



Monthly Newsletter: February, 2018

What have the students been up to? What do they have to look forward to this month?

Please remember so sign up for a parent teacher conference!!! The Blue room is starting a unit on music next month. If anyone plays an instrument and would be interested in demonstrating for the students, we would love for you to come in! Please see Heaven or Katy if you are interested.

Blue room

The students have been working on

- Reinforcing numerals 11-20 through books and counting objects
- Addition and subtraction with the older students

This month we will be introducing

- Tactile discrimination of weight using the sensorial materials
- Auditory discrimination using the sound cylinders
- The concept of pairs, odds & evens, and skip counting

Red room

The students have been working on

- Strengthening fine motor skills with works such as tweezing and sewing
- Practicing grace, courtesy, and manners
- Reinforcing colors, numbers, family, house, and basic vocabulary in Spanish

This month we will be introducing

- Locks and keys and tools such as the screw driver and a hammer and nails, as well as multi-step works such as dish washing in practical life
 - In Spanish working with "Corazon" and habitatis

Green room

The students have been working on

- Basic skills such as cutting, gluing, how to care for the artistic tools, and clean up procedures
- The crayon melt activity

This month we will be introducing

- The concepts of tints, shades and monochromatic
- Continuing to practice painting on the easel and with small paint brushes.

Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Units on Australia and the ocean. We focused on the animals of Australia and studied the vertebrates and invertebrates that live in the Great Barrier Reef.
- Recognizing initial sounds in words, sequencing (beginning/middle/end sounds), syllables and opposites
- Sight words and decoding and encoding
- Reading and discussing chapter books and story structure, with the Kindergarten students

This month we will be introducing

- Poetry
- Nouns, verbs, and sentences
- South America, the rainforest, and birds.

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

The **Green homeroom** is going on a field trip to "Get Fused" on **Tuesday, Feb 6.**

The **Kindergarteners** will be celebrating 100 days of school on **Tuesday, February 13th.** Kindergarten families, please have your trail mix contributions in by February 12th. See Miss Stephanie for more details!

The **Tooth Fairy** is visiting Children's House on **Tuesday, Feb 13** to discuss the importance of dental hygiene with the children.

On **Wednesday, February 14:**, students are welcome to bring Valentine's Day Cards to pass out in their homerooms. We will pass out valentines (optional), have a special snack, and decorate valentine bags. We recommend that if your child brings in valentines to share they include only their name in the "from" section and leave the "to" blank. Please be sure to keep things fair – no "special" valentines for "best friends." There are about 10-16 children in each of the homerooms. If you sign up to bring snack on Friday, you may bring in a valentine themed snack such as ♥ shaped cookies, red apples, red juice, etc. Thank you for your cooperation! This celebration is for the students only.

School will be **CLOSED Monday, February 19** for President's Day.

FYIs and Upcoming Events Cont...:

We will be presenting our "**Evening for Prospective Kindergarten Parents**" on **Wednesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.** We will explain our Kindergarten program, the Montessori approach to this important year, and show you some materials that we use with the students. It is a very informative evening and we encourage the parents of students (who will be of kindergarten age next year) to attend.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday is on **March 2nd.** We celebrate by having **Pajama Day** at school and eating Green Eggs and NOT Ham for lunch!

Fall enrollment forms for Children's House Families will be out next week! A separate letter with enrollment forms for Summer Camp and the 2018-2019 School Year will be placed in each student's bin (**please see Stacy if you do not receive the forms or need additional forms for siblings**). At this time you may enroll your current Children's House student, and/or any younger siblings. Spaces are given on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is important to be thinking ahead so that your requests can be met. In order to respond to parents on the wait list in a timely manner we are requesting that forms be returned no later than **February 23.** We will be opening enrollment to students on the wait list after this date so it is important to have your enrollment forms in earlier for first priority! Thank you!

Children's House "Wish List"

We have a "wish list" hanging in the hallway near the door to the blue room. When we are in need of new materials for the school, we put them up on our "wish list." If any families are interested in making a donation to the school, please check out our list! Some current items include: a large metal dump truck and a sturdy metal wagon. Thank you!!