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# Curriculum Chronicle ~ February

EARLY LEARNERS 1 & 2, PRESCHOOL 1 & 2

## Themes

In the Mail  
I Am Healthy

## Shapes and Colors



## Numbers

13, 14

## Letters

Pp, Qq, Rr

## Alphabet Words

parrot, pancakes,  
panda, pineapple,  
quail, queen,  
quilt, quill,  
ring, robot,  
rocket, rooster

## Character Card

I am active.



## Activities for Home

- Talk about the mail system with your child. Talk about the items you mail, as well as the items you receive in the mail. Consider saving any promotional, unwanted, or "junk" mail for your child to open and examine. Point out the stamp and address areas of each piece of mail. Take your child with you to the post office, if possible.
- Invite your child to help you prepare special cards or treats to share with friends and relatives for Valentine's Day. Visit with your child about each special person as you are creating his or her valentine.
- The color of the month is pink and the shape of the month is the heart shape. Look for both in Valentine decorations displayed in your home, neighborhood, or local stores. Point them out or ask your child to point them out to you.
- Reinforce the letter P by playing with playdough. Bring out heart-shaped cookie cutters to review the heart shape. See the back of this newsletter for a "Valentine Playdough" recipe.

## Nursery Rhymes

*A nursery rhyme is included in each monthly curriculum. Nursery rhymes strengthen memory and allow children to see a connection between words, alliteration, and rhythm.*

**An Apple a Day**  
An apple a day  
Keeps the doctor away.



## Look for Books

The best way to learn which books your child enjoys is to read children's books—lots of them! Check out **funshineextras.com** for Book Lists corresponding to each month's themes. Get to know your local librarians and ask for their recommendations as well.

### **Never Mail an Elephant**

by Mike Thaler

### **A Day with a Mail Carrier**

by Jan Kottke

### **The Post Office Book**

by Gail Gibbons

### **Clarabella's Teeth**

by An Vrombaut

### **Take Care of Your Teeth**

by Don L. Curry

### **How Many Teeth?**

by Paul Showers

### **The Biggest Valentine Ever**

by Steven Kroll

### **How Kind!**

by Mary Murphy

### **The Giant Hug**

by Sandra Horning

## Cooking Together

*When cooking with young children, allow them to help in a safe way with mixing, pouring, rolling, mashing, shaking, etc. Use words to describe what you are doing and what you plan to do next. Talk about what you see, smell, feel, and hear.*

## Valentine Playdough

2 1/2 cups flour

1 T. cream of tartar

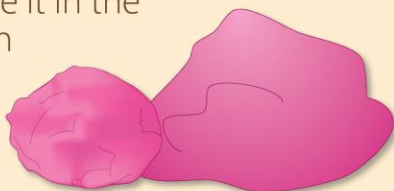
2 pkgs. unsweetened cherry, strawberry or pink lemonade Kool-Aid

1 cup salt

2 cups boiling water

3 T. cooking oil

Mix the dry ingredients. Add the oil to the boiling water and pour it into the dry ingredients. Stir quickly, mixing well. As the dough cools, knead it until smooth. Store it in the refrigerator in an airtight container.



## Sing Along with Me

Find these songs at [www.funshineexpress.com](http://www.funshineexpress.com)

### Letter to Mail

Sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Once I had a letter to mail,  
A letter to mail, to my friend.  
Once I had a letter to mail,  
A letter to my friend.



Put a stamp on the envelope,  
The envelope, to my friend.  
Put a stamp on the envelope,  
The envelope to my friend.



The mailman took it from the box,  
The mailbox, to my friend.  
The mailman took it from the box,  
And delivered it to my friend.

### Scrub Your Hands

Sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"

Scrub, scrub, scrub your hands,  
Wash the germs away!  
Scrub with soap and rinse them well,  
Before you (cook) today!



Repeat, replacing "cook" with "eat."

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**14 – VALENTINES DAY PARTY**  
**22 – PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

