

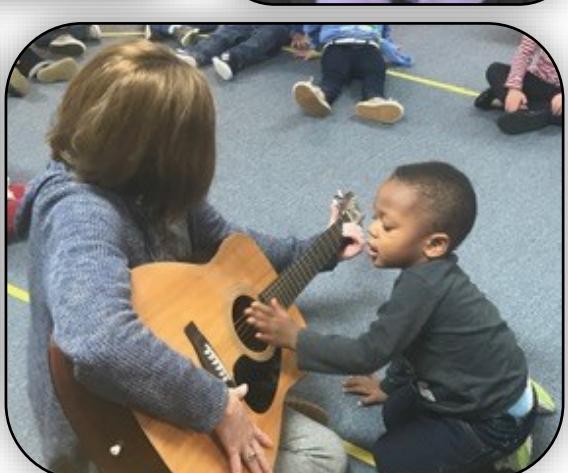
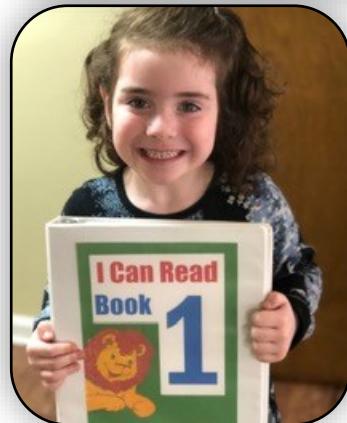
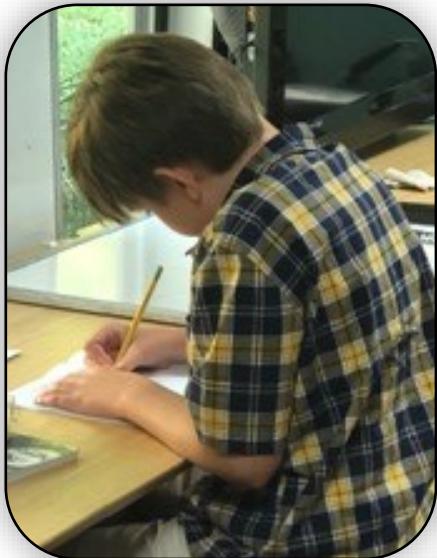
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Happy

VALENTINE'S DAY



February Birthdays:

Tori R.	2/2
Constance F.	2/4
Wanling C.	2/10
Price P.	2/22
Charl G.	2/23
Maralee S.	2/25
Isaiah G.	2/27

Important Dates:

February 20th
Toddler/Primary
International Day

February 21st
Elementary
International Day

March 13th
Reenrollment Packets
Due



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam



What a great month January was. The children loved learning all about the Arctic and the animals that live there. We did a lot of ice painting and playing in the snow (shaving cream). They loved the poem we learned (A Chubby Little Snowman). See if they will recite it to you. It's really cute! We also made several crafts.

This month we will be celebrating International Day on the morning of Thursday, February 20 at 10:45. Please plan to attend if at all possible. Our country is Mexico. We are learning a little about their foods, flag, land, sports and animals that live there. At the end of our program, we will all enjoy a Mexican lunch together. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on our door. Please make sure to sign up for something! Please let your child wear a solid white, preferably long sleeve, tee shirt with blue jeans that day.

February is also Valentine's Day. Please bring Valentine cards for your child to exchange with their classmates. Just sign your child's name on the card so they will be able to drop them in the other children's bags. We will decorate white lunch bags for this. Also, if anyone would like to bring the children a special snack for Valentine's Day, please let me know.

Also, thanks again for all you do. Some of these things would not be possible without your help!

Toddler News from Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, & Ms. Kayla

It's finally February! This month is International Day. We will be learning about Ecuador. The children and I have been transforming the classroom into a tropical rain forest and the Galapagos Islands. We have also been working on our colors and numbers in Spanish. We will have a fiesta on February 20 to celebrate all we have learned. Please make sure to mark your calendar. The children will sing, dance, and tell you all that we learn this month.

We also like to enjoy a taste of the country that we learn about. A menu and sign up sheets will be posted on Monday. Please don't worry that it might not be exactly right, most of us have never been to Ecuador either. I'm sure it will be delicious!

I hope you have started working on your child's costume. You can Google traditional children's clothing in Ecuador. I would like the girls to wear skirts, if possible. I have a few things in the classroom, if you are having a hard time putting something together. Please let me know if you have any questions.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14. Please send in 21 Valentines addressed from your child. We will allow them to deliver them to their friends so please don't put whom they will go to. If you would like to send in a special treat for snack or lunch that day, please message me.



Primary News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Valerie

Thank you to everyone joined us for our amazing class outing to the Tellus Museum. The children seemed to love it and it was wonderful to be able to learn more about space. It is always fun to be able to learn outside of the classroom.

We are in International day mode. The children have been learning all about the differences and similarities between the United States and the Netherlands. We have learned about food, famous people, and animals. The children are fascinated by the tulips and windmills. (I think the children are ready to take a field trip to the Netherlands.) My mother came in to do an art lesson about Van Gogh with the third years and brought all the students stroopwaffles to try. They loved it!

