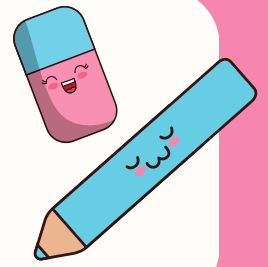


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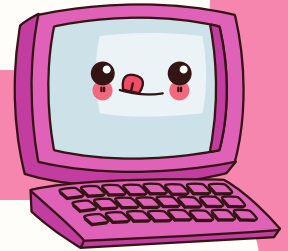
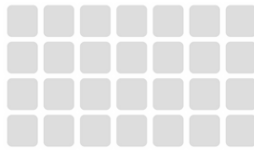


February 2022

February Celebrations... Did You Know?

As teachers, we know about that one day all students get excited about in February – Valentine's Day! Of course, we also know February is important because we celebrate Black History Month, Groundhog Day, President's Day, and Dental Health Month. Did you know February is also Friendship Month, Library Lovers Month, and it includes observances such as Jell-O Week, Random Acts of Kindness Week, Do a Grouch a Favor Day, and Tell a Fairy Tale Day? Click the February calendar to check all of the interesting observances to celebrate!

FEBRUARY



PD Opportunities

Behavior Bites:
Evidence-Based Practices

2-hour virtual trainings February – May. See the ECSE page below for dates and topics. (Choose one, choose all! These are open to everyone!)

MOY Assessments

What do you use to assess your students during this time of year? C-PM, GOLD, another tool? How can ESC15 help you with your MOY data? Give your ECE team a call and let them know!



DAP CENTRAL

DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE PRACTICES

ABCs & Writing

Matching Hearts

Download and print the Letter Knowledge – Valentine's Day file. Print and cut out the hearts to use for multiple activities that focus on letter recognition, letter naming, letter-sound matching, and more! There are a few activity ideas included for both small group and large group instruction.

Sensory Table

Heart Sensory Matching

Fill heart-shaped balloons with dry rice, dry beans, playdough, kinetic sand, water beads, hair gel, etc. Place balloons in a basket or bin, and have children smash, squish, and squeeze their way to finding the ones that match.



Math

Broken Hearts and Patterns

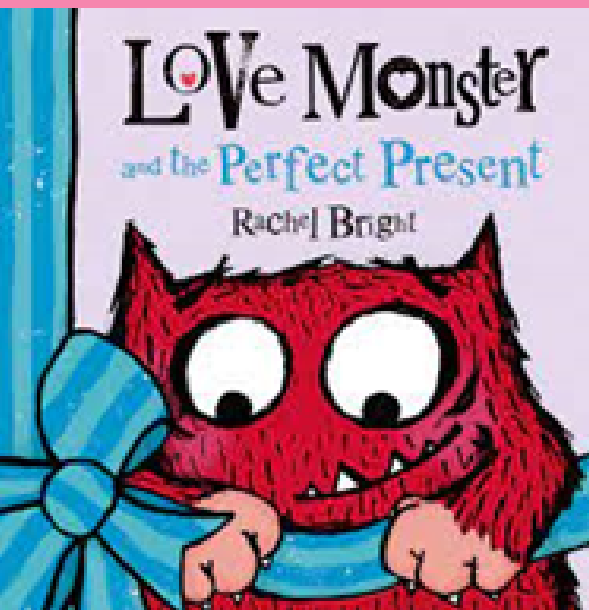
Download and print the Math Activities – Valentine's Day file. Print and cut out the broken hearts to match numerals to quantities. Print the pattern pages for a hands-on activity, or use them on your Smart Board (large group activity) or on a tablet (technology center or individual instruction).

SEL

Learning About Empathy

While February is full of hearts, chocolates, and candy hearts, it is a great time to teach our early learners about empathy, which is needed now more than ever. Check out these resources to help you teach and practice empathy with your class!

