

High 5 Highlights

February 2012

What a crazy January! Below zero temperatures, snow, and rain makes it sound like a weather roller coaster. The frigid air certainly fit in with our Alaska theme. We enjoyed learning about the 49th state, author Jack London, a traditional kayak made from whale bones and seal hides, and Gates of the Arctic National Park. Early in January we read the true story of Balto; a sled dog that saved the city of Nome, Alaska. We ended the month with another true story called Stickeen: John Muir and the Brave Little Dog. This story tells of John's explorations in Alaska and how Stickeen saved his life. Explorer/ Adventurer John Muir will be talked about more in our California unit.

In February, we will cover the topics of Groundhog's Day, Presidents, money, and counting by 5's (clocks). We will also be learning about the state of Texas. February in Texas means the national cowboy roundup. We will be learning about ranching, the Johnson Space Center, the Alamo and some of the people that formed the great state of Texas. Remember to wear your cowboy hat on the 29th! Yeeehaw!

This month also brings the season of love; Valentine's Day! On the 14th we will be hosting our Sledding and Sweetheart Party. Each child will invite a sweetheart to go sledding and/or skating at Hagemeister Park. We will meet at the park for the first 45 minutes; weather, snow and rinks permitting. Then we will come back to church to enjoy a treat and spend time together making projects. Invitations for the party will be made and sent home soon. Please consider anyone special who can spend that morning with your child. Anytime during the party students are welcome to distribute their cards to their classmates. We will have Valentine bags set up for easy distribution. I have provided a list of classmates at the bottom of the page. Please have your child sign their own name (even if you help a bit with classmate names). **REMINDER:** Bring cards only for the exchange. In keeping with the preschool policy no candy or other treats (stickers, pencils etc) should be brought to school. Thank you.

Finally, thank you for remembering to lug in all of the snow clothes. We sure are enjoying the snow on the playground now that it has finally arrived. Continue to encourage your child to put on and zip up their own snow clothes.

Happy February!

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