



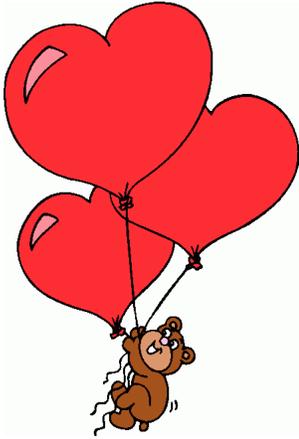
## Important Dates

**February 16 & 17**

No school

**February 19**

Early Release



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**Why fit in when you were born to stand out?**

- Dr. Seuss

## Affective Education Groups

Our affective education groups, known as Assets, are structured times for Mount Saint Vincent's students to learn important social skills and practice applying those skills in a safe environment. For the month of January, Assets groups focused on the theme of setting goals around teamwork, safety



and long-term goals. In one session students joined together with their peers and completed the Pringle challenge in which they had to create a protective structure that would support the Pringle from breaking when dropped from the highest point on the playground. Next month we will transition our focus from goal setting to encouragement and motivation. The group facilitators are excited about the fun activities we have planned!

## Room 1

Room 1 is continuing to study the solar system, and the students are making a model of the solar system. Our next unit of study will be weather. In math, one group of students will learn how to use the lattice method to do

multiplication. In another math group, the students will review fractions and learn new concepts around fractions. The students and teachers are enjoying learning how to use the new tech boards in the classroom. In literacy, the students continue to work on writing skills and reading, in groups and independently.

## Room 2

Room 2 started the year out cool as ever with our study of Arctic and Antarctic animals such as the polar bear and penguin! We have been discussing the habitats of these interesting creatures in addition to the risks humans can have on them. We have also spent some time working on addition and subtraction up to 20, and we are getting ready to start focusing on telling time on an analog clock (to the hour first). Room 2 has also spent some time preparing for February as it is Black History Month. We have talked in length about the peaceful way Martin Luther King Jr. changed the world by marching with those who

**Monday, February 2, 2015—  
Punxsutawney Phil saw his  
shadow and predicted six  
more weeks of winter.**



agreed with him. Though we have been looking forward to Spring's learning opportunities, Room 2 is excited to get a little taste of beautiful weather in the middle of Winter and to continue talking about peaceful ways to solve problems!

### Room 3

Room 3 has had an exhilarating start to the New Year. As you may have heard, each room was re-carpeted, given new furniture and a smart board, with all the technology to go with it (though officially it's the newest board available and called a team board). The students have been truly enjoying themselves as have the teachers as we all explore all the new and exciting interactive activities we can do on our boards. The students enthusiastically come up to the board to participate in all activities whether it is signing in in the morning, solving mathematical problems or working on their grammar. The board allows the students to not only use various tools to solve problems but also to check their own work. It helps teach the students to be accountable for their work, and they are loving it....shh...so am I.

### Room 4

Miss Emily joined Room 4 as the new classroom teacher, and she loves all things outdoors! This month Room 4 is starting a unit on rocks and minerals, so look out for some fun new facts from our kids. We are also working on double digit addition and subtraction as well as learning about our 50 states and some fun facts about each one.

### Room 6

Room 6 jumped right back into things as soon as we got back from the winter break!!! With new carpet, new furniture and SMART boards, we are LOVING our new digs. Room 6 has been focusing on nature and all of the exciting activities and changes that take place



among the plant and animal species. We have studied how animals make their homes and care for their young. We have learned about how scientists study different animals, alive and extinct. Coming up are our units on archeology and different jobs around the world.

### Room 8

The students in Room 8 have continued to impress everyone with their work ethic and positive attitudes! Our students are proud of their accomplishments, so feel free to ask them about all they have learned in school! Many of them may even lead you straight to our favorite classroom mascot...Mr. Gecko! Room 8 students earned the opportunity to go to the stock show. We were able to see many animals such as pigs, horses and cows. Students even got to pet and feed many of the animals that they learned about!

### Health and Physical Education

We would like to thank Coach Ron (pictured in the middle with Tim, gym teacher, on the left and Angela, Development, on the right) for a generous donation of \$750 from the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Coach Ron, a member of the Handball Hall of Fame, has been volunteering his time to coach MSV students in the game of handball for at least 4 years during gym classes. This trimester he will be working with our Room 4 children. Also in gym, the children have been working on basketball to help prepare them for the afterschool basketball team. Lara and Tim will be finishing the basketball unit and focus on health and teambuilding in the near future.

