



Monthly Newsletter: February, 2022

Please remember to sign up for a Parent Teacher Conference!!!

What will the students be learning this month?

Math

- Continuing to explore numerals and quantity 1-20
- Kindergarteners are learning dynamic addition and starting to explore abstract math operations with the Stamp Activity

Sensorial

- Continuing to explore 2- and 3-dimensional shapes, patterns, and symmetry
- Continuing to discriminate between color hues and organize items by size.
- Starting to expand musical knowledge and exploration with the Montessori Bells and Melody Harp.

Art

- Easel painting
- Crayon melt activity and painting on the easel
- Continuing to practice and hone basic skills.

Science and Geography

- Africa
- Mammals
- Trees
- Biomes (desert, tropical, savannah, grassland, etc.)

Language

- Continuing to explore letter sounds and blending sounds to make words
- Introducing poetry and story writing
- Introducing nouns, verbs, and sentences

Practical Life

- Continuing to work on basic fine and gross motor skills
- Introducing body awareness with emotions and mindfulness.

Spanish

- Introducing vocabulary around "corazón" and "escuela"

FYIs and Upcoming Events:

Parent-teacher conferences are taking place for **Rainbow room families on Tuesday, February 8 and Wednesday, February 9** from 7:30-11:30 am and for **Blue room families on Tuesday, February 15 and Wednesday, February 16** from 7:30-11:30 am. An email with sign up information has been sent.

On **Monday, 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 20 children in Blue Room and 20 in Rainbow Room. If you sign up to bring snack on Monday, you may bring in a valentine themed snack such as ♥-shaped cookies, red apples, red juice, etc. Thank you for your cooperation!

The **Kindergarteners** will be celebrating 100 days of school on **Wednesday, February 16th**. Kindergarten families, please have your trail mix contributions in by February 14th. Watch your email for more details!

School will be **CLOSED Monday, February 21** for President's Day.

FYIs and Events Continued:

We will be presenting our "**Evening for Prospective Kindergarten Parents**" on **Wednesday, February 23 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 sending out an invitation with more information shortly.**

We will be celebrating **Dr. Seuss's Birthday** on **Wednesday, 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 2022 - 2023 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 **Friday, February 25**. *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!

