Monthly Newsletter: February, 2020

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

The Blue room is starting a unit on <u>music</u> 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 if you are interested.

What will the students be learning this month?

Math
- Continuing to explore numerals and quantity 1-20
- Introducing Division and Multiplication with the Golden Beads Materials
- Introducing The Stamp Activity – starting to transition from concrete equations to abstract

Sensorial
- Returning to explore 2- and 3-dimensional shapes
- Continuing to discriminate between roughness and smoothness
- Introducing olfactory discrimination using the smell bottles, fresh and dried herbs, spices, and flowers

Art
- The concepts of tints
- Watercolors and tempera painting with small brushes
- Crayon melt activity

Science and Geography
- South America
- Rainforests,
- Birds
- Light and Shadow

Language
- Continuing to explore letter sounds and blending sounds to make words
- Introducing Poetry
- Introducing nouns, verbs, and sentences

Practical Life
- 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

Spanish
- Introducing vocabulary around "corazón" and "escuela"

For Your Calendar	Feb 4: Visit from the Tooth Fairy!	Feb 14: Children can pass out Valentine's Cards	Feb 17: Closed for President's Day	Feb 19: Kindergarten Info Night 6PM

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

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

On **Friday, 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 18-20 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 17** for President's Day.

FYIs and Events Continued :

We will be presenting our **"Evening for Prospective Kindergarten Parents"** on **Wednesday, February 19 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 **Monday, March 2nd**. 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 2020 - 2021 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 28**. 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!