PRE-K BOOK NOOK



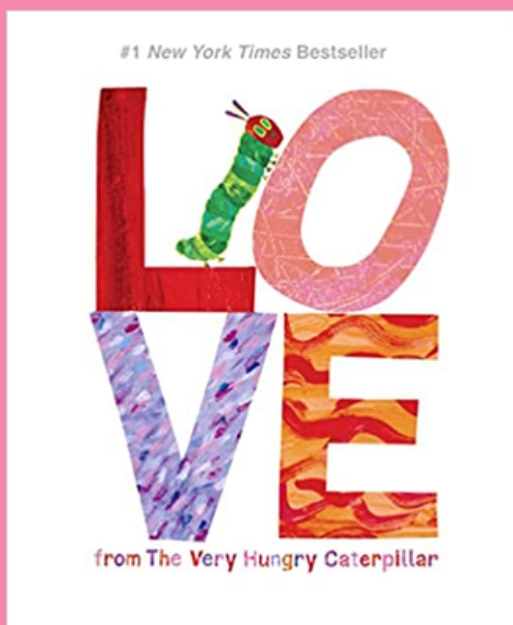
Love Monster and the Perfect Present

Everyone in Cutesville is excited for the most special day of the year: Present Day! Love Monster goes on a hunt for the perfect gift for his special someone, but as it turns out, finding the perfect gift is not easy. And the only thing worse than a not-perfect present is no present at all. But Love Monster soon comes up with the idea for the best gift ever—one that comes straight from his furry heart.



The Most Magnificent Thing

"She is going to make the most MAGNIFICENT thing! She knows just how it will look. She knows just how it will work. All she has to do is make it, and she makes things all the time. Easy-peasy!" It is anything but easy, and the girl tries and fails, repeatedly. Eventually, she gets really, really mad. She is so mad, in fact, that she quits. But after her dog convinces her to take a walk, she comes back to her project with renewed enthusiasm and manages to get it just right.

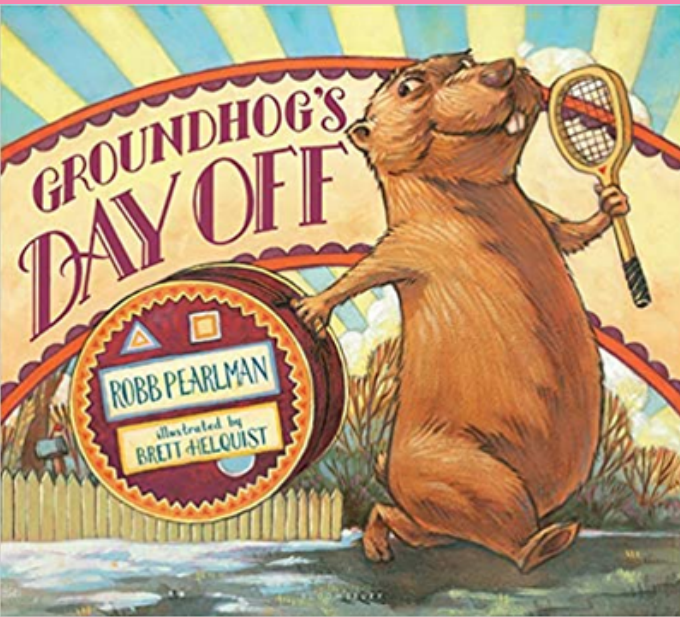


Love from the Very Hungry Caterpillar

Using a range of images from the World of Eric Carle, and featuring the Very Hungry Caterpillar, this special gift book gives all the reasons why someone special makes the world a better and brighter place.

