

# Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

## Issue #20

January 30, 2026

### Groundhog Day

Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be Groundhog Day! I read a silly story about shadows on Thursday, and I will be reading another groundhog book on Monday. (It will be determined by the groundhog early that morning!) Students overwhelmingly cast their votes that the groundhog WILL see his shadow and we will have 6 more weeks of winter. I hope not . . .

### February Character Trait

#### Honesty

### Delayed Start Info

1. Students will have snack.
2. Still will have an abbreviated Specials class.
3. Students will not have recess.
4. Students may wear blue jeans with a TCA shirt.
5. Students may wear snow boots.

### Curriculum

**Math:** We continued learning number bonds. We completed number bonds for 0 – 6. Each day we call the “whole” our “magic number.”

**Core Knowledge:** We began The Mount Rushmore Presidents. We focused on George Washington, including a “Washington Walk” to see some paintings of him. Next week is Thomas Jefferson.

**Spalding:** Students were taught “**or**, the only phonogram that is a word” and “**ck**, 2-letter.” Next week I will introduce “**wh**, the whisper phonogram” and “**ed**” with 3 sounds.

**Language Arts:** Rhyming words/word families, phonemic awareness, listening and watching for words with 2-letter phonograms, learning future Spelling words, listening comprehension skills, reading and writing CVC words and reviewing for our 4th phonogram and spelling test

**Read Aloud Books:** A Picture Book of George Washington by David Adler and Who Will See Their Shadows This Year? by Jerry Pallotta

### Important Dates

**Thurs., Feb. 12**

Class Valentine Parties ♥♥♥  
10:30-11:30 AM Class  
2:30-3:30 PM Class  
Party information will be sent from your Class Party Coordinator soon!

**Mon., Feb. 16**

NO SCHOOL  
Presidents' Day

**Fri., March 6**

Parent/Teacher Conferences  
(by appt. only)

**Fri., March 20**

In-School Field Trip  
Cheyenne Mountain  
Zoo Mobile  
(8:15 am-12:15 pm)

**Fri., March 20**

1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring

**Mon., March 23 - Fri.,  
March 27**

NO SCHOOL  
Spring Break

**Mon., March 30**

School Resumes

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### Taught 2-Letter

### Phonograms

sh, ee, th, ow, ou, oo,  
ch, ar, ay, ai, oy, oi,  
er, ir, ur, wor, ear,  
ng, ea, aw, au, or and ck

### Sound in a Sack

Feb. 3-5

“p”

Students who have written their own Sound in a Sack clues will receive a sticker on their clues this week!

### Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our fourth phonogram and spelling test will be Thurs., Feb. 5th. The test will include the following 5 phonograms and 5 spelling words:

s qu ai oy oi

ten man now no so

### ♥ Valentine Parties ♥

Party information will be sent from your Valentine Party Coordinator soon! Students will be exchanging valentine cards, **not gifts unless it is something very small (like a lollipop, bookmark, pencil, etc.)**, with classmates so a class list is found on Page 3 for the AM Class and Page 4 for the PM Class. A hard copy will be sent home in your student's backpack on Monday. We are making a valentine card holder in class. Students are encouraged to wear a red or white TCA uniform shirt for the celebration. AM Class Party will be 10:30-11:30 and PM Class Party will be 2:30-3:30. NO siblings allowed; only parents.

### Math Centers Day

Thursday, February 5th

**AM Class 8:30-9:30 PM Class 2:30-3:30**

I have plenty of volunteers to come help me with the 4 math-related centers that all students will be visiting for Math Centers Day. However, if you still wish to volunteer, please email or text me by noon on Tuesday. Volunteers must have a cleared background check. No siblings allowed.

