite healthy snack! Fri, Feb 27th is PJ day, don't forget to wear them! We do have two birthdays to celebrate in Todd's II this month! Izabelle and Brooklen will both be turning 3! Happy Birthday Izabelle and Brooklen! A huge congratulations to our student of the month, Jude! Jude is a pleasure to have in class, his kindness and thoughtfulness always shines through. He is always helping out his friends and teachers. Jude loves to participate in our writing center and draw beautiful pictures! He also loves to sing and dance with his friends to Go Danny Go! Jude is always a pleasure to have in class and I can't wait to see how much he grows!



I hope you all have a great month! -Miss Kayla

## MISS KELSEY— PRESCHOOL I NEWS

HAPPY FEBRUARY PRESCHOOL I FAMILIES! WE WILL START THE MONTH TALKING ABOUT DENTAL HEALTH! WE WILL HAVE A SHOW AND TELL ON FEBRUARY 4TH—BRING IN A PICTURE OF YOURSELF BRUSHING YOUR TEETH. OUR DENTAL HEALTH STUDY WILL INCLUDE A SPECIAL VISIT FROM A DENTAL HYGIENIST ON FEBRUARY 10TH. AFTER WE TALK ABOUT CARING FOR OUR TEETH, WE MOVE ON TO VALENTINE'S DAY!! EVERYONE NEEDS TO DECORATE A BOX TO HOLD THEIR VALENTINES. OUR CLASS LIST APPEARS AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER. EACH CHILD SHOULD HAVE A VALENTINE FOR THEIR FRIENDS. I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU COME UP WITH!! PLEASE DON'T BRING IN YOUR BOXES EARLY, WE DON'T HAVE THE STORAGE SPACE FOR THEM.

WE WILL END THE MONTH TALKING ABOUT CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG, AND ALL HIS CRAZY ADVENTURES. FINALLY WE WILL TALK ABOUT ALL THE WAYS WE CAN KEEP OUR HEARTS HEALTHY, LIKE DIET AND EXERCISE! WE WILL ALSO GET TO LISTEN TO OUR HEARTBEATS WITH A STETHOSCOPE. WE WILL BE HAVING A SHOW AND TELL ON FEBRUARY 20TH, AND A CLIFFORD MOVIE DAY ON FEBRUARY 18TH!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH SHOUT OUT TO ELEANOR THIS MONTH! ELLIE'S SUCH A DETERMINED GIRL, AND LOVES TO DO THINGS FOR HERSELF! SHE'S ALSO A GREAT FRIEND! GOOD JOB ELLIE!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!

MISS KELSEY

## Teacher Mya— Preschool II News

Happy February guys! We have a couple of exciting things planned for this month.

Per tradition, the first week we will be talking about dental health. We'll learn what foods are good and bad for our teeth, how to properly brush and floss and why it's important to take care of our teeth. On **Friday the 6th, wear your favorite team colors** for the upcoming Super bowl! The second week we will be talking about Valentine's Day. We'll discuss people we love, what we can do to show them we love them, and of course have our **Valentine's Day party on Friday the 13th!** Each child should have a v-day box for cards and valentines to pass out. The third week will be the topic of Clifford the Big Red Dog! Wednesday will be a movie day where we watch Clifford and **Friday the 20th will be a Show-N-Tell:** Bring in your favorite Clifford book. Finally, to wrap up February, we will talk about healthy hearts. Things that are good for our heart, like eating healthy, exercising, and what's bad like junk food, and lack of moving our bodies.

**Student of the Month:** Congrats to Wini F. on being Preschool 2's SOTM! Wini hasn't been with us long, but the way she fits right in brings a smile to my face. She's got a big personality and imagination, and I love watching her find her place here!

**Happy Birthday** to Keefe S.! Keefe will be 4 on the 21st. Keefe has a bright mind, extensive vocabulary and having him in the classroom is truly a blessing. I am so proud of everything you do kid!

Letters: Gg and Jj

Numbers: 6 and 13

Color: Pink

Shape: Heart

Country: Italy

Author: Norman Bridwell

Artist: Andy Warhol

## Miss Angel—Pre K I News

Happy February!

I hope everyone made it through January warm and healthy, and that we can do it again this month! February is National Children's Dental Health month and we'll be learning about the importance of keeping our teeth and gums clean. The students will practice brushing and flossing with various manipulatives and be able to see firsthand what a difference a 2 minute compared to a 30-second brush can make. We can look forward to a visit from a dental hygienist on Tuesday, February 10th. We will have a few parties this month in the classroom - Super Bowl and Valentine's Day! On Friday the 6th, send your student to school in their favorite team colors, and we'll have a special lunch as well as take a center-wide poll of the anticipated Super Bowl winners to celebrate. For our Valentine's Day party, please work with your student to create a special Valentine's Day box to bring in (that day) and make valentines for classmates. We'll celebrate on Friday the 13th.

Other units of focus this month will be our author, Norman Bridwell, and our country, Italy. We'll read some Clifford books and learn about Italian structures and Italian foods. We will take a vote on our favorite pizza toppings, and then the kids will try making their own personal pizzas that they can eat for lunch! We'll close the month out with learning about healthy habits and healthy hearts. Things that we will discuss are exercise, germs, and the food pyramid!

