

FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

This month we will begin our author study of Eric Litwin who developed the popular books about Pete the Cat.

Eric Litwin is a song singing, guitar strumming, # 1 New York Times Best Selling, award winning author who brings early literacy and music together.

He is the original author of the Pete the Cat series as well as the author of The Nuts and Groovy Joe.

Eric believes early literacy is more joyful and successful when the child is fully engaged with the book. He calls this interactive reading.

Eric's books have sold over 10 million copies, been translated into 15 languages, and won 19 literacy awards including a Theodor Geisel Seuss Honor Award.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 2nd

No school

February 6th
current

Registration opens to
families

11am in multipurpose room

February 8th

Death By Chocolate meeting 7pm

February 9th

Family Dance 6 – 9pm

Crossroads Community Association

February 12th

No school

February 13th and 14th

Valentine's Parties

February 19th

No school – Family Day

February 20th
alumni

Registration opens to
families.

Heights

Vista Heights and Mayland
families

February 20th

Preschool Board meeting 6:30pm

All are welcome!

February 22nd

Worms for Life presentation

3A and 3B 12pm – 2pm

February 23rd

Worms for Life presentation

4A and 4B 12pm – 2pm

March 6th
general

Registration opens to the
public

Just a note . . .

1. For our Valentine parties, each child will have a special bag with their name on it. If you plan to give out Valentines, I am encouraging you to leave the “To _____” blank and just fill in who the Valentine is from. This will make it much easier for your child to distribute the valentines. **On the day of the party, I am asking each parent/guardian to accompany their child to distribute each of his/her valentines into the Valentine bags. Let me know if this will not be possible.** For your information the number of children in each class is as follows:

4A - 16

4B - 16

3A - 15

3B - 12

4. Our Hip Kids project this month is **"Feed the Animals"**

This month we are going to help feed the animals who are living in our local shelters. Donate a can of cat or dog food or a treat to chew. Or you can make a pull or cat nip to, paint a bowl or make a small blanket as gifts for the animals.

These donations will be donated to the animal shelters in Calgary whose volunteers work hard to save, heal and find adopted homes for abandoned cats and dogs.

Your project needs to be completed by Wednesday, February 21st.

RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES AT HOME

4's

1. Clapping the syllables in your child's name
2. Understanding patterns and making patterns
3. Saying the sounds and letters in his/her name
4. Saying the sounds and letters in everyday words
5. Counting backwards from 20
6. Reciting his/her phone number and possibly address
7. When writing letters, always starting at the top
8. Following two-task directions

9. Waiting to speak if someone else is speaking

10. Understanding the difference between an inside voice and an outdoor voice. They may even be able to tell you the 4 levels of voices.

3's

1. Saying the sounds and letters in his/her name

2. Beginning to understand and interpret other people's facial expressions and what that reveals about how he/she is feeling.

3. Understanding what it means to be a bucket filler and a bucket dipper.

4. Waiting to speak.

5. Counting backwards from 10.

6. Following one-step directions.

7. When writing letters, always starting at the top.

8. Understanding the difference between a little problem and a big problem.

9. Understanding the difference between an inside voice and an outdoor. They may even be able to tell you the 4 levels of voices.

10. Be able to basically retell a story.