• **Passport to Winter Fun**
  At last week’s Community Meeting hosted by the first grade, Laura Romig from the Upper Valley Trails Alliance spoke to our students about the importance of being active, especially during the cold winter months. She inspired us to get outside and get moving by doing activities like sledding, skating, snowshoeing and more. The program, sponsored by local businesses like the Aquatic Center and the CCBA, offer free access to students who reach goals of being active for 10, 20, and 30 days. We all love this program and truly appreciate and value the partnership we have with the Trails Alliance.

• **100th Day**
  It’s hard to believe that we have already spent 100 days in school. We had a wonderful 100th day planned for our students with a special assembly that began with a number song and 100 exercises. In the afternoon, teachers worked in teams and ran mini-workshops that included measuring 100 pennies, making 100 Valentines for local Veterans, and a 100 Hershey Kisses scavenger hunt. It was a great day!

• **Me Museum**
  Last week our amazing kindergarten students hosted the opening of their annual “Me Museum” where they exhibited art, writing, and projects that were all about them. As part of this unit, they studied the human body and each child created his/her own skeleton that hung in the exhibit. On the bulletin board in their hallway, they displayed an incredibly beautiful “Traditions Quilt” of art work that represented their individual uniqueness and the traditions that are important to their families.

• **Changing Perspectives**
  The preschool team and I met with Sam Drazin, founder of Changing Perspectives, a non-profit organization that provides schools with a disability awareness and empathy curriculum. They are piloting a new program for preschool aged children and we are excited to be involved. The program includes five learning units that support social emotional growth, including lessons about understanding empathy, using kind language, and being a good friend and community member. We’ll be meeting with Sam again in a few weeks to finalize our plans for implementing this program. We can’t wait to share this new resource with our students and families.

• **Upcoming Events**
  We have a lot to look forward to in the next few months. Early March brings Dr. Seuss’s birthday and our week long “We Love to Read Week” celebration. We are hoping to have a Spring Concert for families in April, and can’t wait to celebrate our students with our ROCKS! afternoon in late May.