

# Blossom News

## February 2012

January was such a fun month! I'm sure you heard from your Blossom about our exciting experiments, and hopefully you were able to do a few at home with your child. Many of our experiments demonstrated properties of water, light, electricity, and air, as well as activities that worked on observation and prediction skills. We started off the month learning about magnets, which is always interesting for the children. The Blossoms' favorite activities this month seemed to be "Complete a Circuit" using batteries, "Pepper Pusher," "Rocket Balloon," and *anything* with water. We learned a lot of new vocabulary this month, including experiment, prediction, surface tension, and iron (what magnets like to stick to). We'd like to give a great big "Thank you" to Adam's dad, Paul, who brought in lots of science materials for us to experiment with, including pumice, beakers, litmus paper, and magnetic rocks.

Chinese New Year came early this year, and several Blossoms kept their scientist mindset as they did research at home. We learned from Lena that 2012 is the Year of the Black Water Dragon. Allie taught us that some dragons can fly, but baby dragons can't. Samantha told us that dragons can be different colors and that Chinese people dress up as dragons, and Alexander brought in some pictures of Chinese dragons. Way to go researchers!

During February, we'll switch gears a little bit and learn about past presidents (Abraham and George), and of course, Valentine's Day. There will be several science projects this coming month, since we didn't have room for all of them in January. As far as President's Day goes, our focus will be on the traditional tales of cherry trees and log cabins, but we'll also learn a bit about pennies and quarters.

The snow continues to tease us with occasional appearances, and we would like to thank you for writing names or initials on articles of clothing. The cubbies get full and overflow with snow pants, gloves, and hats. Having names marked on tags makes it so much easier to prevent lost or misplaced items. We also appreciate your continued patience with the cubbies in general. Several of your children are sharing cubbies, and the limited space can be very frustrating! If your child shares a cubby you can store nap items in a backpack in the hallway to save space in the cubby. Also, this is a good time of year to make sure your child has a weather appropriate change of clothes in his or her cubby.

As we get closer to Valentines Day, we need to start collecting empty cereal boxes. We will be decorating these and using them as our mailboxes.

Thanks,  
Katie and Tanya

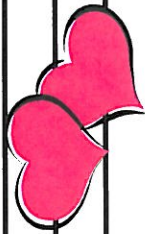
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# Mr President?

Notes:

FEB 14TH

VALENTINES DAY



# Blossom

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 HOT OR COLD	2 THE NOSE NOSE	3 A GERM Y END	
6 BINGO!	7 TIC TAC TOE	8 BURSTING HEARTS	9 WHOSE HEART?	10 UP & DOWN
13 CHERRY TREES	14 HEART COLLAGES	15 GENERAL GEORGE	17 LOG CABINS	17 ABE'S BROWN BEARD
20 CLOSED	21 WATER DROPPER	22 LINCOLN AND ME	23 ACIDS OR BASE	24 WRITE WITH ROCKS
27 CHANGES CHANGES	28 MARCHING IN	29 LIONS AND LAMBS		



*Washington*



*Lincoln*