

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated Kansas' 147th birthday. The children enjoyed playing Kansas Bingo. For snack they ate a yellow sunflower. Friday the children learned about Groundhog Day. They listened to several groundhog stories. They did some pages on groundhogs. They made a groundhog puppet. At snack time they each got to make a groundhog to eat.

We have a red sweatshirt jacket that says “Charm School – Spoiled Rotten – 2004 University” that no one will claim. If it belongs to your child please let me know.

Reading – This week they've worked on their “l sound” by listening to two poems. Our first poem was called *Lazy Little Lion* and the second poem was called *Lightening Bugs*. This week we read a story called Nature Spy. It had beautiful photographs of various things in nature. The children really enjoyed these pictures. Our little story this week is called *Nap In A Lap*. The new words for this story are: **go, in, Lin, lap, nap, & Ron**. **Please continue to work on our words and read the story over the weekend. Remember to bring the story back to school on Monday. The children will be bringing their reading bags home again. Our supply of books has been changed now so that we have books on our level to read.**

Animated Literacy – This week they met their second long vowel character named Leaping Eve. She is helping them with their “long e sound.” They learned that this sound can be made with “ee, ea, ie & ___y. They learned how to draw a rope, bone, ice cream cone, bee, and a jeep.

Math – This week they started Chapter 7 that works with numbers in the teens. Most of the children already recognize these numbers. They are also continuing to work on writing their numbers and doing their addition. The children are really doing a great job with their addition.

Centers – This week we started a new round of centers on Wednesday and will continue them next week. At Good Luck Bear center the children made a cupid out of balloons. Then at Bedtime Bear center they made a Valentine card. They also put it in an envelope and practiced writing their address on the envelope. The Valentine card will be coming home to you for Valentine's Day. At Birthday Bear center the children made a Valentine bear all out of hearts. We have these hanging up in the hallway. Next at Cheer Bear center they made their Valentine boxes. Each child made a different animal Valentine box. Finally at Tender Heart Bear center the children made a little book called **Little People Valentine Book**.

I am sending home a list of the children's names for our Valentine Party. Please have the children write their name on the back of the Valentine. That way the children will remember who gave them their Valentine. They may bring their Valentines any time. Our party will be on February 14th starting at 2:30.