### Something to Ponder

*“Though February is short,  
it is filled with lots of love  
and sweet surprises.”*

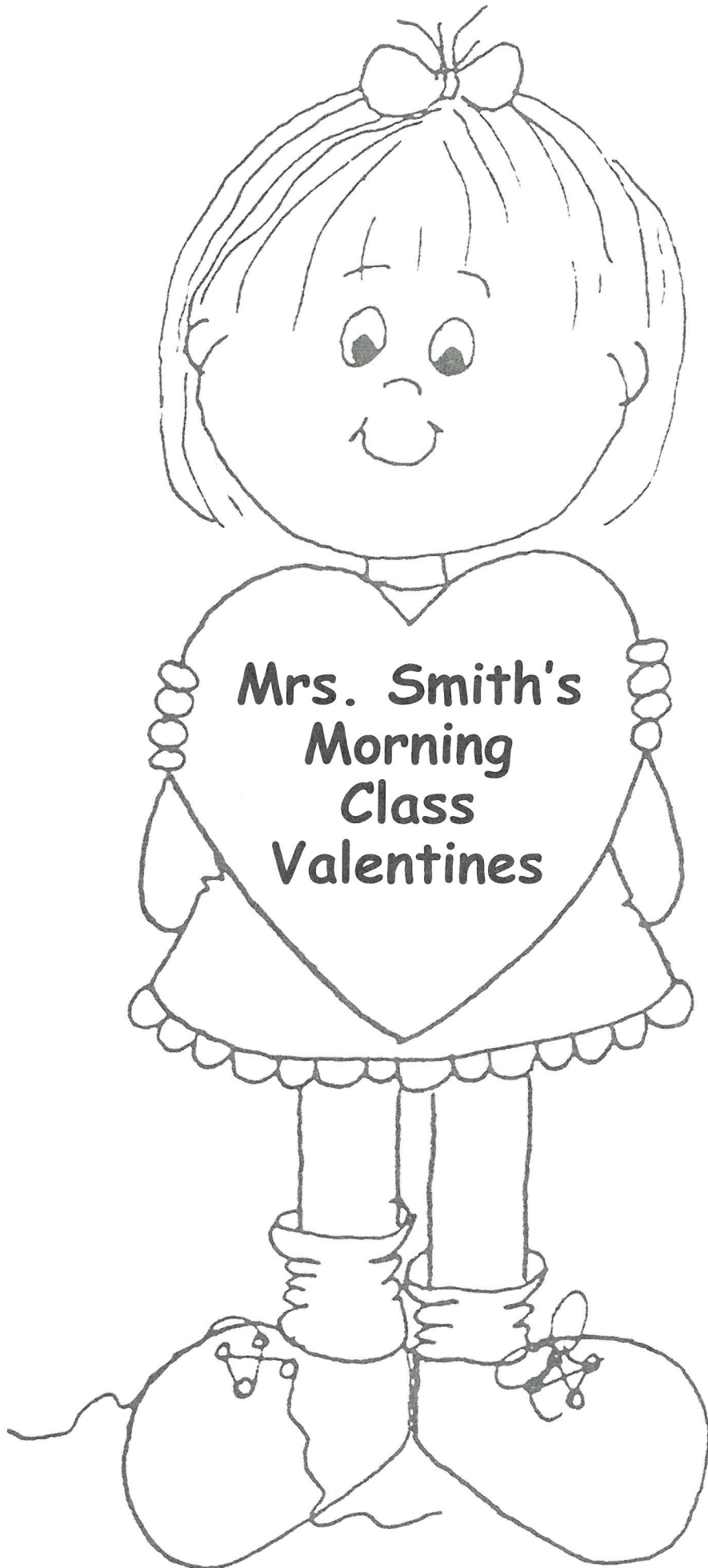
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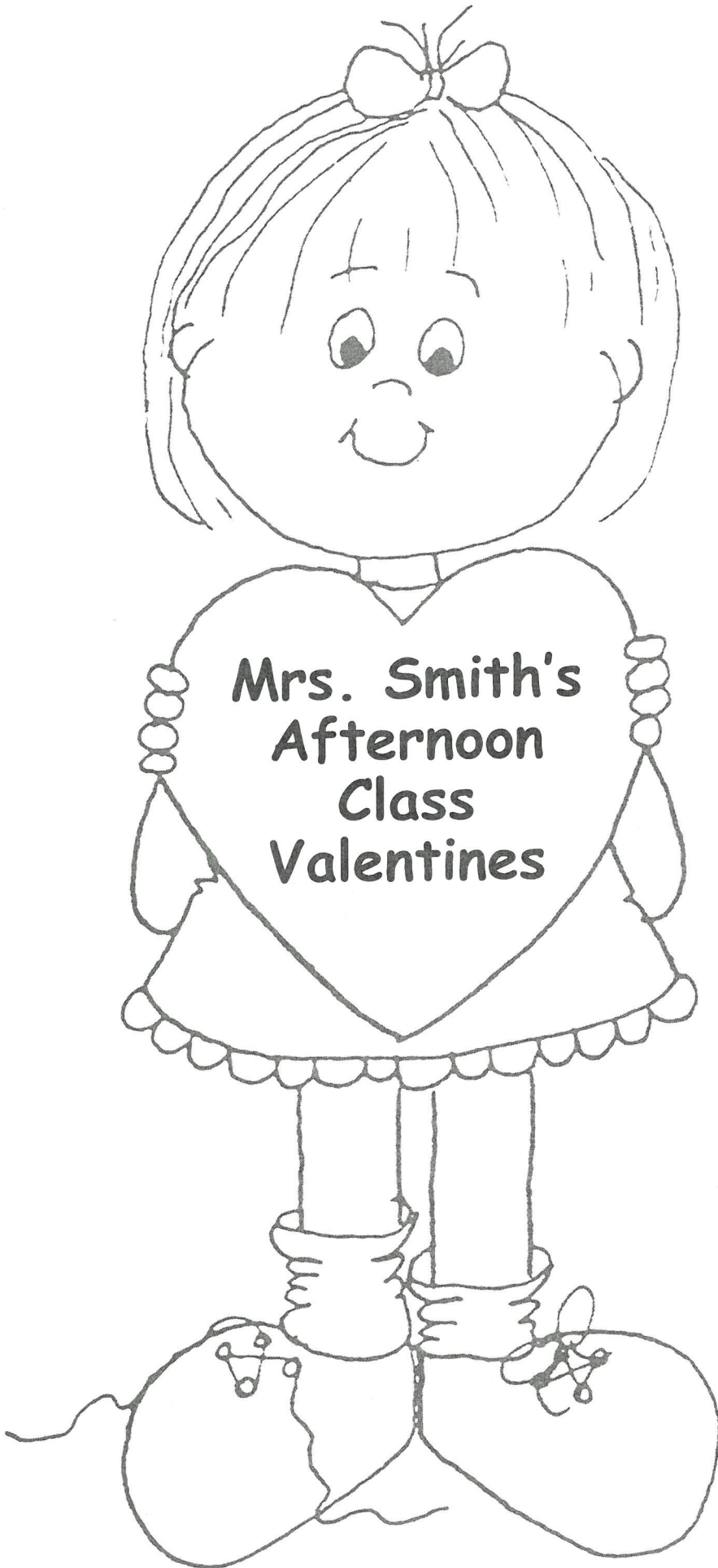
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Adelyn  
Casen  
Claire  
Clara  
Emeth  
Fletcher  
Harrison  
Jack  
Kinleigh  
Lilah  
Maya  
Olive  
Ollie  
Rhett  
Scotty  
Teddy  
Wynona

If bringing valentines, your student is to bring a valentine card for each student in our class. The valentine exchange will be a part of our Valentine's Party on Thurs., Feb. 12th. Please send your child's valentines to school in a ziplock bag labeled with their name on or before Thurs., Feb. 12th.



Afton  
Amelie  
Asa  
Aurora  
Beau  
Carter  
Charlotte  
Ellie  
Evan  
Gabriel  
Hannah  
Jameson  
Kinley  
Millie  
Rayla

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