

Buttercups



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Themes

Tinker Time
Polar Pals
Hearts and Hugs
Opposites Everywhere

Vocabulary

zippers, camera, polar bears, seal, giving kisses, giving cards, light switch, laundry

Nursery Rhyme

Peas Porridge
Cobbler, Cobbler

Sign Language



diaper

Make a V with each hand (pointing out from waist). Push fingers and thumb together. (See diaper pic.)



hug

Make two fists, cross arms over chest and strap shoulders.



sleep

With palm toward face, slide hand down bringing fingers together. Close eyes.



wash

Make a fist facing up, make another fist or leg, facing down. Move top fist in circles as if scrubbing.

Colors/Shapes



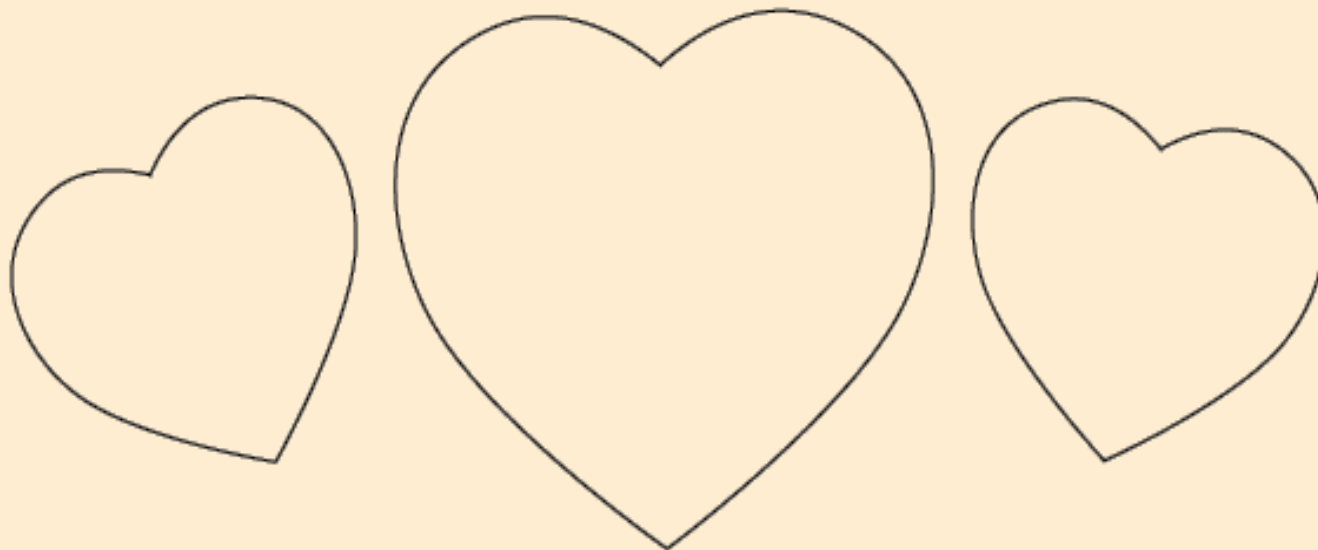
Opposites

open/closed

Help Me Grow!

Focus on the heart shape during January and February. Model how to trace the heart shape below with your finger and encourage your child to imitate. If your child is interested, find a crayon to trace the heart. Encourage her to decorate the heart with other colors of crayons as she wishes. Return this sheet to your child care provider so that your child's work can be shared with the group.

Return by



FAMILY CONNECTION

Activities

• Taking Pictures

Let your child look through the viewer of your camera. Talk about what she sees. If she seems ready, she can press the button to take a picture. Scroll through your pictures together and talk about the people and what is happening.

• Polar Moves

Have fun moving like polar animals together! Waddle like penguins, move on all fours like caribou, drag yourself along with your arms to imitate a walrus, or move in other creative ways.

• Taking Care of Teeth

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Visit mouthhealthy.org/en/babies-and-kids for ideas about keeping your child's teeth strong and healthy.

• Laundry Helper

Let your child help as you sort, wash, dry, and fold clothing. Model using opposite words such as *open/closed*, *clean/dirty*, *wet/dry* and *noisy/quiet*.

Recipe

Pink Playdough

1 cup flour
½ cup salt
1 envelope unsweetened pink lemonade drink mix
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
½-1 cup boiling water
Optional: red food coloring



Place the flour, salt, and drink mix in a bowl and stir well. Add the oil and about half the boiling water. Stir well. Slowly add water until the dough is thick and smooth, but not sticky. (You may need less than a full cup of water.) If you want a brighter color, add a drop or two of red food coloring. Let cool until the dough can be safely handled. Knead well and store tightly covered.

Blow Some Kisses

Sung to "If You're Happy and You Know It"
(Blow some kisses in the air, in the air.
Blow some kisses in the air, in the air.)
Oh, I need a valentine,
And I hope you will be mine.
(Blow some kisses in the air, in the air.)

Repeat with:
Give a hug to a friend, to a friend.
Make a heart with your hands, with your hands.



Reminders

→ We hope you received your 2020-21 Annual Report - BORN TO LOVE & SERVE - over Christmas break!

This year's publication includes a 2022 calendar full of awesome photos of our community and a summary of our capital campaign story. This is a small token of our gratitude for your amazing partnership - ENJOY!

Thank you in advance for your support as we embrace 2022 doing our best to LOVE & SERVE Jesus and one another!

→ Open house is Friday February 11th and Tuesday February 15th.

→ Monday February 14th will be the toddler classes Valentines Day Party at 3:00pm with healthy snacks. Please see child's teacher for a snack sign-up sheet and more details about the party will be announced next week.

→ Conferences will be Friday February 18th either in person or virtual. Please let us know what you prefer. There will be no childcare provided during conference times.

→ Monday February 21st is Presidents Day the ELC will be closed.

Book List

Hooray for Little Fingers!
by Tristan Mory

Hush Little Polar Bear
by Jeff Mack

Babies in the Snow
by Ginger Swift

Lots of Feelings
by Shelley Rotner

Red Socks
by Ellen Mayer

So Heavy, So Light
by Susanne Strasser