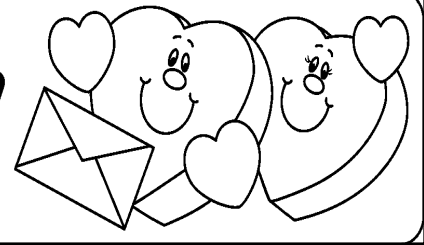


# February



**Gockley School Newsletter**

**February 2022**

**Mrs. Denise Saylor, Principal**

## **Schools Closed for Holiday Weekend**

The Whitehall-Coplay School District will be closed for the Presidents' Weekend on: :

Friday                      February 18, 2022  
Monday                     February 21, 2022

Schools will reopen on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.



## **Valentines Day**

Monday, February 14, 2022

**Kindergarten** students will have a special celebration. They will make a craft and read a Valentine story filled with kindness and friendship.

**First Grade** classes will continue with the tradition of exchanging valentines as they engage in learning activities.

### **Reminder from the Nurse's Office**

Family Physical and Dental reports are past due. If you chose to provide a family physical and/or dental report for your child this year and have not yet returned them, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Nurse's office.

### **100th School Day Fun**

First graders and kindergarten students will incorporate creative learning activities on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 on the 100th school day.

# Classroom



# Chatter!

## **Mrs. Kanusky, Miss Moore and Miss Schmidt**

We are beginning our Science unit on “Animals in Winter” and exploring the different ways animals adapt to survive the cold. Students will be creating a virtual presentation, showcasing an animal of their choosing, and how they adapt during the winter. Students will also make bird and squirrel feeders out of paper towel rolls, sunflower seed, and butter, and roll them in seeds to hang outdoors to help those that stay out during the winter.



**Mrs. Boyer and Mrs. Schoenauer’s** classes learned about the connection between sounds and vibration. They experimented using telephones made of cups, string, and paper clips. The class had fun whispering to each other through the cups and testing if their partners could determine what they whispered. They have been learning about life long ago, and they used this activity to compare communication from the past to the present.



**Mrs. Rohlfig’s** class learned about keeping their body in the group and following the group plan through social language lessons taught by Mrs. Snyder and Mr. LeBaron. Throughout the month, the class practiced different activities to reinforce those concepts and now use them in their vocabulary during school!



# Positive Thoughts from the Principal



## Encourage Your Child To Read!

**Let** your children choose books that interest them. Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you.

**Read** to your children. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine,

**Read** aloud together. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favorite book.

**Talk** about what you are reading. Asking questions before, during and after the reading helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.

**Show** your child that you enjoy reading. Together, you can experience the benefits and rewards that come along with reading!

## Read Across America

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

“Read Across America” is a national program that promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our students. The goal is to **motivate children to read**. March is the birthday month of Theodore Geisel, better know as “Dr. Seuss.” His books have led generations of children to learn the joy of reading. The Gockley School theme this year will be “Green Eggs and Ham.”



Inspired by our theme book, students and staff are encouraged to wear clothing items with green. There will be a variety of classroom activities. Each student will receive a special Dr. Seuss item.

We encourage all our families to make a special time of reading together and enjoy a visit to our local libraries!



# February 2022



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
7	8 <b>100th Day of School</b>	9	10	11
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15	16	17	18 <b>Schools Closed Presidents' Holiday</b>
21 <b>Schools Closed</b> 	22	23	24	25
28	March 1	March 2 <b><i>Read Across America!</i></b> <b>Wear Clothes of Green.</b>	March 3	March 4