Hopefully, in February, the weather will feel a little warmer than 25 degrees, and we will be able to get the kids outside for at least a short period of time. Please make sure your child has a pair of snow boots and other snow gear in their cubby so that they can participate. This can be in a bag that you take home every day or be left in their cubby throughout the week, whatever works for you!

## Miss Sarah's Pre K News

Welcome to February! This month is filled with many days and fun learning activities for the children. We start out the month looking for Mr. groundhog to see if we will have an early spring. Then we will learn about how to take care of our teeth for dental health month. On February 10, we will have a guest speaker visiting our classroom to teach the children about dental health/hygiene. The next week, we will celebrate friendship and Valentine's Day. Our Valentine's Day party will be on February 13. We are asking each family to help your child decorate a Valentines box to bring to school on February 12 or 13th. Be creative and have fun with your child! We will be exchanging our Valentines, so have your child sign his/her name on each card. I will also be sending home a list of the children's names that are in our class. We will also have a lesson about the US president for president Day. We will learn about the value of money, and the faces on the money. Along with learning about our president's, we will be talking about the author of the month Norman Bridwell. He wrote the books about Clifford, the big red dog. The last week of February, we will learn about the country of Italy. During this week, we will make delicious snacks and learn about amazing art in the country of Italy. The student of the month will be Lilly K. Lily is a very friendly and happy girl. Lilly enjoys playing with the dramatic play and going outside to ride bikes. Way to go Lilly. I hope everyone has a great month!



# 2026 Parent Questionnaire Results

Thanks to everyone who completed the 2026 Annual Parent Questionnaires! We are happy to announce that the classroom winner of the pizza party was the **PRESCHOOL ROOM!!!** They received their pizza party on Wednesday, January 28th. And boy, do they love some Little Caesars!

Surprisingly, the biggest area of improvement that we identified was **PARENT COMMUNICATION**. There was some confusion as to spirit days, show and tell days and how these events were represented in the newsletters, class calendars etc. In hindsight, I feel like the week of Christmas spirit events wasn't included on the classroom calendars, so that's our bad. We can definitely do better with this! Typically, we do send out reminders through Teaching Strategies for Spirit Days BUT we will start asking our teaching staff to send out reminders for classroom events such as show and tell days or homework due dates. Unfortunately, all the classrooms create their own calendars for the month, so when preschool has show and tell, that doesn't mean that toddlers and Pre K will have their show and tell on the same day (Sorry!). The teaching staff choose their own courses of study every month, so it will differ from room to room.

Again, we appreciate your thoughtful responses to the questionnaire and we are happy to make improvements as we can! You're the best! Thank you!

## \*\*February Points of Focus\*\*

Letters of the Month: G & J

Color: Pink

Numbers: 6 & 13

Shape: Heart

Artist: Andy Warhol

Country: Italy

Author: Norman Bridwell



**Infant Classroom**

Leo

Lucas

Tyler

Brianna

Carter

Lincoln

Willow

Logan

Xander

Cecilia

Connor

Maddox

**Toddler I (Miss Nichole)**

Ruthie

Sylvie

Freya

Evan

Scottie

Murphy

Arya

**Toddler II (Miss Kayla)**

Marlow

Dani

Brooklen

Jude

James

Mia

Kingston

Mateo

Saylor

Claire

Izabel

**Preschool I (Miss Kelsey)**

Phineas

Herrick

Lainey

Johnny

Calvin

Eleanor

Maryn

Layla

Julian

**Preschool II (Teacher Mya)**

Paxton

Jonah

Hudson

Myah

Wini

Isla

Harrison

Quincy

Boston

Keefe

Lorelai

Nathaniel

**Pre K I (Miss Angel)**

Aria

Adriel

(Kai)

Austin

Josie

Hal

Cade

Magnolia

(Maggie)

Amelia

**Pre K II (Miss Sarah)**

Riley

Cecilia

Finley

Lilly

Levi

Bailey

Natalie

# Child Development News

## Supporting Speech Development at Home

Through language and speech, children learn how to share their thoughts, needs, and feelings. Strong language skills play an important role in a child's overall development by helping them think, communicate, and connect with others. These skills support problem-solving, learning, and emotional growth.

When children are able to express themselves clearly, they are more confident, build positive relationships, and better understand their emotions. Whether your child needs a little extra support or is developing right on track, there are many simple and easy ways to encourage speech and language growth at home.

### **Creating Language Rich Environments:**

Talking to your child as much as possible. You can do this by explaining what you are doing, narrating routines, or describing objects.

### **Use Simple, Clear Language**

Children can benefit from short and sweet language, and repeat important words. Repetition helps to reinforce vocabulary and sentence structure.

### **Expand What They Say**

Acknowledge what the child says and expand it by introducing more vocabulary. Child says "car", you say "the car is red".

### **Encourage Non-Verbal Communication**

If your child is struggling with speech, it can be helpful to introduce other forms of communication. Simple sign language like "more", "please", "eat" can help your child to express themselves and reduce frustrations.

### **Read Together**

Choose books that are colorful and engaging. Point to pictures as you read, and follow along the words with your finger. Encourage your child to name objects or repeat familiar words, you can also ask simple questions. "What's that?" "Who is that?"



<https://therayouth.org/supporting-speech-development-at-home/>

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