



**TODDLER-** February 2019



## Song of the Month:

### “Be My Valentine”



(sung to Mary Had a Little Lamb)

You're a special friend of mine,

Friend of mine,

Friend of mine.

You're a special friend of mine.

Be my Valentine!

### Ideas to do at Home



Create a birdfeeder together...

- 1) Spread peanut butter or lard on pinecone
- 2) Attach a string to the top as a hanger
- 3) Roll pinecone in birdseed
- 4) Hang outside, close to a window so you can watch the daily activity!

### Special Dates



February 2- Groundhog Day

February 5- Chinese New Year

February 14- Valentine's Day

February 18- Family Day (TT closed)

February 28- Shrove Tuesday



### Enhancing Communication Skills with Toddlers

~share a reading experience with a child by labeling the facial expressions in the illustrations, describing the pictures, label the colours in the pictures, make connections between the pictures and the written words;

~give the child time to answer a question, count to 10 before asking again;

~allow the child enough time to finish what they are saying;

~use simple language when answering a child's questions;

~hold back from critiquing your child's language skills every time- allow them the chance to speak freely



### Did you Know?...

“HDLH ? asks educators to be attuned to what children know, what they wonder about, and their working theories about the world around them. Educators engage with, observe, and listen to children. They discuss with other educators, as well as with children and families and caregivers, the possibilities for children's further exploration in increasingly complex ways. All are co-learners, constructing knowledge together”  
HDLH p. 15