



TINY RAMS TIMES

February 2025

Love is in the air! Last month our friends enjoyed learning all about different animals and automobiles and we also got to learn about all the different things you can do in the daytime and at nighttime. This month our friends will be celebrating all things love! We will also be learning about the grocery store and the different things you can buy and then cook with!

Did you know that February is National Children's Dental Health Month? Dental hygiene is one of the most important things we can teach our children. National Children's Dental Health Month is a project of the American Dental Association, this program can provide parents with the tools they need to teach young children about dental and oral health. The campaign's slogan is: "Brush your teeth with fluoride toothpaste and clean between your teeth for a healthy smile!"

- **Your Tiny Rams Team**

THEMES:

"Valentine's Day, Grocery Store, Cooking"

SAVE THE DATE:

Feb. 14th – Classroom Valentine's Day Party! *More info to come

March 3rd –
Summer Enrollment begins

BIRTHDAYS:

Feb. 6th - Issa

Feb. 9th - Octavia

HEALTH POLICY:

A child who has any illness associated with a fever or any communicable

condition (temperature of 100°F or above, diarrhea/vomiting, unexplained skin rash) must be kept home. A child cannot return until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and the communicable condition has been treated and has ceased for 24 hours.

REMINDERS:

Please be sure your child has weather appropriate "extra" clothing for spills & accidents as well as a clean water bottle every day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

If Ralston Public Schools is **CLOSED** due to inclement weather, Lil' & Tiny Rams will also be **CLOSED**. Tuition will NOT be prorated.

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Infants

Teachers: Eris & Elizabeth

Happy February! We are so excited to get closer to spring. Did you know that there is a national holiday to celebrate carrot cake? Yep, carrot cake! On February 3rd, we will be using carrot baby food to make our own cakes! We will be 'selling' our cakes in our own little bakery! This month's themes are: Valentine's Day, Grocery Store, and Cooking! We will be trying our fine motor skills by making some yummy foods! We will be switching up our Dramatic play center with our own little food truck! We cannot wait to show you what we have cooking up in the Infant room! Grab your plates, forks, and cup to get ready for some yummy treats!

This month is all about working on our fine motor skills! We will be working on stacking up our rubber blocks, nesting cups, and small buckets. Our older friends will be working on moving toys from one hand to another. Our younger friends will be working on tracking objects with their eyes and reaching out to grab the object.



"Babies enjoyed a shape inspired science experiment!"

Infant/Toddlers

Teachers: Amber

Our friends will be doing many things this month to get our bodies and minds moving! We will play hopscotch with hearts and make grocery store instruments such as maracas with rice and beans and drums from empty food containers. Our friends will get the opportunity to try a cooking activity and make frozen yogurt bites! We will also be sorting food cutouts, making name puzzles, and painting with noodles!

What we are working on: ELG Learning Objectives: CA. 01
Develop foundational skills to support creative expression through voice, instruments, and objects.



"Infant/Toddler friends making Animal Tracks using paint and toy animals!"

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Toddlers

Teachers: Sarah, Danna & Kashiah

This month is all about football!

Just kidding! Maybe just the one day (the 7th) we will have a cute football day before the Superbowl. All the other days we will focus on showing our love and kindness through Valentine's Day! What's a better way to show love and compassion than through food? Yes, we will have a big dramatic play month, using our imagination to go grocery shopping, maybe your child will be the shopper, checkout employee, or grocery bagger! After we go grocery shopping, we will need to make the food for loved ones!

Have you asked your toddler about their favorite color? This toddler class has done extremely well learning colors (some can even sign them!). The next learning activity will be learning to identify letters in our names!



"Toddlers enjoying their new cozy corner!"

Preschool

Teachers: Shannon & Heather

This month to celebrate Valentine's Day we will make Valentine's Day name puzzles. We will practice our cutting skills and then spell out our names and work on putting them back together! Our friends will also talk about the many traditions we see during the holiday. For our grocery store theme, we will talk about what we see and hear at the store. We also use grocery ads and cut out different pictures and glue them to plates! Our grocery store theme will tie into our cooking theme, and we will talk about food groups and sort food into different groups. Our friends will also do a cooking activity by making fro-yo bites! Our preschool friends are also asking for old shoe box donations so that we can make boxes for Valentine's Day!

What we are working on: Our younger preschoolers are working on learning our letters, numbers, shapes, and colors. We are also mastering our self-help skills by getting more independent with dressing in our winter gear and handwashing. Older Preschoolers are working on manners and independent skills that will get them ready for kindergarten.



