

# Little Paws Montessori

February 2024



## Happy Valentine's Day!

What a perfectly-perfect excuse to celebrate our sweetness and love for each other!

Here at Little Paws, Valentine's Day means one thing: friendship.

What does friendship mean? What do respect and kindness mean? How can we show our friends we care about them? These are topics we will discuss as we decorate our valentines and celebrate Valentine's Day.

Please see page 2 for more details on our in-class Valentine's Day celebration!



**February 14**  
Valentine's Day  
Party - Please bring  
valentines by  
February 12! More  
on page 2.



**February 19**  
School closed -  
President's Day



**March 7-8**  
School closed -  
American  
Montessori Society  
Convention - PD

## Solar System

Who doesn't get excited about the wonders of outer space? We will focus on our local galactic neighborhood - the Milky Way, and, more specifically, our planetary solar system! We will also introduce the concept of our "Cosmic Address" to better contextualize lessons around cities, states, countries, continents, and planets. (February's continent of the month is Asia!)



## Robotics & Coding

From Alexa to Roomba to autonomous cars, robots and AI are all around us. Our robotics and coding unit is screen-free, but focuses on building the sequences that direct much of the technology we use in everyday modern life. Montessorian Bill Gates said, "Learning to write programs stretches your mind, helps you think better, and creates ways of thinking about things that I think is helpful in all domains." We can't wait to discover what exciting new systems we can build inside the classroom!

## Valentine's Day

**February 5-9th:** We will be decorating our Valentine's Day boxes. Little Paws will provide a white box and decorations for the friends.

By **Monday, February 12th:** Please bring \*13\* valentines for the following children: Bronco, Chloe, Grey, Manaia, Manna, Mateo, Melody, Nolan, Rose, Skye, Tess, Valeria, and Willow. You are welcome to include candy in your valentines; however, friends will have to wait to enjoy it at home!



## Weekly Lesson Themes for Friday Show & Share\*

February 5-9: Asia and Chinese New Year; Weekend activity: Chinese New Year Festival at Huntington Gardens (Saturday and Sunday, February 10-11)

February 12-16: Valentine's Day; Weekend Activity: Cookie making and decorating!

February 20-23: Solar System; Weekend Activity: Griffith Observatory (Our 2024 Spring Field Trip on March 22nd will be to California Science Center!)

February 26-March 1: Robotics; Weekend activity: Magikids Robotics Lab in Studio City or Rolling Robots in Glendale (ages 4+)



\*On Fridays, your child is invited to bring an object from home in the theme of the week to share with the class!

\*\* These are optional suggestions (outings, videos, books) made by the teachers for parents who would like to explore the weekly theme with their child over the weekend. The LP parent email list can be used to coordinate outings.

## February Songs and Gross Motor Activities

### Robotics:

#### Left and Right

(Robot Voice)

*I am a robot*

*I know my left and right*

*Let me go and show you, I am quite a sight*

*I'm shaking my left hand, now I'll switch my hands*

*I'm shaking my right hand, shaking to the band*

*I am a robot*

*I know my left and right*

*Let me go and show you, I am quite a sight*

*I'm tapping my left foot, now I switch my feet*

*I'm tapping my right foot, tapping to the beat*

*I am a robot*

*I know my left and right*

*Let me go and show you, I am quite a sight*

*I'm wiggling my left ear, now I switch my ears*

*I'm wiggling my right ear, this is hard, oh dear!*

*I am a robot*

*I know my left and right*

*Let me go and show you, I am quite a sight*

*Etc.*





## Valentine's Day:

### H-E-A-R-T

(To the tune of B-I-N-G-O)

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

**H E A R T**

**H E A R T**

**H E A R T**

*The heart shape says I love you*



*Now, let's clap instead of using the letter H*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

**Clap, E A R T**

**Clap, E A R T**

**Clap, E A R T**

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Now, let's clap for the first 2 letters*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

**Clap, clap, A R T**

**Clap, clap, A R T**

**Clap, clap, A R T**

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Now, let's clap for the first 3 letters*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

**Clap, clap, clap, R T**

**Clap, clap, clap, R T**

**Clap, clap, clap, R T**

*The heart shape says I love you*

*You got it!*

*Now, let's clap for the first 4 letters*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, T*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, T*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, T*

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Now, all we have to do is clap once for each letter*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap,*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap,*

*Clap, clap, clap, clap, clap,*

*The heart shape says I love you*

*Great job!*

*Let's sing all the letters*

*I made a valentine for you*

*The heart shape says I love you*

*H E A R T*

*H E A R T*

*H E A R T*

*The heart shape says I love you!*

## Solar System:

### Solar System Song

(To the tune of I'm A Little Teapot)

*We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around  
We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around*

*I'm closest to the sun  
I'm Mercury Mercury*

*I'm the brightest in the sky  
I'm Venus Venus*

*I'm your planet  
I'm Earth Earth*

*I'm a Red planet  
I'm Mars Mars*

*We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around  
We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around*

*I'm the largest planet  
I'm Jupiter Jupiter*

*I'm the planet with the Rings  
I'm Saturn Saturn*

*I have 27 moons!  
I'm Uranus Uranus*



*I am made of Gas  
I'm Neptune Neptune*

*We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around  
We are the planets big and round  
Watch us happily fly around.*

**Asia:**

*It's Great To Say Hello!*  
(JunyTony on YouTube for tune)

*Do you know how to say  
Hello in different languages?  
Let's find out!*

*In USA, it's Hello.  
In China, it's Ni hao.  
In India, it's Namaste.  
It's great to say Hello!*

*In Japan, it's Konnichiwa.  
In Korea, it's An nyeong.  
In UAE, it's Marhaban.  
It's great to say Hello!*

*Even though our languages are  
different different different  
Even though our countries are  
different different  
It's great to see you!  
"It's great to see you!"*

*In Russia, it's Zdravstvuyte.*





*In Vietnam, it's Xin chao.  
In Thailand, it's Sawadee kha.  
"Men say Sawadee khrap!"  
"I see!"*

*Even though our languages are  
different different different  
Even though our countries are  
different different  
It's great to see you!*

*It's nice to say Hello!  
It's fun to say Hello!  
It's great to say Hello!*