



# St. Paul Elementary Early Learning Program News February 2024



## This month's focus:

We love February! We get to talk about God's Love, our feelings and friendship. We are working on using each other's names. We get to see friendships bloom, grow, change and grow some more. Little people have some pretty big emotions. It's an important life skill to be able to identify and talk about our feelings and also to learn positive ways to deal with them. We will have a post office in our Dramatic play area to practice holding pencils and pens and "writing" letters. On Tuesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have fun Valentine activities. *All children are invited to attend that day.* Have your child wear something red or pink if you can. February 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Family Week break. There is no school for students that week.

### Important Dates

- Feb. 1** – Registration Opens to New Families – tell your friends!
- Feb. 13** - **Valentine's Fun Day!**  
**All children are invited!**
- \*Tues. Feb 13** – Shrove Tuesday  
We will have a pancake breakfast in our classrooms that morning, so you don't need to feed the children at home!
- Feb. 14** - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 19 – 23** - Family Week, No school for students
- Feb. 28** – **Pink Shirt Day**
- Mar. 11** – Div. Collaboration Day  
No School for students
- Mar 14** – We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day early



### Events

#### \*\* For Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> \*\* Valentine Class List

We have 19 children and 4 staff for Valentines. Please have your child (or you) sign them, but do not put names on them so that it will be easier for your child to put them in the Valentine bags.  
**\*Please send cards or treats for all 19 children if you are sending anything. A snack sign-up sheet will be sent on Class Dojo in February.**



### The importance of play

Your children are learning and doing amazing things through play. Letting them explore and try things their own way is key. In ELP, we focus on working memory, mental flexibility and self-control. Children aren't born with these skills - they are born with the potential to develop them. These skills are the foundation for success and we watch them develop every day. Play is truly the work of childhood and its importance cannot be overstated. "Keep Calm and PLAY On"!

### Important

If you need to pick your child up early, please let me or the office know and wait in the office for us to bring your child to you. Thank you for being on time at drop off and pick up.

*Class time is 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.*

- Thank you to those of you who are letting your child do all they are able to be independent. We are working on self help skills more now.
- Please replace clothes that get sent home wet or dirty. We love wet, messy play and they like their own clothes to change into.
- Boots, mitts, toques are needed every day, even when it does not seem cold. (Also, indoor shoes and snow pants when there is snow.