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Here are the Headlines...

Dates to remember:

- **February 14**
Valentine's Day Party
- **February 20**
Schools Closed.
We are open.

Happy February Birthday!

- Bailey 2/2
- Izzy 2/6
- Riley 2/7
- Chloe 2/19
- Vance 2/19
- Octavio 2/19
- Eric 2/20



Hello families and welcome to February. I'm not sure where January went so quickly.

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with a party and dance. We will all be dressing in our finest as well as having treats and passing out valentine's. A sign up sheet will be available soon for treats, supplies, etc. and we will also pass out names of friends for your child to write on their cards.

February 24 we will be taking our first field trip of the year and be going to the YMCA. We are still in need of drivers for this field trip as well. Ali Larson (Avery's Mom) will be doing Preschool Movement with us all.

IN NEED

If you have any big wheels or trikes lying around that you are

no longer using, our center can put them to good use. Let us know if you have any you would like to donate.

Finally, we would like to let you know about another upcoming field trip so that you can have plenty of planning time. We will be taking the preschoolers to a Sky Sox game on April 18th. The game starts at 11am so we will be eating lunch at the stadium. We are very excited to get back out exploring all of what the Springs has to offer.

Book ideas:

- Love Splat by Rob Scotton*
- The Day it Rained Hearts by Felicia Bond*
- The Night Before Valentine's Day by Natasha Wing*
- You and Me by Martine Kindermans*



Family Fun! A Hearty Dessert!

Ingredients

- 1 18 1/4-ounce box white cake mix (plus eggs, water, and oil, as directed on box)
- 1 3-ounce box strawberry-flavored Jell-O
- 1 16-ounce package frozen sliced strawberries, thawed and drained
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Red or pink candies

Instructions

- To begin, heat the oven. Meanwhile grease and flour two 8-inch baking pans, one round and one square, as directed on the cake mix box. Add the Jell-O to the cake mix, then prepare the mix as directed on the box. Fold half of the strawberries into the batter. Pour the batter into the prepared pans and bake according to the package directions.
- Remove the cakes from the pans and allow them to cool completely on wire racks.
- To make the frosting, beat the butter, sugar, and vanilla extract until light and fluffy. Add the remaining strawberries and beat until well combined.
- Cut the round cake in half and place the two semicircles against two sides of the square cake, as shown.
- Spread on the frosting and decorate to your heart's content with the red or pink candies.