



The Learning Tree

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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- ☼ **Tuesday, Feb. 10:** Music with Miss Julie
- ☼ **Wednesday, Feb. 11:** Music with Miss Julie
- ☼ **Wednesday, Feb 11, Thursday, Feb. 12 and Friday, Feb 13:** Valentine Parties
- ☼ **Monday, Feb. 16:** **No School**
- ☼ **Monday, Feb. 17:** Story Hour
- ☼ **Tuesday, Feb. 18:** Story Hour
- ☼ **Tuesday, Feb 17:** Pink Day
- ☼ **Wednesday, Feb 18:** Pink day
- ☼ **Wednesday, Feb. 25:** Science with Miss Carolyn
- ☼ **Wednesday, Feb. 26:** Science with Miss Carolyn
- ☼ **Monday, March 2:** **No School**
- ☼ **Monday, March 9:** Registration begins for 2026-27



Do you think we called up any winter weather by doing snow dances?! Doubt it – but it sure was fun.

We sang snow songs, put our home-made bears to sleep, made snow people (aka snowmen) sparkled snowflakes (as usual, around the church and in your car!), sipped chocolate milk and listened to Carolyn Mathews talk about animals sleeping and eating during the snowy days. How many chances do you get to pet an otter, fox, opossum, muskrat, fisher, skunk, coyote, beaver and all at one time?

Wow! What a way to slip into a new year—not silently. We never do anything quietly!

In February we'll have our "Love Month." We will be celebrating all kinds of love; love for our families, friends and ourselves.

We'll love our bodies with the help from two of our "beloved" health care professionals. We will have a health care provider talk to your children about visits to the doctor. We'll talk about their "tools" and how to stay healthy.

Thank you for keeping track of the weather changes. If you're having difficulty keeping straight what the county does versus Learning Tree, wbcradio.com has Learning Tree listed on an individual line under the "snow watch" icon. Usually, as soon as I know what the county's doing, I call them.

We will continue our love of science and love for our science teacher Ms. Carolyn as well as our music expert, Ms. Julie.



SOUP SALE

We are learning the value of community and the need to help each other through the wonderful story, *Stone Soup*. We will be reading the book and thinking of ways to help others. With this story in mind, we will be asking for your involvement. We are asking each kiddo to bring in one food item for our own Stone Soup. Things like canned beans, corn, tomatoes, potatoes or carrots. Anything! That's the beauty of the soup. We will be making it together and then, SURPRISE!, you will have the opportunity to buy our creation! **Orders are due Friday, February 20.** An order

form is attached, if you'd like to share the children's hard work with family

The final day for donations is February 20. We will be making the soup on the 23rd and 24th. Orders can be picked Wednesday, the 25th and Thursday, the 26th.



THE DOCTOR'S SONG

Author Unknown

Tune: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

*"I use a stethoscope
To listen to your heart.
To help you be a healthy
child
And heal you when you
aren't."*



VALENTINE'S PARTIES

*Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
I love my Learning Tree friends
And Mom & Dad too!*

The school will rock the house with a Valentine's Day rave on **Wednesday, February 11(Miss Angela's class), Thursday, February 12 and Friday February 13.** Sign-up sheets will be posted on bulletin boards.

Please note that if spaces are full, don't add more- save your treats for another special day!

Please don't forget your treat if you signed up to bring one, because the teachers will be counting on it!

Valentine's Day is lots of fun for the children. They love mailing valentines to each other. **To facilitate the "mailing" please have the children bring their valentines to school with the ENVELOPE BLANK ON THE OUTSIDE AND YOUR CHILD'S NAME MARKED ON THE VALENTINE ITSELF.** This way they will be able to mail the Valentine by themselves.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child wants to sign his or her name on the Valentine by themselves, please remember to use upper case for the 1st letter and lower case for the rest of their name.



HERE'S A LITTLE GROUNDHOG
(to the tune "I'm A Little Teapot")

*Here's a little ground hog
Furry and brown
He's popping up to look around
If he sees his shadow
Down he'll go
Then, 6 more weeks of winter,
Oh no!*



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH Month

*We brush our teeth up
We brush our teeth down
Brush 'em, brush 'em, brush 'em
all around
We don't want cavities ... no no
no gum disease.
We'll tell those germs get out of
town
Cha! Cha! Cha!*



PARENT CONFERENCES

We will be scheduling parent conferences in April. At this meeting we will share how your little one is progressing since the last conferences. This will be the final formal conferences but please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like to speak any other time. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the boards outside of each classroom. We will have a substitute teacher on those days so that the children will have school as usual.

REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027

It's that time again! Now you have to decide what to do next year. We hope you come back! We will begin registering **Monday, March 9.** We will keep registration open until we are full.



TWO-YEAR-OLD CLASS

Pink and red hearts will abound this month. Valentine's Day parties will be a good time to learn about love and friends. Our class will celebrate on the 17th and 18th. For the day that your child comes, please send valentines with his or her name inside. Please leave the outside blank so they may "deliver" their cards independently (It won't matter which card goes in which friend's bag.) There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone wanting to take a turn at donating snacks or treats for Valentine parties. Monday class has 4 children, Tuesday has 4 children.

Delivering Valentines notes reminds us of one of our community helpers; postal professionals. We will read books about how our mail gets to where it is going! Books about our dental health professional will help us keep our teeth healthy and smiles white for our photo. February 9 through 13 our favorite photographer will be here each day to capture your children's happy faces. Remember that you pay for photos on the day that you want to buy the photos. Your child will be in the group photo each day, but you will only purchase the group photo on the day that you plan for them to sit for an individual photo. With weather uncertainty in the winter, we encourage planning on having your child's photo taken early in

the week. If they are sick that day or we have closure, they still have a chance on the second day that week.

We will encourage healthy eating, exercise, and visits to the doctor as we talk about heart health. Your children have opportunity to stretch their legs and move around as they participate in 'bike time', music, and other movement activities at the Learning Tree. We want them to continue the habit of exercising as they interact with other children so that they do not become sedentary and isolated. They are so excited when they accomplish new physical feats, such as making the scooter go!

This month we will emphasize friendships, continuing to sing about friends and practice sharing. But we won't share germs; we learn to cough in our arm, stay home when unwell, and wash hands regularly. Also, getting a full night's sleep gives them the best chance to attend, learn, and grow!

Love,
Miss Angela, Miss Addy
and Miss Cathy



THREE-YEAR-OLD CLASS

It's hard to believe that it's February! January was a busy month in the 3's. We kicked off the New Year with creating noise makers. We counted down and wished everyone a Happy New Year! This month we also learned about hibernation. We tucked our bears away for winter. The

kids enjoyed the book *The Mitten*, by Jan Brett where they each were able to be an animal of the book. We learned new songs and talked about winter animals and winter fun.

This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 12th and 13th. Please send your child's valentines to school in only with the FROM section filled out. It will make it much easier for them to put it in each friend's Valentine box. Our MWF class has 7 students and our Tues/Thurs. class has 10 students. Please watch for Valentine's Day Party sign up outside the classroom door.

Our school picture week will be February 9th-13th. Each day a class photo will be taken but you will only purchase the individual photo and class picture for the day you choose. We encourage photos to be done earlier in the week as we won't have makeups if weather causes a closure later in the week.

Finally, we will be doing our "Stone Soup" fundraiser at the end of the month. We will have a collection box outside the classroom for donations of canned vegetables along with soup order forms.

As always, we appreciate your support. Every day is an adventure and we're grateful to share it with your child.

Love,
Miss Tesha, Miss Ruby
and Miss Melinda





FOUR-YEAR-OLD CLASS

February brings our health unit to the classroom! We talk a lot about love — loving our bodies to keep them healthy, how to love our teeth, and how to love our friends. We will talk about our most important body organs and their jobs within our bodies; always one of the kids favorite units.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day in our classroom, as well as with our "Grandma & Grandpa friends." The kids love sending Valentine "mail" to the nursing home and I can't tell you how much joy the residents get out of receiving our kids' artwork and pictures. We will practice finding the good in ourselves and each other!

When sending in Valentines, please use this as an opportunity to have your child practice writing their name! Provide an example for them to see, and allow them to work with minimal intervening!

At the end of January our second round of assessments were completed and I am impressed with the growth of our students! They are all improving academically, but we are seeing a lot of growth in our social skills, problem solving skills, and we see the moments when the "wheels are turning" during discussions. Please continue to work on letter recognition, increasing independence of our designated life skill of the week, and building their confidence as

learners! The work you do at home is vital to the success of your child in the classroom!

Our kids are growing by leaps and bounds and are making huge strides in becoming Kindergarten ready!

Love,
Miss Kelsey and Miss Tami

