

February 2026 Newsletter

VALLEY BAPTIST PRESCHOOL



A Message from Melissa Our Director

Happy February! What a perfect month to celebrate our families, Jesus' unfailing love for each of us, and Black History Month, focusing on the incredible contributions and inventions of many Black men and women. We look forward to sharing many activities and stories supporting these topics and how we can love and care for others.

Health and Safety- Thank you for keeping your children home when they aren't feeling well. You have been so supportive during this season of illness. If you have questions about your child's symptoms, please refer to the handbook or give us a call to see if they should attend preschool. Please remember to provide any diagnosis so that we can preemptively clean the classroom and be prepared.

We are praying that this cold weather will leave soon and we look forward to running and playing on the playground.

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19



Health Record Update

As we reach the mid-point of the school year, we may be contacting you for updated health records, including vaccination records. Thank you for your cooperation and helping us to keep everyone healthy.

2026-2027 Registration

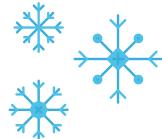
Enrollment forms will be sent home to families shortly. Placement preferences will be granted on a first come first serve basis. Families will receive placement confirmations once the majority of applications have been processed.

New families will be invited to apply in mid-February.



Important Dates

2/6	Preschool Closed for Students - Parent-Teacher Conferences
2/16	Preschool Closed - Presidents' Day
3/5	Family Social Night - more information to follow
3/20	Preschool Closed - Professional Development Day
3/25 & 3/26	School Picture Days - more information to follow



IMPORTANT FIGURES IN BLACK HISTORY FOR CHILDREN



Bessie Coleman

Look to the skies, and you'll be reminded about Bessie Coleman, the first Black and Native American woman pilot. When no American flight school would take her, she learned French and moved to France to take flight lessons there.



Wilma Rudolph

Wilma Rudolph battled illnesses including pneumonia, scarlet fever, and polio. She was forced to wear a leg brace, and doctors even told her she would never walk again. Through her determination and natural athleticism, she became the first woman to win three Gold Medals in Track and Field in a single Olympics in 1960.



Mae Jemison

Mae C. Jemison is an American physician and astronaut. In 1992, Jemison was the first African American woman in space, flying there aboard the spaceship Endeavor with six other astronauts.



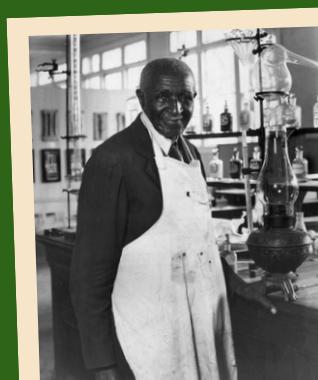
Matthew Henson

Matthew Henson is best known for his participation in an April 1909 expedition, where the team he was with finally reached the North Pole. Through these expeditions, Henson made significant contributions to the field of exploration.



Jessie Owens

Owens was a track-and-field athlete who set a world record in the long jump at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin—and went unrivaled for 25 years. He won four gold medals at the Olympics that year.



George Washington Carver

GWC was an American agricultural scientist who sought to help Black farmers through the development of new products derived from peanuts, sweet potatoes, and soybeans. His work helped transform the stagnant agricultural economy of the South after Civil War.

CLASSROOM UPDATES

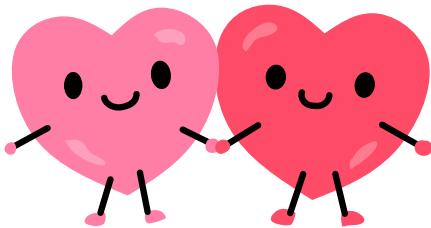
HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY



Ms. Maria, Ms. Sara, & Ms. Mae's Infants Class

It's hard to believe that February is already here. The babies have grown so much. They are becoming more confident and have big smiles every day. This month we will continue to work on our motor skills and make crafts together. We are so proud of our babies and thankful for the trust you have in us.

Thank you for all your continued support!



Ms. Jessy & Ms. Maya D's Infants Class

Happy winter! We love this time of the year in the infant room. Everyone is growing and changing. The babies are used to the routine and we can really enjoy being together. Wonderful growth is taking place! Lots of new words and new abilities.

FEBRUARY THEMES

- Color
- Love and friendship
- Fruits
- Vegetables

Thank you for sharing your little munchkins with us. They are such a blessing.

Ms. Tiffany & Ms. Michelle's Ones Class

The children are now well settled into our daily classroom routine and are learning and growing in confidence each day. Moving forward, we will be introducing more age-appropriate activities to support their learning and development. Thank you for your continued support!

Parent-Teacher Conferences – 02/06/26. If you haven't already, please sign up for a conference time using the Brightwheel sign-up.

