Opening the Gift

All You Need Is LOVE!

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Everything by Emma Dodd
Peace, Baby! by Linda Ashman
A Friend Like You by Tanja Askani
Hands Say Love by George Shannon
The NICE Book by David Ezra Stein
David Gets In Trouble by David Shannon
What I Love About You by Susan Farrington
I Love You Because You’re You by Liza Baker
The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin
I Wish You More by Amy Krouse Rosenthal & Tom Lichtenheld
How Do Dinosaurs Stay Friends? by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague

Nursery Rhyme: Jack and Jill

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: “I Love You (There’s No Doubt About It)” from The Good Ship Lollipop by The Persuasions

Share with Me
(tune: This Old Man)

One for you; one for me.
Let’s all sing this melody.
Come and share with me,
And I will share with you.
Sharing is so fun to do!

Here’s a Heart
(tune: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)

Here’s a heart I made for you.
Trimmed with lace and ribbons, too.
This red heart is meant to say
I like you in every way.
Here’s a heart for you from me.
’Cause you are my friend, you see.

Love Is A Circle

Love is a circle,
Round and round
(make a circling motion with arm)
Love goes up,
(raise arms up)
And love comes down,
(lower arms)
Love is on the inside,
(pull hands inward towards chest)
Trying to get out,
(push hands away from chest)
Love is whirling and twirling about!
(twirl around)

I’ve Got A Happy Feeling
(tune: I’ve Got Joy, Joy, Joy Down In My Heart)

I’ve got a happy feeling here in my heart.
(clap hands at heart)
Here in my heart, here in my heart.
I’ve got a happy feeling here in my heart.
Here in my heart to stay.
Repeat, replacing underlined words with:
feet (tap feet),
hands (clap),
face (“draw” a smile)

Your next visit will be: March _____
Next month’s theme will be: “Play It Safe”
More Books to Share:
Who’s In My Family? All About Our Families by Robie H. Harris
F Is For Feelings by Goldie Millar and Lisa A. Berger
Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson
One Big Family by Marc Harshman
I Heart You by Meg Fleming
All Kinds of Kisses by Heather Swain
Big Friends by Linda Sarah & Benji Davies
Love Is My Favorite Thing by Emma Chichester Clark
Who We Are! All About Being the Same and Being Different by Robie H. Harris

Activity Ideas:
Hidden Hearts Center: Remove the nine numbered heart cards from a deck of playing cards. Bury the cards in a tub of crinkled red paper shreds. A child visits the center and searches through the shreds for a card. As she finds each card, she removes it and counts the number of large hearts out loud.

Sequencing Tubes: This idea gives students practice sequencing numbers as well as ordering objects by size. Cover several paper towel tubes with colorful Con-Tact paper. Cut the tubes into one-inch graduated lengths. Then position the tubes vertically and number them sequentially from the smallest to the largest. Place the tubes in a container at a center. Instruct a student to stand the tubes on a work surface in number order, using the sizes of the tubes to check her work. What a unique way to line up number-order practice!

Book of the Month:
Roots and Wings: Affirming Culture and Preventing Bias In Early Childhood  3rd ed.
by Stacey York  PTC 372.21 Y

"Stacey York's third edition of Roots and Wings: Affirming Culture and Preventing Bias in Early Childhood adds to multicultural coverages of early childhood process by teaching educators how to work with children using new activities based on the latest research. From developing culturally appropriate programs and handling cultural conflicts to games, songs, and learning opportunities that hold specific objectives, teachers receive a wide range of approaches designed to prevent bias in early childhood education and play processes."

Road to Reading Tip:
"Parents already have everything they need to maximize their child's brain development. No expensive toys or complicated programs are necessary—just touch, talk, singing, objects to examine, things to taste, opportunities to explore in a safe environment and most of all, warm, responsive, protective love."

Ages and Stages—Birth Through Eight Years by Karen Miller

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