

# Hourglass Bulletin

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## Important Dates

February 6th: Valentines Day Party - Valentine's Spirit Wear  
February 11th: Hands On Museum Field Trip  
February 12th: LOVE day! Wear what you love!  
February 13th - February 16th - Mid-winter Break - No School  
February 20th - 100th day Spirit Wear & Celebration

## Character Corner

### **The Wrinkled Heart Lesson**

Using a large paper heart, students will see how unkind words can hurt by crumpling and tearing the heart. We will then practice apologizing and acts of restoration, noticing how kindness helps the heart grow and heal.

Although the heart can return close to its original shape, it will still have wrinkles—showing that hurtful words can leave lasting marks that take time to fade.

This concrete, visual activity helps children understand that words can be used to build others up or hurt their feelings, and that kindness, empathy, and responsibility matter in our classroom community. Students will learn and practice the motto:

“Before you speak, think and be smart—it's hard to fix a wrinkled heart.”

The heart will remain displayed in our classroom for the rest of the year as a reminder to always choose love and kindness.

## Highlights from the Hourglass Classroom:

Here is what the Hourglass students are learning this month  
Science and Social Studies

- Groundhogs day
  - Traditions of Valentine's Day and the importance of LOVE
- Math
- Working on fluency with basic addition and subtraction
  - Beginning our teen number study - composing teens as a ten and some ones (ie  $10+6=16$ ).

Literacy

- Handwriting Practice-working on writing capital letters and sentences.
- Reviewing strategies to read emergent level 'pattern books' Learning how readers: -look for familiar chunks they know (chunky monkey)
- Working on publishing our second set of personal narrative stories and getting ready to begin our focus on opinion and persuasive writing



## January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following student(s)!:

Lukas: February 10th

Your child can bring in a Birthday Treat or Birthday Trinket to celebrate their birthday. We have 25 students in our classroom. Please email me at least 2 days before you plan to bring treats in!

If your child has a birthday that falls outside of the school year, then we can celebrate their half birthday or any other day that you would like! Just make sure to email me!

## Spare Clothing

Our office is officially out of kindergarten size pants. Please be sure that every student has a change of clothes in their backpack or left in their cubby. If they have previously borrowed clothing, please return to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Share Time

For this month students will share something they love! Please view share schedule sent home in Tuesday folders or attached in Friday update email. If your child misses their scheduled day or school is called off, they may bring it the following day.

## Valentine's Party: February 6th

Please view the sign up genius below for items to purchase and volunteer opportunities. If you choose not to purchase an item to donate, please send in \$3-5. Thank you! *Items listed on SignUpGenius are kindly requested by Friday, January 30, so we have time to fill in any gaps if needed!* Thank you so much for your support and generosity. We invite your learner to bring in 19th Valentines to share with the class on the day of our Party.

## Donations

- Composition notebooks (no spiral)
- Glue Sticks

