



# Aitkin Children's Center

## February 2025

225 2nd Ave SW, Aitkin, MN 56431



### February is I Love to Read Month!



Tips to Encourage Reading at Home

1. Make a dedicated reading space - Make it comfortable with cushions, good lighting, and quiet.
2. Read Funny Things - Everyone likes to laugh, so find funny books to read.
3. Read Anything, Anywhere - Encourage your child to read food menus, road signs, instructions, etc. They will see how useful being able to read is in real-life situations

### February Dress Up Days for I Love to Read

Feb. 3 - Dress like a wild animal

Feb. 10 - Wear red to show your love of books

Feb. 18 - Wear comfy clothes and curl up with a good book

Feb. 24 - Dress as your favorite book character

### February Dates to Remember

Feb. 17 - NO SCHOOL

Feb. 20 - FFN (Family, Friends, & Neighbors) Play n Learn

**Still looking for parents who want to be part of the PAC (Parent Advisory Council)**

### Valentine Calming Bottle

#### What's Needed

- 1 Water Bottle, 16-20 oz.
- 5 oz. Bottle Clear Glue
- Glitter, Pink and Red
- Small objects—beads, foil confetti, buttons, poms, and plastic hearts.

#### Directions

1. Pour out a little bit of water, and pour the bottle of glue into the water bottle.
2. Add some glitter and the small objects to the bottle, fill back to the top with water and put the cap back on tight.
3. Shake the bottle to mix everything up.
4. Look for certain objects by moving and shaking the bottle around, or just tip it back and forth to watch everything move around.



### Preschool Offerings for 25-26 School Year

- Junior Jakes (3's) - 3 days a week M/W/F am  
- 2 days a week T/TH am  
- 2 days a week T/Th pm

Registration opens May 1st

- Jakes (4's) - 4 days a week M/T/W/TH all day  
- 3 days a week M/W/F all day  
- 2 days a week T/TH all day

Registration for the Lottery opens March 15th