

# The Marsh Messenger

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## Happy Valentine's Day from The Sunshine School

### What's happening?

- "KID CRANE" COUNSELOR TIME: We're learning ways to make and keep friends at school, and building vocabulary with words like *invite, include, introduce, reciprocate and apologize.*

**PE:** In both kindergarten PE and pre-school PE we are in our catching and throwing unit. We will toss a variety of sizes of balls and beanbags and puff-balls. When we discuss why we are learning this, we talk about how many sports like bowling, basketball, baseball, and football require catching and rolling or throwing skills.

- **Music:**  
In our music class, we have explored the endless possibilities of making music anywhere and with just about anything. Cooking pot lids become cymbals. Cardboard boxes or empty canisters make great drums. Capped bottles filled with beans or whatever you have on hand make wonderful shakers. And the list goes on..... My wish for you this February, is that your homes be filled with caring hearts, lots of love, kindness, laughter and beautiful music!

### Dear Families,

Happy Valentine's Day! The month of love is a special one for children, whose hearts are ready to give and receive love EVERY day of the year!

Thank you for the love you give your children in the dependable, everyday ways: sending a snack in their backpack, talking to them in the car, asking them "what's the best thing that happened to you today?" Cooking together, cleaning together and reading together are all ways to build a lasting bond that will boost your child's confidence wherever he or she goes.

We've learned that **children need hugs and conversation** FAR more than material gifts at Valentine's day...or any day. So be assured that being present *is* a present and don't stress about the rest!

Wishing you all a happy Valentine's Day,

Stacey Plane,  
Marsh School Director/Principal

### Help Wanted: Parents to Serve on Our Marsh Improvement Team!

We hold a Marsh Improvement Team meeting once a month from 11:15-12:15 and **we are actively searching for parents who can contribute to this meeting.** It's a working lunch (so feel free to bring yours) and **babies and**

**toddlers are welcome** to come and eat or play on the floor while the adults talk.

In order to offer children the best possible environment, we need feedback on what's working and what could be improved. If you're interested, **please come!**

### Secret Sunshine

Everybody needs sunshine in their day.

We get tired and sad along the way

And if you want your happiness to grow

Spread some secret sunshine and your own heart will glow.

So pick up toys, fold the laundry, dust the living room,

Tiptoe into the kitchen and pick up a broom

Sweep the floor, feed the kitty, wash a dish or two

They might think that it was elves but really it was you!

