



## Monthly Newsletter: February, 2019

Please remember so sign up for a Parent Teacher Conference!!! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the kitchen.

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

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 Katy or Kelly if you are interested.

#### Blue room

The students have been working on

- Reinforcing numerals 11-20 through books and counting objects
- Addition and subtraction and exchanging groups of 10 with the older students

This month we will be introducing

- Tactile discrimination of weight using the sensorial materials
- Auditory discrimination using the sound cylinders

#### 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, 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 "Escuela"

#### 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 reintroducing

- The concepts of tints
- Watercolors and tempera painting with small brushes
- Pastels

#### Rainbow room

The students have been working on

- Antarctica and its animals
- 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
- Africa
- Capes and Bays
- Science concepts such as gravity and magnetism

## FYIs and Upcoming Events:

The **Kindergarteners** will be celebrating 100 days of school on **Thursday, February 14th**. Kindergarten families, please have your trail mix contributions in by February 12th. See Miss Maira for more details!

On **Thursday, 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 18** for President's Day.

## FYIs and Upcoming Events Cont...:

We will be presenting our "**Evening for Prospective Kindergarten Parents**" on **Wednesday, February 20 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.

We will be celebrating **Dr. Seuss's Birthday** on **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. We celebrate by having **Pajama Day** at school and eating Green Eggs and NOT Ham for lunch!

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**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 22**. 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!