Class Valentine's Party – 02/13/26



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Ms. Angie & Ms. Maya's Ones Class

Happy New Year to all of our students and families! We are truly glad to be back! The first part of our school year has been full of fun. February will be even better. We are continuing to practice our letters, numbers, colors, and shapes.

We know some friends may be interested in using the potty! Please let us know if your child is potty training at home and how we can support you. Everyone who has started using the potty so far is doing great.

We will be sending home information in Brightwheel about our Valentines exchange and celebration so please keep a look out. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us.

FEBRUARY THEMES

- Pets
- Valentine's Day
- Community Helpers
- Space



Ms. Molly and Ms. Dara's Twos Class

What an exciting winter it's been so far! We're so proud of the growth we've seen since the beginning of the year. Our friends continue to surprise us every week. We feel like this year is flying by!

We're looking forward to a fun-filled February! We'll practice our fine motor skills taking care of pets, celebrating Valentine's day, traveling to space, and learning lots of new songs and stories during Nursery Rhyme week!

We're excited to celebrate all of the love this month, as we look forward to the sunnier days coming our way!

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- Pets
- Valentine's Day
- Space
- Nursery Rhymes

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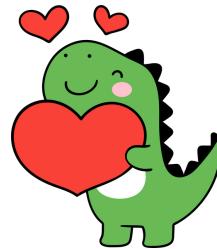
HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY



Ms. Laura & Ms. Kate's Threes Class

Hello, fantastic February! Our Three's Class welcomed this new month by meeting Punxsutawney Phil! This special groundhog saw his shadow, so he has predicted six more weeks of Winter! We made a puppet of Phil, and learned a poem about him.

In February, we will also be learning about Valentine's Day and dental health. We will talk about President's Day and read books about famous African Americans, as we honor Black History Month. Everyone will have great fun with building an Ice Castle in the discovery table during Science. It's great to have ice outside to bring into the classroom! We also are enjoying snow ice cream! YUM!



Ms. Betz & Ms. Amanda's Threes Class

February is upon us, and this month we will focus on being kind and being a good friend. The themes that we will be learning about this month are hibernation, Valentine's Day, the post office, and dental health.

We look forward to meeting you on Friday, February 6th, at your children's conference.

We will be having a Valentine's Day Party on Friday, February 13th, during our snack time. Children are welcome to bring Valentine's Day cards to our party. We are very grateful to be teaching such a fantastic group of children!



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HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY



Ms. Emily, Ms. Celina, & Ms. Maniya's PreKindergarten Class

We're enjoying a wonderful winter season together and look forward to a joyful February filled with love, kindness, and learning!

Language Arts/Literacy: Strengthening early reading skills by learning letters N-Q, practicing letter sounds, and beginning to recognize sight words.

Math: Building number skills through counting, recognizing patterns, and discovering how winter changes our world.

Christian Education: Exploring God's love and kindness while practicing gratitude and caring for others through Bible stories, prayer, and songs.

Art: Expressing creativity through Valentine projects, winter-themed art, and hands-on letter activities.

Active/Physical: Developing strength, coordination, and cooperation through movement, games, and active play.

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**

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Ms. Cindy, Ms. Celina, & Ms. Maniya's PreKindergarten Class

February is here and we turn to snow, groundhogs, shadows, presidents, valentines, hearts and love. Our February will be filled with lots of winter fun while we learn Valentine's poems and stories, dance the Freeze dance, learn about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and celebrate with a Teddy & Me Tea!

We have also been diligently counting and are very close to our 100th Day of School! Our letters this month are Oo, Pp, Qq & Rr.

Our Bible verses is: A new command I give you: Love one another. John 13:34

Our February Poem is by Don Halley
The little old groundhog looks for his shadow
The clouds in the sky determine our fate
If winter will leave us all early or late.

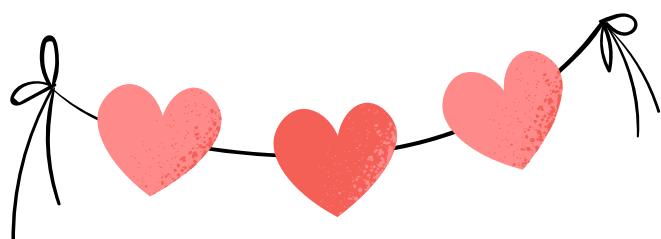
Week 1 My Shadow/Groundhog Day/ Children's Authors

Week 2 Our Emotions (Learning about our feelings and ways to express them.)

Week 3 God's Love for Us / Presidents

Week 4 Planets

We're hoping to have a fabulous February!





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Owen	9 - Brooks
2 - Jordan	12 - Hudson
4 - Chandler	13 - Ms. Cindy
6 - Myles	17 - Ms. Dara
8 - Daisy	22 - Ms. Amanda
8 - Charley U.	25 - Ezra
8 - Ms. Maya D.	