

# Giant Step February 2010 NEWS

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Look for the Giant Step website to be up and running by March 1.

You will be able to access your

Child's photos and download, and print. Wendy Neill of Perfect Fit Web Design is our webdesigner.

Thanks to Cheri Smith for volunteering to upload photos for us!

## QUALISTAR RATING COMING SOON

IN FEBRUARY, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIT FOR A FEW MINUTES AND COMPLETE THE QUALISTAR PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE ALLOW YOURSELF A FEW EXTRA MINUTES WHEN EITHER DROPPING OFF OR PICKING UP YOUR CHILD. WHILE YOU WILL BE COMPLETING THE FORM HERE, THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS MEANT TO BE CONFIDENTIAL AND TURNED INTO QUALISTAR. WE WILL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE FILLING OUT THE FORM AND DRINKS/ SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

## Giant Step Mitten Tree and Wood Projects

Based on the book "The Missing Mitten Mystery" by Steven Kellogg. A boy loses his mitten and imagines where it has gone, including sprouting a mitten tree in the spring. The kids have used real tools including hammers, saws, and nails to create their version of a mitten tree. Make sure you check it out.

The kids have made many creations out of wood and nails and many have been painted. Check out the display of our 3 week project.

Coming in February: Exercise/hearts and Dinosaurs in the second half. The Armstrong Family has been willing to allow us to borrow dinosaur bones and fossils. This should be very interesting!

## NURTURING PARENTING CLASSES

Beginning Monday, February 22, a new parenting program will be offered in Rangely. It's called the Nurturing Parent Program and will meet for 16 weeks from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children are included in the program and a meal for both parents and children will be provided. There is NO CHARGE for the class. All parents with preschool-aged children are invited to attend. Whether you are an experienced parent, new at parenting, or just need a night out with your family, all families are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Kathleen Martynowicz at 675-5008.

## CENSUS JOBS

2010 is the year the United States does its ten-year count of everyone living in the United States. You will receive the survey (only 10 questions this time!) sometime in March.

If you are interested in working for the census and earning \$12.50 an hour, call 866-861-2010 and make an appointment to take the test that everyone is required to take to be considered for employment. You can get more information by going to the website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010censusjobs/> or by calling Kathleen Martynowicz at 675-5008.

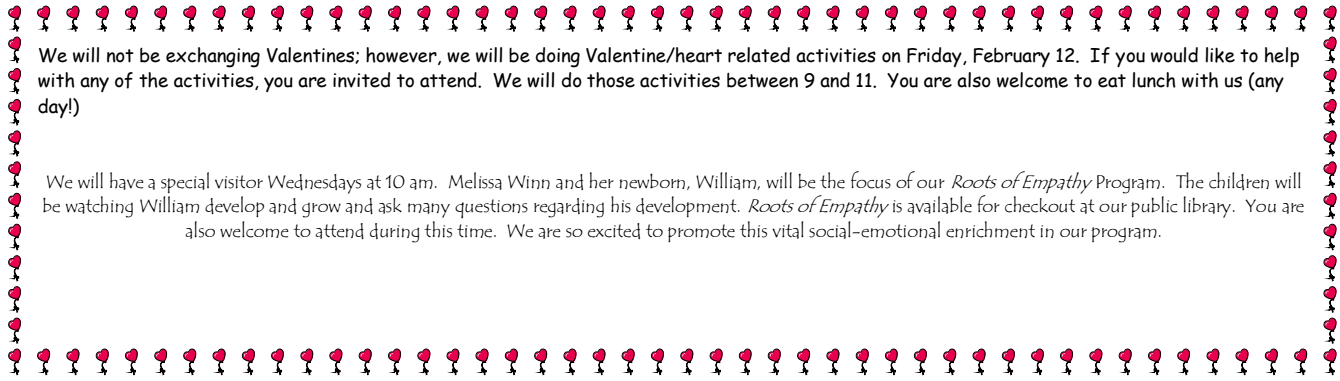
## K O O L - A I D P L A Y D O U G H

- 1/2 C. SALT
- 2 CUPS WATER
- SAUCEPAN
- 1 PKG KOOL-AID (ANY FLAVOR)
- 2 T. VEGETABLE OIL
- 2 C. FLOUR
- 2 T. ALUM (FOUND IN THE SPICE/ CANNING SECTION)

1. COMBINE SALT AND WATER IN SAUCEPAN AND BOIL UNTIL SALT DISSOLVES.
2. REMOVE FROM HEAT, STIR IN KOOL-AID
3. ADD OIL, FLOUR, AND ALUM
4. KNEAD UNTIL SMOOTH
5. THIS DOUGH WILL LAST 2 MONTHS OR LONGER

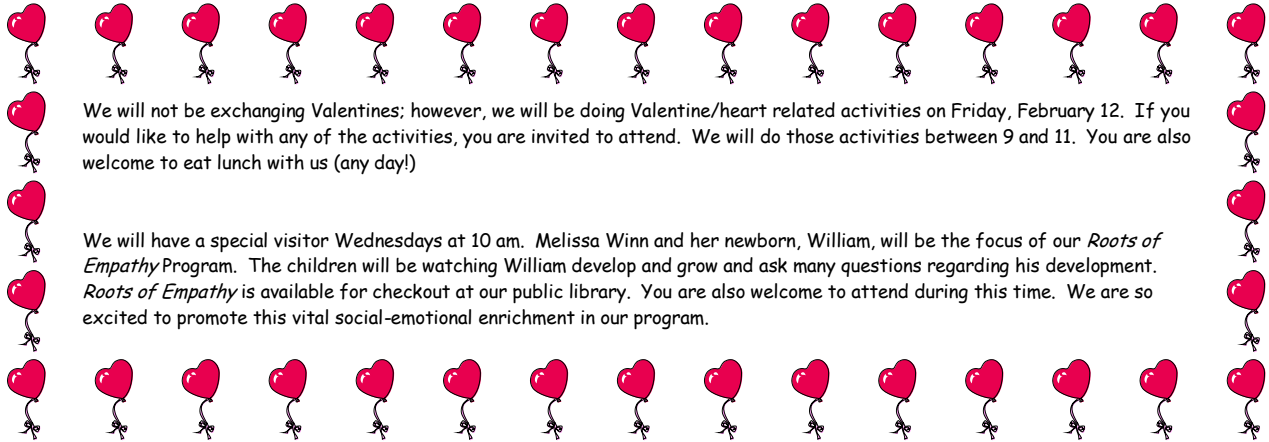
HAVE YOUR CHILD HELP YOU MAKE THE PLAYDOUGH.

- COOKING HELPS WITH LITERACY AND MATH SKILLS.
- CHILDREN LEARN TO MAKE SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES.
- CHILDREN FOLLOW RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR SAFETY



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We will have a special visitor Wednesdays at 10 am. Melissa Winn and her newborn, William, will be the focus of our *Roots of Empathy* Program. The children will be watching William develop and grow and ask many questions regarding his development. *Roots of Empathy* is available for checkout at our public library. You are also welcome to attend during this time. We are so excited to promote this vital social-emotional enrichment in our program.



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