

The Vaquita Vine

February 2026

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Important Dates

- 2/6 - Valentines Day Party (Spirit Wear Day)
- 2/12 - LOVE Day (Spirit Wear Day)
- 2/13-2/16 - Winter Break
- 2/17 - Field Trip to Ann Arbor Hands on Museum
- 2/20 - 100th Day of School (Spirit Wear Day)



Valentines Day Party

Our party will take place on February 6th. We will make Valentines collection bags on this day and plan to pass out Valentines on our 'Love Day' which will be on February 12th!

A \$3-\$5 monetary donation will be so helpful in covering the costs for this party!

Thank you for those who have already donated!

100th Day of School

This exciting day will be filled with lots of 100 day activities, games, and projects. The options are to dress as a "100" year old person (gray hair, wigs, glasses, suspenders, etc), make and wear a cape with 100 items attached to it, or create a t-shirt that celebrates 100 in your own creative way! Have fun with this, be creative!

We will plan on having our hundredth day of school celebration on February 20th 😊



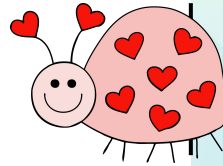
February Donations

If you are in a place to do so, there are a few things we are in need of this month:

- Old Newspapers
- Black Sharpies
- Disinfecting Wipes

February Learning Targets

Here's what the Vaquita kids are working on this month:



Science and Social Studies

- Groundhogs Day
- Traditions of Valentine's Day and the importance of LOVE
- Researching the continent of Asia and learning about Chinese New Year

Math

- Teen numbers - composing teens as a ten and some ones (ex. $10+5=15$)
- Learning the names and the values of coins along with the presidents and American symbols that are on each one
- Working on fluency with basic addition and subtraction

Literacy

- Handwriting practice - working on writing capital letters, putting spaces between words, 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 personal narrative stories and getting ready to begin our focus on opinion and persuasive writing

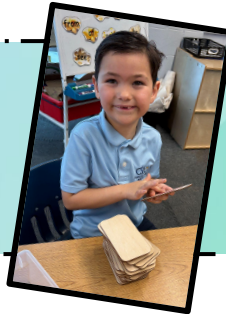
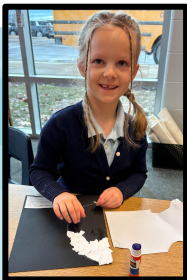
Winter Gear

Please be sure your child comes to school dressed for the weather.

Warm boots, snow pants or a snowsuit, a hat, and waterproof gloves are encouraged to keep everyone warm and safe.

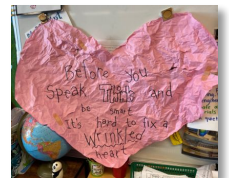
Plan on your child going outside each day unless the weather doesn't allow or the real feel or windchill is 0° or below

Please remember to
LABEL ALL ITEMS!
Thank you!



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 notice 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 - its 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 & KINDNESS**.

