

Mrs. Smith's Smidgens

Issue #21

February 6, 2026

Math Game Day

Math Game Day was a success! Students played Valentine Number Bonds, Valentine Patterns, Valentine B-I-N-G-O , and Valentine Dice Roll Cover Up. Valentine B-I-N-G-O was the favorite! 😊

Thank you to our parent volunteers!

AM Class: Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Ojeda and Mrs. Margarian

PM Class: Mrs. Chew, Mrs. Dant and Mrs. Horton.

February Character Trait

Honesty

Being truthful in thought, word and action.

Perhaps your student has told you what we always say before any kind of test in our classroom. "Titans aren't peekers."

Honesty, for a Kindergarten student, is as simple as not looking at their table buddy's paper when we take a Phonogram and Spelling Test or a Math Test.

What are you doing at home to "simply teach" the character trait of honesty?

Curriculum

Math: We are up to number bonds with the "magic number" of 10! Next week we finish 10 number bonds, do lots of practice and have our Chapter 8 test.

Core Knowledge: We focused on Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence. Next up, Abraham Lincoln also known as "Honest Abe."

Spalding: Students were only taught "**wh**, the whisper phonogram" this week. So, next week I will teach "**ed**" with 3 sounds, "**ew**, smelly socks" and "**ui**, not used."

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 5th phonogram and spelling test

Read Aloud Books: A Picture Book of Thomas Jefferson by David Adler and Ground Hog Day by Anne Marie Rice

Important Dates

Thurs., Feb. 12

Class Valentine Parties ♥♥♥
10:30-11:30 AM Class
2:30-3:30 PM Class
Party information was sent from your Class Party Coordinator last week!

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

1st 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, ck and
wh

Sound in a Sack

Feb. 10-12

“s”

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

Phonogram and Spelling Test

Our 5th phonogram and spelling test will be Thurs., Feb. 12th, before our Valentine Party. The test will include the following 5 phonograms and 5 spelling words:

b e er ir ur

tan tin ton bed top

♥ Valentine Parties ♥

Party information was emailed from your Valentine Party Coordinator earlier this week. Students will be exchanging valentine cards, **not gifts unless it is something very small (like a lollipop, bookmark, pencil, etc.)**, with classmates. See Page 3 for the AM Class and Page 4 for the PM Class. A hard copy was sent home in your student's backpack on Mon., Feb. 2. We are making a valentine bag in class. Students are encouraged to wear a red or white TCA uniform shirt for our party. The Parent RSVP was emailed Friday morning.

2nd Chances

Students always receive a 2nd chance, or 3rd, 4th, and 5th chance, to correct the mistakes they make on their phonogram and spelling tests. I have students come to my desk and “try again.” If they get it correct, I change their – (minus) to a + (plus). If it is still incorrect, we have a 1-on-1 “teachable moment” that always ends with them writing the missed phonogram and/or spelling word correctly, even if it is copying my example. In the future, students are given the opportunity to “try again”.

Something to Ponder

“Elementary school is wild.

*You're learning how to be a human, how to write,
and how to manage friendships and follow rules,
all while everyone's teeth are falling out
all over the place . . . “*

Teachers everywhere!

