



# FEBRUARY

## Technology with Mr. Jacobson or Ms. Fornataro

During the month of February, the kindergarten students will continue with the computer program *Pixie*. The students will work with the tools they've learned in *Pixie* and complete the slides they've created based on the theme of Transportation. They will have such wonderful slides to make into a slide show. The students are so working so hard! Please remember to check out our Portaportals with links to different websites.



## Music with Ms. Saunier

During the month of February, students will begin to learn about the musical concept of dynamics, which relates to loud and soft sounds. They will explore the difference between loud and soft, and they will use pictures, instruments and their bodies to demonstrate their understanding of both loud and soft sounds. They will also learn some vocabulary such as the Italian words *forte* (loud) and *piano* (soft). As they listen to a variety of different examples that can be found in music, students will gain a deeper understanding of very loud and soft sounds!



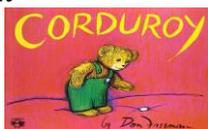
## Art with Ms. Ally-Khan



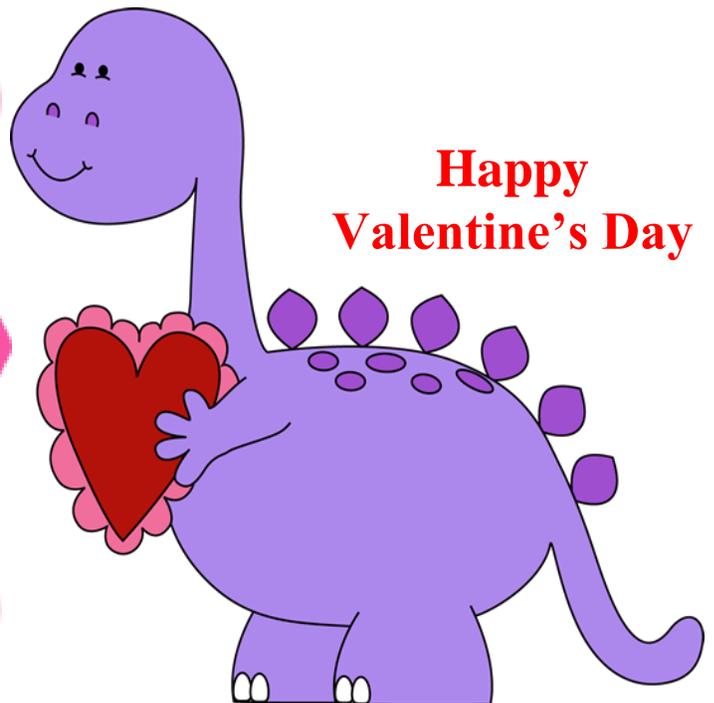
February will be filled with fun activities! Kindergarten classes will work on a rip and paste collage inspired by the book *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman. Students will be using various materials for this project such as scissors, glue, colored paper, buttons, yarn, etc.

### Suggested Books

- *Corduroy*, by Don Freeman
- *A Pocket for Corduroy*, by Don Freeman



Happy  
Valentine's Day



## Art with Ms. Parisi

In February, kindergarten students will create a family portrait painting. Students will participate in a read aloud of Families, by Rose Lorenzo, and will then draw a portrait of their family. These drawings will be outlined in crayon. The students will then experiment with painting by using watercolors to paint their portraits.

Check out Mrs. Parisi's teacher page on the P.S. 108 website. Please be sure to look at the menu of extra credit assignments that can be completed and handed in to Mrs. Parisi for extra credit in art.

## Art Tips

1. Create a rip and paste collage at home using materials you already may have; construction paper, newspaper, glue, etc.
2. Check out #metkids by The Metropolitan Museum of Art for an interactive children's guide to the museum.

<http://www.metmuseum.org/art/online-features/metkids/>

## Dance with Ms. Charles

This month, the kindergarten students will be celebrating the Chinese New Year by learning and creating dances that use ribbons. The Chinese ribbon dance is a dance that has been done by dancers and acrobats for thousands of years. The children will also continue working on pathways. In January they created pathway dances. This month, they will teach their dances to a friend. The children will then share their dances with the class.

**Supporting Dance Education at Home:** Ask your child to trace the pathways in the air using different parts of their bodies such as their arms, legs and heads. Encourage your child to practice the Valentine's Day songs that they learned.

## Physical Education with Ms. Klein, Ms. Acquaviva or Mr. Veltre

For the month of February, kindergarten students will be focusing on their volleying and striking skills. We will be using beach balls/balloons to enforce these skills while the children begin to learn how to volley underhand and learn how to strike an object using the underhand or sidearm striking pattern. When learning how to volley, students will develop a good sense of eye-hand coordination, and while working with their classmates, they will learn personal and social behavior that respects self and others.

## Stem with Ms. Schock

For the month of February, kindergarten engineers will focus on hibernation. They will learn about hibernation and winter changes while listening to The Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows. They will then help an animal by creating a safe place for them to hibernate for the winter! For more information on hibernation check out

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/fun-hibernation-facts/>.

## Physical Education FYI

\*\*\* Important Note To Parents:

On the day your child has Physical Education, please send an extra bottle of water with them on that day. The children need to drink plenty of liquids so they can stay hydrated while doing physical activities. Thank you. \*\*\*