

Storyland



February 1, 2026



FEBRUARY CURRICULUM

Our theme of the month of February is "Our Health." We will be learning about self-care, including healthy eating habits and exercise. We will introduce your children to the advantages of a healthy lifestyle, the consequences of unhealthy choices and health issues that affect our daily lives, such as nutrition, dental health and keeping our bodies safe.

Our color of the month is pink and we will be learning about number 7. We will also continue with our weekly letter themes for letters Q-T.



TAX INFORMATION

All 2025 student tuition tax statements have been sent via email. If anyone needs another copy, please notify Miss Brooke at:

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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

Friday, February 13th, is our Valentine's Day Party beginning at 9:00 am. Children will have a special snack and will also participate in exchanging Valentine's cards with their classmates. If you would like to bring in a special treat for the class, please reach out to your child's teacher to coordinate. We are only able to allow store bought treats at this time that are peanut/tree nut free.

VALENTINE'S PARTY COUNT

In Order for your child to participate in the Valentine's exchange, we ask that you send a Valentine's card for each child in their class, addressed "To: My Friend, From: *your child's name*"

The following are the amount of cards needed for your child's class:

Little Stars: 6
Little Monkeys: 13
Little Owls: 13
Bay Room: 13
Sunshine Room: 9



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Charlotte Dorricott	February 6
Elijah Dorricott	February 6
Cooper Corkery	February 12
Miss Desire	February 12
Miss Patty	February 19
Rhys Alexander	February 24
Peyton Jones	February 25



REMINDERS

- Tuition is due in full on the first of each month
- Label all of your child's belongings and check the lost and found bin, which is located on the right side of the Owls classroom
- Do not let your child touch, open or close the front entry way door
- If you love Storyland, please share your experience at [yelp.com](https://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-school-livermore?osq=Storyland+School) or you can go directly to <https://www.yelp.com/biz/storyland-school-livermore?osq=Storyland+School>



MEDICATION SIGN UPS

If your child needs to be given medication during the day, you must complete a sign-up sheet with specific instructions (time/dosage) and your signature. This needs to be filled out each time medication is to be administered. The medication needs to be in its original container with your child's name on it and placed in our medication containers.

All medication is kept out of reach of children in two containers located on top of the refrigerator in the Fourth Street building from 7:00-9:00 am. After 9:00 am the sign up sheet and container for Little Monkeys and Stars will be located in East Ave building.

UPCOMING DATES

- Valentine's Party - Friday, February 13th
- Storyland will be closed on Monday, February 16th
- St. Patrick's Day Party - Tuesday, March 17th
- Easter Egg Hunt- Thursday, April 2nd
- Storyland closed Monday, April 6th
- Graduation/Spring Pictures - April 14-15
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8
- Muffins for Moms- Friday, May 8th
- Open House - Friday, May 15th
- Donuts for Dads - Friday, May 22nd
- Storyland will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day



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Potty Training Tips

Potty training is a big deal. Here's what you need to know about timing, technique and handling the inevitable accidents. Potty training has more to do with physical and emotional readiness, not a specific age.

Is it time?

Does your child seem interested in the potty chair or toilet, or in wearing underwear?

Can your child understand and follow basic directions?

Can your child ask simple questions?

Does your child stay dry for periods of two hours or longer during the day?

Does he or she wake from naps dry?

Does your child have fairly predictable bowel movements?

Does your child tell you when he or she needs to potty or poop?

Is your child uncomfortable in wet or dirty diapers?

Can your child pull down his or her pants and pull them up again?

When you decide it's time to begin potty training, set your child up for success. Start by maintaining a sense of humor and a positive attitude. Then:

Pull out the equipment. Place a potty chair in the bathroom. You may want to try a model with a removable top that can be placed directly on the toilet when your child is ready. Encourage your child to sit on the potty chair — with or without a diaper. Make sure your child's feet rest firmly on the floor or a stool. As your child checks out the potty chair, help him or her learn how to talk about using the bathroom. Use simple, correct terms. Let your child see you and other family members using the toilet.