"Minnie Mouse Club!"

MEET OUR DIRECTORS



SARA RYAN
DISTRICT DIRECTOR
OF LIL' & TINY RAMS

I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for 18 years! I am married and have 4 boys: Mason, Maks, Mavrick & Madden. We love to spend our free time outside!



LORI LENDERTS
ASST. DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF LIL' & TINY RAMS

I have worked for the Ralston Schools Foundation for nearly 17 years. I am a proud #BOY MOM! My husband and I have 3 boys: Jayden (15), Marshall (12) and Bennett (4). I LOVE being outdoors, traveling and watching my boy's sporting events!



MEGAN HAZELWOOD
SITE DIRECTOR

I have been working at Tiny Rams for many years! I was also a preschool teacher for a year at a Head Start program in Southern Missouri and I even nannied for a summer. I have my CDA and many years of training. In my free time I like to spend time with my husband and my daughter playing games!



SHANNON ELKINS
ASST. DIRECTOR &
PRESCHOOL TEACHER

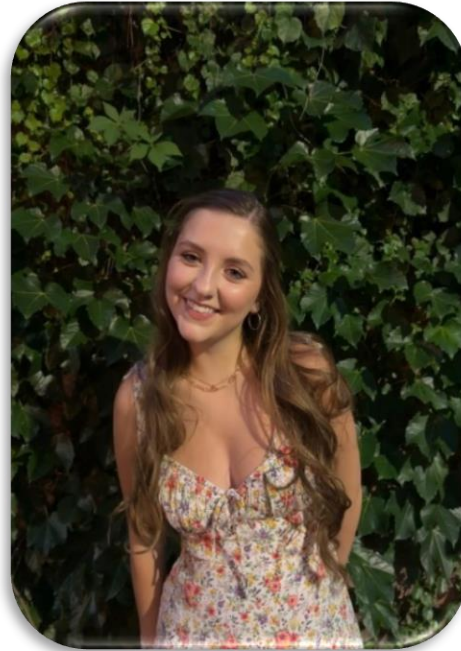
I've worked in childcare for 25 yrs in centers, in home, respite care, and the school system. I have an associate degree and have my CDA. I've worked at Tiny Rams for 5 years. I have four children, 2 in elementary and 2 in college. I Can't wait to get to know all my new class this fall and their families.

MEET OUR TEACHERS



ERIS CALABRETTO
LEAD INFANT TEACHER

Hello everyone! I have been with Lil and Tiny Rams for a couple of years now! I have two kids, Mason and Octavia. I am looking forward into making this year magical! I cannot wait to make new memories with the kids!



ELIZABETH HUGGINS
INFANT TEACHER

I just started working at Tiny Rams but have 2 years of previous childcare experience. So far, I've enjoyed getting to know all the kids and watching grow & learn. My hobbies include playing with my cat, cooking & traveling!



AMBER TULL
LEAD INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER

I have 8 years of experience working in childcare and I have mostly worked with toddlers. In my spare time I love to paint, hike and travel!



SARAH WENTZLER
LEAD TODDLER TEACHER

Hi I'm Sarah! I have 2 kids, Payne and Juniper. I worked at Tiny Rams last year and left to be a stay-at-home mom. I'm so happy to be back! I enjoy working part time at a Golf Country Club and I'm super excited for summer! I can't wait to share lots of pictures and update through the ProCare app with family!

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DANNA AYALA
TODDLER TEACHER

I have experience working in childcare and Montessori centers for about 2 years specifically with babies. I am bilingual (Spanish/ English). My husband and I have a 3-year-old son (Jared). I've been working on the Infant Room with Tiny Rams for about a year.



KASHIAH JACKSON
TODDLER TEACHER

Hi, my name is Kashiah. I am a senior at RHS and just started working at Tiny Rams this fall. I am enjoying getting to know all the kids! I live with my aunt and uncle and have 4 siblings. In my free time I like to color, write and dance.



HEATHER KREIN
PRESCHOOL TEACHER

I have worked in a childcare setting for almost 11 yrs. I also have worked as a Paraprofessional for 5yrs in the special education program. I love to read and play sand volleyball. I also enjoy going to sporting events with my husband!



EMILEE BRAND
INFANT/TODDLER TEACHER

Hi, my name is Emilee! I have worked in childcare for five years and currently am studying Elementary Education at the UNO! I have worked for Little & Tiny Rams for almost one year! I love watching each and every kiddo grow into themselves and become the best tiny humans.

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