February is a pleasant and happy month. With only 28 or 29 days, February, the second month of the year, is renowned for being the shortest. Lovebirds are renowned for hurriedly looking for “I Love You” flowers, a box of chocolates, or a teddy bear on Valentine’s Day.

There are many intriguing facts to learn about this month, from holidays and historical occasions to unusual weather phenomena. Let’s now explore some interesting facts about February!

- The birthstone is Amethyst.
- Violet and Primrose are the flowers for the month of February.
- Aquarius and Pisces are the zodiac signs in astrology.
- Birthdays on February 29 have a 1 in 1,461 chance of occurring.
- Only in February is it possible to go the entire month without seeing a full moon.
- February is one of the most commonly typed inaccurately in the English language.
- African-American History Month is in February.
- Groundhog Day is a well-known North American custom celebrated on February 2 in both the United States and Canada.
- Many new states in the United States joined the Union in February. They include the readmitted states of Massachusetts, Oregon, Arizona, and Mississippi.

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Pixie Families, for the month of February we will be learning about self care in its 4 forms, physical, mental, spiritual, and social. We will continue to build those social emotional skills by reviewing what we learned in January while building on these new self care skills. We will also be welcoming our new friends from the buttercups class and wishing our older friends well in the elf class!

- Mx. Andi & Ms. Yeizary

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Pixie Butterflies

Hello Julia Butterfly Families. This month we will continue to work on the bread study. As we explore the bread study we will be doing a lot of fun activities such as making different breads, exploring baking utensils and looking at cookbooks to see the recipes. If you have any cookbooks, baking utensils or recipes you would be willing to share we would love to use them! Please check your child's file folder daily and return library books every Monday.

- Ms. Joanne & Ms. Paige

Caterpillars/Buttercup Butterflies

The infants are going to learn about more colors. They will be doing some arts & crafts about Black History Month and of course working on Gross Motor Skills. The babies are growing and taking steps and standing with help.

Buttercups will be using toys and objects with vibrant colors. We will be naming the colors that we see, and making it interactive by asking the children to touch and point to different objects of a specific color. We will be using a lot of repetition and positive reinforcement, while keeping it enjoyable and playful to capture their attention and curiosity.

- Meme, Ms. Graciela & Ms. Yaxi

Elf Butterflies

Pixie Butterflies

Julia Butterflies

Good Bye February

Hello March
Ms. Kenne’s Birthday—February 7th
Ms. Madisson’s 1 Year Anniversary—February 7th
Ms. Megan’s Birthday—February 19th
CLOSED for President’s Day—February 19th

Interesting February Facts For Kids
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February activities for Kids:

• This week, as you’re out and about, spend some time looking for hearts in the landscape. If you take your time to look, you’ll be astonished by how many you can locate. When we go on a HEART SCAVENGER HUNT, we always come across a lot of leaves, rocks, and even flower petals.

• Spend some time getting to know the human heart. Have a discussion about the heart with someone, read a book about it, or view a video on YouTube. Educate children on how to sense their own heartbeat, then monitor their heart rate throughout and immediately after the following activity.

• Choose a recipe that both you and your child want to attempt, then head to the kitchen to start baking.

• A collection of discarded paper or colored paper that has been sliced into smaller rectangles. Make a half-heart shape on a piece of paper by showing the students how to fold it in half. Kids should then cut along the line and unfold their paper to reveal a heart that is full. Even though it’s so easy, kids adore it. Every time they unfold their paper to reveal the new heart they created, it’s a little like magic. Next, to create a lovely display, you may attach them to Valentine’s cards, hang them from a banner, or just glue them to a large piece of poster board.

• Water play is such a wonderful sensory activity for kids, and it also keeps them interested for a long time.

• Use some of your candy hearts in this simple water play to put them to good use.

February is a special and interesting month because of all the interesting trivia about it. The month of February has a rich history and cultural significance, from its four-week format to its connections to notable historical people. Whether you’re commemorating Presidents’ Day or eagerly anticipating spring, the Northern Hemisphere is set to enjoy longer days. There is constantly something new to learn and admire about this great season. We sincerely hope you enjoyed learning all of these interesting facts about February, also called the month of purification.
DIY PAPER BAG FOOTBALL CRAFT

Looking for a quick (but fun) craft your kids can play with during the big game?! This one is simple, fun AND makes a football you can throw in the house (at least it’s allowed in our house).

Supplies Needed:
• Brown Paper Bag
• A White Crayon
• Stuffing or Shredded/Crumbled Paper
• Scissors
• Stapler

Instructions:
Step 1: Laying the paper bag flat, with its natural folds, draw a football shape. (It does not need to be exact)

Step 2: Cut out the shape so that you have two footballs. By leaving the bag folded, you should only have to cut once to get two footballs. (One from each side of the bag).

Step 3: Staple around the shape but leave one side open for “stuffing”.

Step 4: Draw the stitching of the football on one side with the white crayon.

Step 5: Using your choice of stuffing, stuff the football to the desired fullness. Be sure to leave room to staple it closed.

Step 6: Finish stapling around the opening side to close the football.

PLAY BALL!!