Schedule potty breaks. If your child is interested, have him or her sit on the potty chair or toilet without a diaper for a few minutes several times a day. Read a potty-training book or give your child a special toy to use while getting used to the potty chair or toilet. Stay with your child when he or she is in the bathroom. Even if your child simply sits there, offer praise for trying — and remind your child that he or she can try again later.

Get there — fast! When you notice signs that your child may need to use the toilet — such as squirming, squatting or holding the genital area respond quickly. Help your child become familiar with these signals, stop what he or she is doing and head to the toilet. Praise your child for telling you when he or she has to go. When it's time to flush, let your child do the honors. Also, remember the importance of good hygiene. Teach girls to wipe carefully from front to back to prevent bringing germs from the rectum to the vagina or bladder. Make sure both boys and girls learn to wash their hands after using the toilet.

Consider incentives. Some kids respond to stickers or stars on a chart. For others, trips to the park or extra bedtime stories are effective. Experiment to find out what works best for your child. Reinforce your child's effort with verbal praise, such as, "How exciting! You're learning to use the toilet just like big kids do!" Be positive even if a trip to the toilet isn't successful.

Be consistent. Make sure all of your child's caregivers — including babysitters, child care providers and grandparents — follow your potty-training routine.

Ditch the diapers. After several weeks of successful potty breaks, your child may be ready to trade diapers for training pants or regular underwear. Take time to celebrate this transition. Go on a special "big kid" outing. Call close friends or loved ones and let your child spread the news. Once your child is wearing training pants or regular underwear, be careful to avoid overalls, belts, leotards or other items that could hinder quick undressing. Once you switch to training pants or regular underwear, do not go back to diapers or pull ups (during the daytime). This will only confuse your child.

Treat mistakes lightly. Accidents are inevitable, and are part of the learning process. Experiencing accidents is how your child will master remembering to use the toilet in the future. When it happens, stay calm. Simply say, "Uh-oh. You had an accident. Let's change you. Pretty soon you'll remember to use the potty chair every time you have to go."

Sleep soundly. Most children master daytime bladder control within three to six months of starting potty training. Nighttime control may take months — or years — longer. In the meantime, you may want to use disposable training pants when your child sleeps. Know when to call it quits. If your child resists using the potty chair or toilet or simply doesn't get the hang of it, take a break. Chances are, he or she simply isn't ready yet. Try it again in a few months. If your child isn't interested in potty training by age 3, you might ask your child's doctor for suggestions.

Accidents will happen You may breathe easier once your child learns how to use the toilet, but expect occasional accidents and near misses. Here's help handling — and preventing — wet pants.

Stay calm. Kids don't have accidents to irritate their parents. Don't add to the embarrassment by scolding or disciplining your child. You may say, "You forgot this time. Next time you'll get to the bathroom sooner."

Slow down. Remind your child to relax and take it slow. Completely emptying the bladder can help prevent accidents.

Offer reminders. Accidents often happen when kids are absorbed in activities that — for the moment — are more interesting than using the toilet. To fight this phenomenon, suggest regular bathroom trips, such as first thing in the morning, after each meal and snack, and before getting in the car or going to bed. Point out telltale signs of holding it, such as fidgeting or holding the genital area.

Be prepared. If your child has frequent accidents, absorbent underwear may be best. Keep a change of underwear and clothing handy, especially at school or in child care.

When to seek medical advice. Occasional accidents are harmless, but they can lead to teasing, embarrassment and alienation from peers. If your potty-trained child reverts or loses ground — especially at age 4 or older — or you're concerned about your child's accidents, contact his or her doctor. Sometimes wetting problems indicate an underlying physical condition, such as a urinary tract infection or an overactive bladder. Prompt treatment can help your child become accident-free.