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Dear Parents,

February was such a busy month for our students. It began with Picture Day, then our Valentine's Day celebration, Student Presentations, and ended with a visit from Sandia Pediatric Dentistry. The children enjoyed an eventful second month of the year. We have more fun events planned for the rest of the semester! Follow us on our Facebook page or visit our school website for school updates, photos and special event information.

We want to thank everyone for your participation in our Scholastic Book Club and Parent Education Night 2018! These important events were successful thanks to all of our wonderful MVM families.

This month we are looking forward to Parent-Teacher Conferences, Spring Break and our spring curriculum where the children will explore springtime in nature. Please let us know if you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding your child. We are happy to set up mini conferences anytime throughout the school year.

Please watch for upcoming enrollment information regarding summer and the 2018/19 school year. It will be very important for you to decide your intent to enroll this year sooner than later due to our future growth projection.

Last day for early bird discount is April 9th 2018

Warm Regards,
MVM Staff

Upcoming Important Dates:

- **Spring Break - 3/26/2018 - 4/2/2018 - Classes resume on Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Office News

Sign In-Out Sheets Please remember to sign your child in and out every day. It is imperative that all students are accounted for. Please write legibly.

Morning Drop-Off We thank you all for your cooperation in dropping your child off by 8:55am. This allows for a non-disrupted learning environment and smoother morning transition. March can bring a change in the weather, please dress your child in layers! Please keep your child home if they are showing any signs or symptoms of illness including: chronic coughing, fever and/or runny nose. You will be notified to pick-up within 1 hour if your child becomes/is ill at school. We thank you for your cooperation.

**February & March
Birthday Celebrations!**



Jillian turns 5! 3/27

Lesley turns 5! 2/19

Student Presentations-

Thank you to our families that participated in our presentation day.
We appreciate you!



Valentine's Day - All classrooms enjoyed our Valentine's Day celebrations!



Parent Teacher Conferences -

We would like to express our gratitude to all of our families who attended Parent Teacher Conferences. It is always important to discuss your child's successes, needs, and plan for your child's future! If you were unable to attend your child's conference, please arrange a time with your child's teacher to do so.

Thank you,
MVM Staff

Scholastic Reading Club

MVM wants to give a big thank you to all of our parents who are supporting early childhood literacy by participating in our school's Scholastic Reading Club each month! Our school earns Bonus Points each time books are ordered. The Bonus Points help us obtain free books and classroom materials for your child's learning environment. Thanks to you, MVM earned a free Scholastic book for every student in our school! Be sure to check out our March order form. March order form due date is Wednesday, 3-14-18.

We thank you again for your participation
and happy future reading!



Toddler Class News

Wow! What an amazing couple of months. The children have adjusted to the new routine. They are excited about the new lessons being presented in circle and eager to work with the new materials. As a class we are working on grace and courtesy focusing on care of self and of the environment. We are also working on being calm and peaceful in the classroom and being kind and respectful to others.

During the month of February we learned about reptiles, the parts of a turtle and various dinosaurs. The Toddlers have enjoyed learning different songs and doing weekly art projects that focus on what we are learning.

We have introduced practical life work for spooning, pouring, sorting, rolling, folding, and flower arranging. We have also introduced new manipulative materials. The practical life and manipulative materials help the children to build focus and strengthen their fine motor skills in preparation for reading and writing.

In March we will be learning about amphibians, the parts of a frog, the life cycle of the frog, and about spring. We will be continuing individual lessons on some of the basic sensorial and math materials while working with the children to become more focused during one on one lessons.

 A very warm welcome to Yuqi Fu!

Ms. Renee & Ms. Tami

Toddler After Care

Toddler after care will be covered by our wonderful teaching staff until further notice. We are in the process of filling this position with a talented professional.

Thank you for your patience during this time.