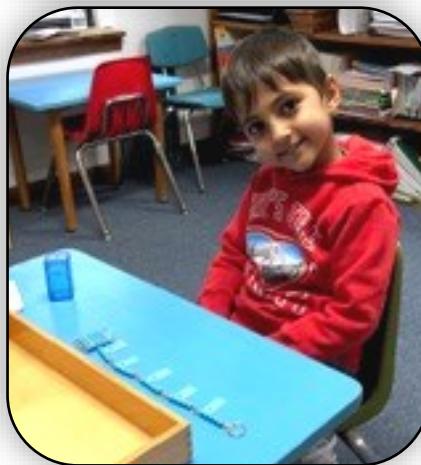
The students watched a short film about the Netherlands so they could see the beautiful country side and the amazing windmills. They were able to see how the windmills are able to pull the water up. We saw how they make pottery in Delft and how flowers are shipped all over the world everyday. Be sure to ask your child whether the Netherlands is below sea level or above sea level and how the Dutch are able to push the water back out to the Northern Sea.

Be sure to peek into the classroom so you can see how the children are transforming our class into the Netherlands!

Important Dates:

February 21st- International Day- Our parent performance will be at 11am with lunch immediately following.

March 13th- No school (Parent/Teacher conferences)



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina

February is here!!! We can't believe we are entering the busiest, but most fun month yet. International Day will be here soon and we have started learning all about Colombia. Seanna's mom has sent us all kinds of books and information we have been learning. Ms. Angela is also teaching us a traditional dance and a song in Spanish; ask your child to sing it to you. We will be posting the list of foods we will need help with soon, and we will also send home the topics each child will present on that day. Please make sure your calendars are marked to join us for one presentation and lunch on February 20st. If you have anything related to Colombia that you would like to share with our class, please send it in.

We are trying to enjoy as much outside time as we can since our weather varies from day to day, please make sure the children layer up and label everything.

Thank you for coming to our open house and making it successful!



Elementary News from Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

"When you have solved the problem of controlling the attention of the child, you have solved the entire

problem of its education,"

Maria Montessori



In a Montessori classroom, the goal of the first lesson of a concept is to spark intrigue. This lesson is exciting and will help get their attention. Materials aid the child in their intellectual journey while the peace table encourages them to work through problems and become aware of how others feel. We hope that these lessons will leave a permanent visual for future lessons and relationships with peers.

International Day is a great example of sparking intrigue. We learn about our country's landscape, culture, animals, economy, and history. Students enjoy practicing traditional dances and customs. Our students look forward to visiting the other classrooms and learning about their countries as well. As time goes by, we remember some facts and memories from past International Days that we celebrated here at our school. International Day is a special celebration that we get the privilege of sharing with each other every year! International Day is February 21st. The presentation schedule will be announced very soon! The students are working very hard and are excited about sharing what they have learned! Thank you again to Mai (Amy) Gillian (Ace's grandmother) for buying and shipping our traditional Ao Dai's from Los Angeles. Please remember to sign up for a food item on our classroom door. We still have a couple of spots that are open!

Thank you!



Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

"Cosmic Education teaches children to recognize and respect cultural differences. Such an education can lead us to a future of true peace."

In the twentieth century, Maria Montessori saw Cosmic Education as a way to protect humankind from the threat of self-annihilation posed by seemingly endless acts of war and political aggression. In the twenty-first century, global awareness, cooperation, and peaceful communication are integral to resolving problems that Dr. Montessori could hardly have anticipated. Cosmic Education helps prepare children to deal successfully with today's realities.

On a small scale, having children participate in the care of their environment, showing respect for the materials, pets, plants, and other children creates a path to peacefulness.

Studying geography, history, and other cultures, emphasize respect for the diversity of traditions and customs found around the world.

Our Israel studies have included several interesting discussions about causes of factional discord and brainstorming hypothetical solutions. Your children are excited about our upcoming presentation on February 21. Please plan to join us for lunch!



Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin



Supporting Cultural Diversity in the Montessori Classroom

The Montessori Classroom always reflects diversity and connection to the world through hands-on activities. The children often receive an opportunity to learn cultural foundations of other peoples and nations, respect their traditions, and appreciate cultural differences. Maria Montessori was a truly passionate advocate for peace in the world. Promoting diversity, understanding and implementing the value of different cultures teaches children to accept and respect people and their traditions from all over the world.

Visual prompts, display of symbols that represent different countries, and practical activities allow children to open up their minds and hearts towards someone who may be a little different and appreciate them. We celebrate cultural events together, invite people from different backgrounds to make presentations, read their stories and listen to native music in different languages throughout the year.

We also dedicate this time in the year to studying a country and time period in depth. Global awareness is important for our children. It gives them a new perspective and helps build a bridge to another culture. The students are working hard and we look forward to traveling to Ancient India with you soon!!!

Announcements



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We invite you to connect with us on social media! We post regularly on Facebook and Instagram and just re-launched our Twitter. Please follow us to stay updated on school events and to view a ton of great photos of our students at work. We look forward to connecting and communicating with you. We hope you like and comment on our posts and feel free to ask any questions or share our content with family and friends.

SCHOOL MESSENGER: To opt in to receive text messages from school messenger please text the letter **y** or **yes** to **67587**. We use school messenger to update parents on weather, delayed openings or school closures, etc.

Warm Wishes,
Chandler Lawrence
Administrative Assistant

