



February 2018

- Monthly Concepts -

Color: **Pink**

Shape: Heart



Opposites: Over/Under Values: Kindness

Motor Development: Side-stepping

February 5-9

Sealed With a Kiss

- ♥ **Discussion:** "I show kindness to others by...!"
- ♥ **Arts & Crafts:** Yarn Wrap Hearts
- ♥ **Outside Games:** Hoop Hop Obstacle Course
- ♥ **Sensory Exploration:** (a) Dry oatmeal with pink glitter, spoons and cups (b) Plant Mung beans and grass
- ♥ **Science Experiment:** "Dancing Conversation Hearts"
- ♥ **Read:** *Bear Hugs, You Will Be My Friend, and The Biggest Valentine Ever*

February 19-23

Blast Off!

- ♥ **Discussion:** "I traveled to the moon and..."
- ♥ **Read:** *Aliens Love Underpants and Our Stars*
- ♥ **Music:** "Planet Roll Call", "Climb Aboard the Spaceship"
- ♥ **Arts & Crafts:** Build a rocket ship using recycled materials and create a space alien using clay, paper, or foil
- ♥ **Sensory Experiment:** Dry white rice with foam hearts
- ♥ **Technology:** Watch the lift off of Delta II from Space Launch Complex 2 at Vandenberg Air Force Base

Special Events:

- February 5:** Dental Presentation
- February 9:** 100th Day of School
- February 19:** President's Day—School Closed in Observance
- February 22:** Winter Webby Dance Recital

February 12-16

Dollars & Cents

- ♥ **Discussion:** "Money is used for..."
- ♥ **Math:** Coin Patterning and non-standard measurement with different shades of pink hearts
- ♥ **Science Experiment:** "Shiny Penny"
- ♥ **Math:** Weigh real and pretend bills and coins
- ♥ **Sensory Exploration:** Heart Slime with craft sticks
- ♥ **Dramatic Play:** Have a pink lemonade stand; buy and sell real drinks and snacks

February 26-March 2

Construction: Simple Tools & Machines

- ♥ **Discussion:** "I use tools and machines to..." Discuss how things were built long ago...
- ♥ **Sensory Exploration:** Alphabet pasta with colored cornmeal and small funnels
- ♥ **Math:** Textured ramps with automobiles; track the distances and discuss the results
- ♥ **Nature Walk:** Walk to and observe local construction sites. Take pictures and bring drawing materials.

Looking Ahead...

- March 2:** Junior Pre-K Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 7, 10 & 11)
- March 5:** Parent-Teacher Mini Phone Conferences Begin
- March 9:** Pre-K Bike & Scooter Rally (Rooms 5, 8 & 9)



Did You Know...

Each month Turtle Rock focuses on a different value that we feel is pertinent to the month's themes, concepts and time of year. This month is all about kindness - what it means, feels like and how to give it to others. We use literature to help us reinforce these important concepts. Here is a list of worthy reads: [How Kind](#) by Mary Murphy, [Baby Be Kind](#) by Jane Cowen Fletcher, [One Good Deed](#) by Terri Fields, [Because of You](#) by B.G. Hennessy, [What Does it Mean to Be Kind?](#) By Rana DiOrio, [Brunhilda's Backwards Day](#) by Shawna Tenney, [The Hide-and-Scare Bear](#) by Ivan Bates, [Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed](#) by Emi Pearson and [If You Plant a Seed](#) by Kadir Nelson.