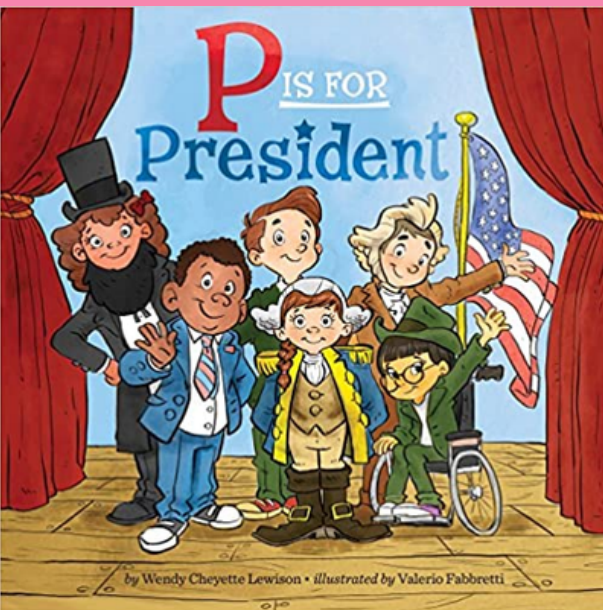
"You are the cherry on my cake; you make the sun shine brighter; you make my heart flutter."

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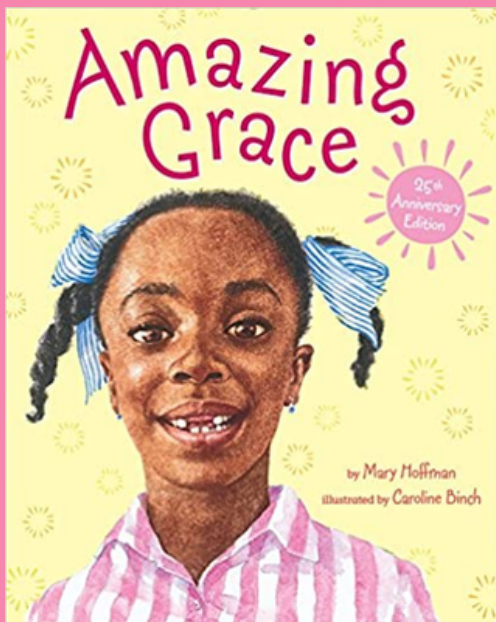
Groundhog's Day Off

Every year, people ask Groundhog the same, boring old question. Is spring around the corner? Or are we doomed to more winter? Sure, they care about his shadow, but what about him and his interests? He's had enough! Groundhog packs his bags and sets out for a much-needed vacation. Now the town is holding auditions to find someone to fill his spot. None of the animals seem right for the job, though. No one has Groundhog's flair for the dramatic, but is it too late to woo him back into the spotlight?



P is for President

Being President of the United States is a big job – the biggest job in all of America! Follow the president as he or she campaigns, runs, moves into the White House, and works to fix problems. Learn about historically significant presidents along the way, and see what it takes to be president. Do you have what it takes to run the U.S.?



Amazing Grace

Grace loves stories, whether they're from books, movies, or the kind her grandmother tells. So when she gets a chance to play a part in Peter Pan, she knows exactly who she wants to be. Remarkable watercolor illustrations give full expression to Grace's high-flying imagination.

ECSE



This webinar series about evidence based practices can help you in your classroom management, which is foundational in ECE classrooms!

Topics:

- 2/22 Functional Behavior Assessment Session #218583
- 3/22 Reinforcement Session #218589
- 4/12 Proactive Supports Session #218592
- 5/17 Consequences Session #218599

Go to the Region 15 website to read the descriptions and register for any or ALL of them that meet your needs!

TECH FOR TOTS



Kindu TV

A home for primary teachers to find and share high-quality learning videos. The videos are safe with no ads, no auto-plays, no crazy sidebar. There are also radio stations where you can choose music (no words) to set the mood depending on your time of day (nap, centers, etc.). Sign up for free and choose your interest areas today!



ABCya

This site is full of fun and educational games for students to play individually on tablets in the technology center or on a smart board during Large Group time. Check out this [Counting Hearts Game](#) or this chocolate-filled [Valentine's Day Puzzle](#) with your sweethearts!



Sesame Street

Focus on good oral hygiene while brushing the food and debris from the Monster's teeth during [Brush Those Teeth](#) and see what prize you win for creating a winning smile!



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