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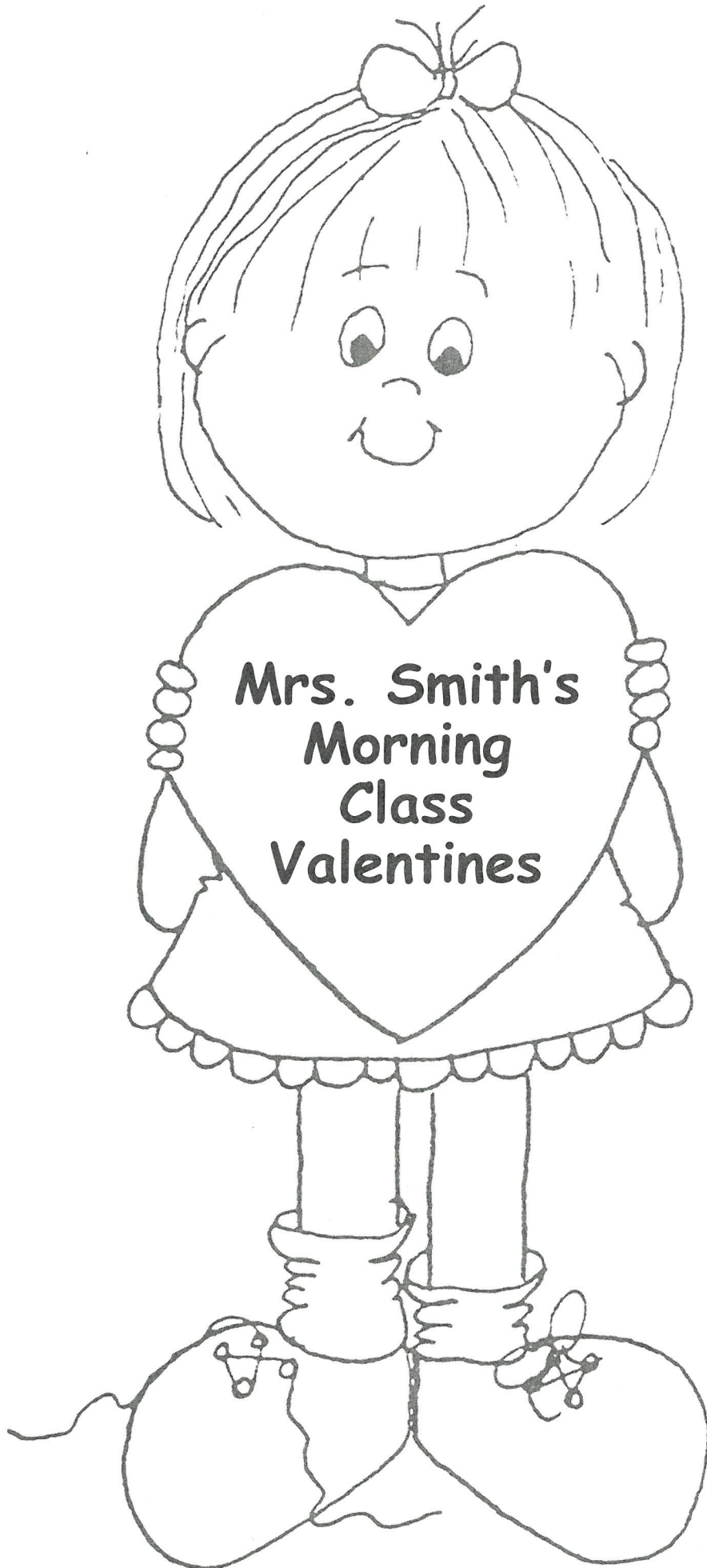
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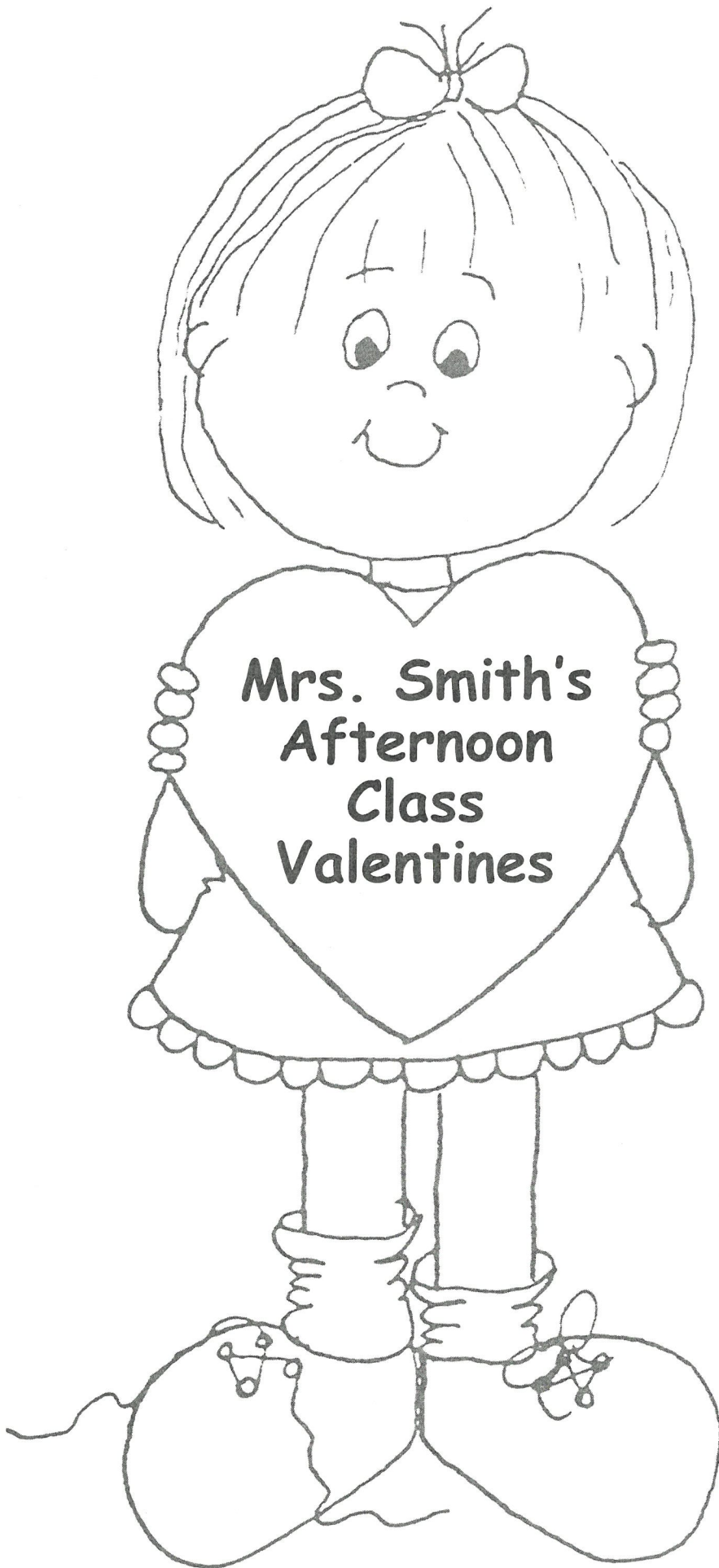
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Adelyn
Casen
Claire
Clara
Emeth
Fletcher
Harrison
Jack
Kinleigh
Lilah
Maya
Olive
Ollie
Rhett
Scotty
Teddy
Wynona

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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