

February 2021 Newsletter

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Spreading the Word...

A sincere thank you to our families for recommending our wonderful school to others. We are so appreciative of your gracious comments and look forward to meeting new prospective families! Please have your friends, neighbors, and acquaintances call the office to schedule visits.

Donation Item of the Month...Aerosol Disinfectants

Thanks for all the paper towels! We will use every roll! During the month of February, we will be collecting aerosol cans of Lysol or Microban 24 disinfectant. Both are EPA-approved to wipe out the COVID virus. We've got PLENTY of the liquid concentrates--looking specifically to build up our stash of aerosol cans. We are so appreciate all donations and will enter all donators in a Free Book Drawing at the end of the month! Congratulations to Emery in Step 1, winner of the January drawing!



Valentine's Day...Let's show LOVE for our classmates safely!

Classroom parties are scheduled for Wednesday, February 11 and 12. If you signed up to help with party treats, reminder slips already came home in folders. **Don't forget to wear your Valentine RED AND PINK!!**



Please remember our safety guidelines for sending in Valentine cards for classmates. We will accept only the actual paper cards--no candy or accompanying/attached trinkets of any kind (stickers, pencils, tattoos, etc). **NOTHING SHOULD COME OFF OF THE CARD** (including peel-off stickers). I have found loads of simple, paper-only Valentines at CVS, Walmart, Target, and the Dollar Store. You may also choose to make them at home! Teachers will instruct families on how to complete the cards for easy distribution--classes may have different formats. Once completed (please do not lick any envelopes), cards are to be sealed in a name-labeled Ziplock and sent to school by the due date of February 9/10.

This way, they can sit (sealed) for 48 hours before being passed out to friends. In the spirit of fairness, any cards that do not follow our "card-only" guidelines will unfortunately have to be sent back. Please avoid disappointment for your child and adhere to these rules. Think SIMPLE. If in doubt, please ask.

Reminder about Held Seats...

If your child's seat for next school year is being held with an \$80 registration fee, the May 2022 tuition deposit is due by **March 1**. Invoices were sent electronically earlier this week, as a reminder of amounts due. If you've had a change in plans, and your child will not be returning next school year, please let me know ASAP.

General Tax Notes:

- Our EIN # is **23-2435162**, for those who need it for tax purposes.
- Tuition payment receipts can be retrieved from your Quickbooks invoices. Look for last school year's green and white tuition envelope for Jan-March 2020 payment info, if needed. To calculate total tuition payment for 2020, multiply this school year's monthly payment by four and add to 2.5 times last school year's monthly payment, if your child was in school. (We closed on March 13 and half of March's tuition was refunded to families.)

Keep up the good work...

A great big thank you to our families for continuing with COVID caution. Thank you for keeping your child's belongings clean, for sending in well-fitting masks and lanyards, for your transparency, for keeping children home when not feeling well. All of these precautions allow our staff to come to work and our students to come to school with more confidence. We all want to protect our families and rely on each other for everyone to do their part. If you find that your family has taken a risk (no judgement), please keep your child home for a few days to monitor and avoid spread.



Important Dates...

- February 2 --Groundhog Day
- February 9--Valentine Cards due for Step One classes
- February 10--Valentine Cards due for all other classes
- February 11/12-- Valentine Parties--please have children wear their Valentine colors!
- February 12--Half Day for Kindergarten (w/bus) 12:00 Dismissal; PM PreK class as usual
- February 15 -- **School Closed**--Presidents' Day
- March 1--Deposits Due for next year's enrollment
- **June 7**--So far, this is our last official day of regular school. This may change if I feel the need to close a few more days out of caution after Easter break in April. Any potential "camp days" are still TBD, but will most likely not be scheduled past Fri, June 11.