MVM Staff

Transition Class News

Welcome to March! In February, the transition class studied reptiles and dinosaurs. We also focused on several materials in our sensorial area studying both shapes and geometric solids. The children have now taken a special interest in the shape of their lunch containers. We talked about our teeth, how to take care of them, and had a dentist visit with her very special alligator assistant! Our Valentine's Day celebration was full of discussions about giving, which ties right into Lunar New Year and the tradition of giving good luck tokens. We read several stories about Abraham Lincoln and practiced speaking up for what is right. The transition class was also very excited to have their parents come in and observe their works during student presentations. In the upcoming month we will study amphibians and different types of land forms. As we move into spring it will be a perfect time to observe and track our local weather patterns! Please send a light jacket and water bottle with your child every day, the March weather is unpredictable.



A very warm welcome to Jayden Notloev!

Thank you,

Ms. Conner & Ms. Donna

3-6 After Care

During the month of March the aftercare class will be doing St. Patrick's Day crafts. We will also be making a Leprechaun pudding. For those children who dare not taste it they are welcome to take the pudding home for you to try! As spring approaches, we will be learning about butterflies along with different types of flowers.

Thank you,

Ms. Donna

3-6 Class News

We truly appreciate all of you who showed up to February's Parent Education night and hope that it helped you to gain insight into the philosophy of the Montessori Method and environment. It was also nice to see the Students giving you a demonstration of how they make the materials and the classroom their own with their presentations. It is amazing to see how much they have all grown in such a short time!

Unit Studies:

Botany:

As we shake off the winter blues and start to see the trees budding, the Class will start to explore the parts of the tree. They will learn all new vocabulary and will also be looking at the parts on our various school trees along with new works that will better connect the abstract concept with the concrete. Toward the end of March, when the more plentiful warmth bears the first buds of spring, we will begin our unit on the parts of a flower. The students have already seen some of the sunflower seeds they planted in the garden beds sprout!

Cultural:

February was a very cultural study rich month for the class. We began with the observation of Black History Month and a discussion that has continued over the weeks. The Class has learned about many figures in our Country's history, including Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass, who helped to shape the lives of everyone with their heroic efforts. There was also a study of Chinese New Year and the customs surrounding it, and the significance of the Year of the Dog. Finally, we looked at why Americans celebrate President's day by presenting the lives of two important Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, both born in February. March will also be a time to observe Women's History month by sharing the lives of some of the people who worked to improve conditions of women in the US and across the world.

Geography:

Students will travel to South America in their study of the continent and the people that make up such a diverse and culturally immense area of our planet. They will get a chance to hear some music and see some of the many differences and similarities between the many countries. We will also present some of the basics of landforms to the children, which will allow them to see the terrain around them in a whole new light.

Zoology:

Snakes, Skinks, Salamanders, and Toads and all things that slither and inhabit our world with bodies much different from Class Mammalia. February brought a unit of study on Reptiles with a particular look at our exothermic friend the turtle and its parts. We also compared and contrasted the characteristics of other types of animals we learned about with those of Reptiles. During March we will check out the somewhat alike Amphibians, many of who have been dormant during this time of the year in our hemisphere.

Science:

February and March will be in part dedicated to one landform that both intrigues and threatens humans, the volcano. Students will get to learn about the parts of the volcano, the conditions for eruption and the differences between magma and lava. This will conclude with a special outdoor construction of their very own volcanoes (complete with vegetation and to tie in with our unit on Reptiles, dinosaurs) that will erupt with the power of baking soda, red food color and vinegar. March will also be devoted to looking at the many types of weather phenomenon that is experienced around the world and locally.

Art:

Along with the unit on weather, or more particularly wind, the class will be working on making kites. Seeing that we've had no shortage of windy days so far, the children will hopefully get a kick out of seeing the power of weather in action and one of the ways it can affect our lives in a fun way!



A very warm welcome to Boden Chapman!
Thank You, Ms. Wendy & Mr. Johnathon

March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Parent-Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	2 Parent-Teacher Conferences NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Scholastic Book Orders Due	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	27 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	28 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	29 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	30 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	31

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Teacher In-Service NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 St. Jude Children's Hospital Trike-A-Thon	14
15	16	17	18 Scholastic Book Orders Due	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

