



Mrs. Utschig and Mrs. Arace's
February Newsletter

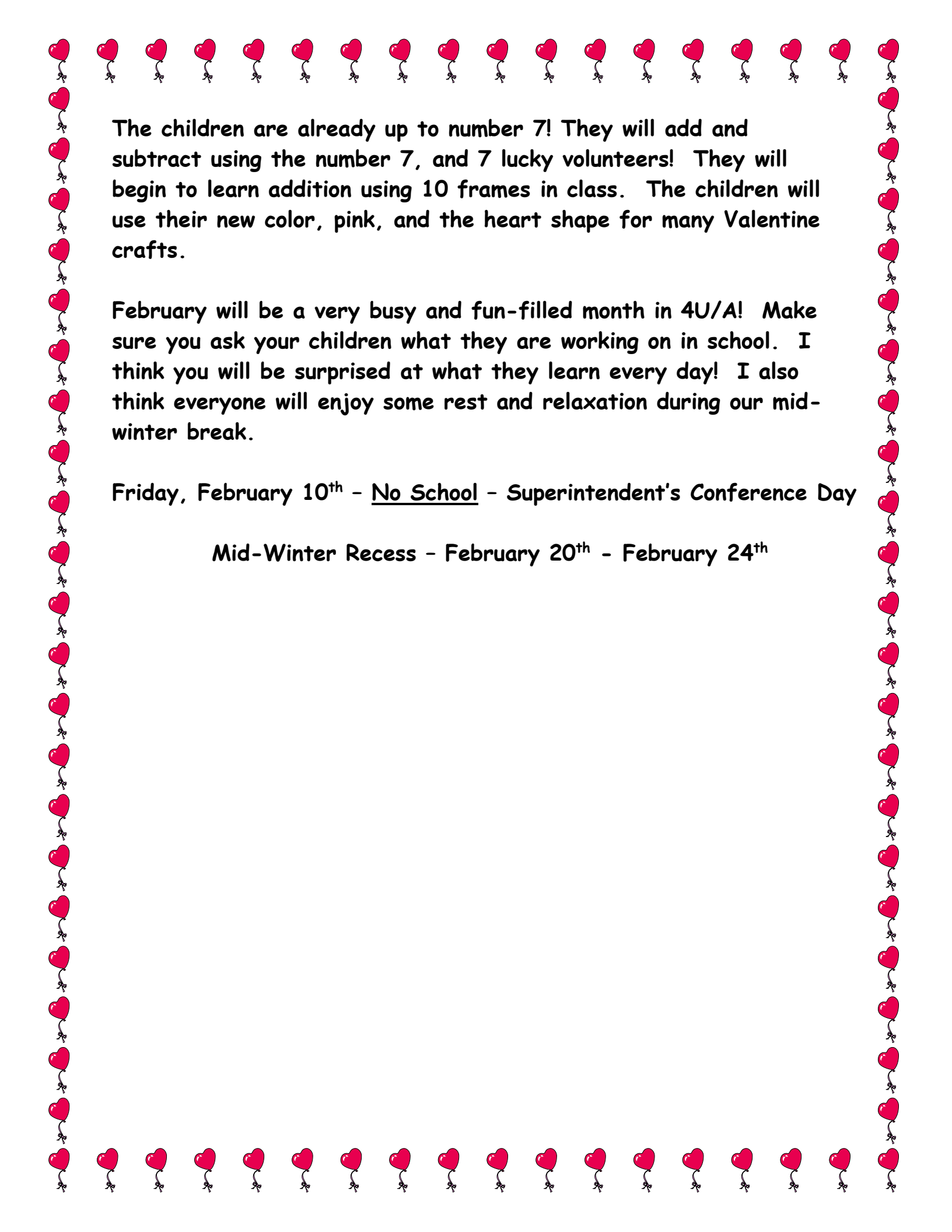
There are many special days to celebrate in February - Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and Presidents' Day.

The children will celebrate Valentine's Day by creating many Valentine crafts - from stained glass valentines to puppy dog valentines. We will listen to the story of St. Valentine and the origin of sending valentines to friends and family. The students will also enjoy exchanging valentines with their classmates.

Presidents' Day will give us an opportunity for a wonderful social studies lesson. Presidents Washington and Lincoln will appear somewhere outside the 4U classroom. Ask your child whose picture is on the penny and the quarter.

Dental Health will be observed in our classroom this month. The children will learn the proper way to brush their teeth and also which foods are healthy choices for their teeth. Ask them to sing the "Toothbrush Song" for you.

With all the special days in February it is a wonder that the students will be able to practice their language arts skills! The letters Q, R, S and T will be introduced to 4U/A. The children will decorate their letter file folders with quilts, rockets, stars and tiger stripes. They will also paint with Q-tips!



The children are already up to number 7! They will add and subtract using the number 7, and 7 lucky volunteers! They will begin to learn addition using 10 frames in class. The children will use their new color, pink, and the heart shape for many Valentine crafts.

February will be a very busy and fun-filled month in 4U/A! Make sure you ask your children what they are working on in school. I think you will be surprised at what they learn every day! I also think everyone will enjoy some rest and relaxation during our mid-winter break.

Friday, February 10th - No School - Superintendent's Conference Day

Mid-Winter Recess - February 20th - February 24th