

Weekly Notes February 15, 2022

Office Notes

February is such a busy time of year! While the classrooms are busy preparing for International Day, the office is working hard to prepare reenrollment packets for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Be on the lookout for these packets in the coming weeks. Additionally, your child's teacher may have sent home information about ordering a yearbook recently. The cost is \$21.00 for a yearbook or \$26.00 for a yearbook with your child's name personalization on the cover. The deadline to order a yearbook is May 13th.

Quick Note for Late Stay Parents: If you see your child on the playground when you arrive to pick them up from the late stay program, please feel free to park at the gate and your child will be brought directly to you. If you pick your child up at the gate, don't forget to drop by our front porch to collect their belongings!

Ms. Jamie & Ms. Melanie

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

Hope you all had a lovely Valentine's Day!

We continue to talk about Mexico.

Thanks to the parents that have already signed up for our International Day lunch! We had such amazing response and we appreciate it so much. There are only a couple of more items left!! Just remember to send in prepared food the morning of Thursday, February 24th. Although you will not be able to attend, we will take pictures and videos and post them for you all to see.

We will have no school, Friday, March 4. That day is designated for parent/teacher conferences. Not sure how we will do these yet but will let you know soon:)!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kelly

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah's Class

We are continuing with our studies of Turkey this week. We had a fabulous visit from Leo's mother, Ms. Ozge. The children loved counting and doing colors with her in Turkish. They also enjoyed all of the beautiful things she brought to share with us.

I will be sending a sign up for our International Day feast. Please take time to read it and sign up for it.

I bought the t-shirts. The vinyl came in yesterday so those will be ready to go soon!

Thank you for sending the money in so quickly.

Please remember to label everything that comes to school. This includes all extra clothes, water bottles, and jackets. There have been several new things lately that I didn't know who they belonged to. Thanks!

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Savannah

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate's Class

A few reminders for the week:

- Birthday lunch on Wednesday for J.D. so no lunch is needed.
- Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Please label all outerwear with your child's name. Lots of jackets and mittens get lost from their owner. 😊
- We are continuing our studies of American Samoa for International Day.

Hope everyone has enjoyed the Monday sugar rush from Valentine's Day.

Have a great week!!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, and Ms. Anna Kate

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

The kids really enjoyed our Valentine's exchange. Thank you to all the families for making it so special. Last week we talked about many different festivals that are celebrated in Thailand.

Ask your Child

- What is Loi Krathong?
- What does Loi mean?
- What does Krathong mean?
- What is the Songkran festival?
- What do they do during the Songkran festival?
- What is the Monkey festival?
- How do you greet people in Thai?

This week we will be learning about animals that live in Thailand, Thai food, and how to count to 10 in Thai. Ms. Christina and I will be finalizing the costumes for everyone this week and will send out an email to let everyone know what costumes we need for each student for International Day.

** International Day will be on **Thursday, March 10th**. More details are to come in a few weeks.

** We will be starting conferences next week! We will be doing conferences via zoom. Here is the link to sign up: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BzgQrGKDTBUCZOvLMWYvq6oXsj-a1uJcs9ACeBHWSc/edit?usp=sharing>

For desktop users, just type your child's name by a time slot and it will save automatically. For cell phone users, press the blue edit button (looks like a pencil), type your child's name by a time slot. At the top of the screen click on the checkmark to save it. Please let us know if you need help signing up.

Zoom ID and Password information: Here is the **ID: 853-541-3349**. The password is **primary**

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

February is such a busy month. The class enjoyed the Valentine exchange; thank you for the treats!

We've received and approved several science fair proposals. Please help your child complete and turn in a proposal by Thursday, 2/17. After approval they may begin to work on their experiments.

We're learning a lot about Moroccan culture and the diverse peoples that have made Morocco their home. We're excited about our plans for decorating our classroom and will be working on many projects this week.

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Class

The students are enjoying transforming the classroom as we learn more about South Africa. It's wonderful to see their artistic talents being used! International Day will be held on Friday, February 25th. The students' presentation will be recorded and posted on Google Classroom. Everyone has been working hard with Ms. Angela to learn the South African national anthem and dance. We're looking forward to sharing it with you!

Our costumes for International Day will be a plain, solid color t-shirt in a color from the South African flag. Please have your child wear either a green, blue, red, yellow, or black solid color t-shirt without decoration. Black or dark-colored pants will be fine to go with the shirt. Thank you!

Please be sure to continue working on ideas for the Science Fair which will be at the end of March. Science Project Proposal Forms are due this Thursday, the 17th. If your child is still searching for ideas, please help them explore topics which interest them. They should start by asking a question about something for which they would like to find an answer. The experiment should help them find the answer to their question.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be the week of February 28th - March 4th. I will have openings for Monday - Thursday at 3:00, 3:15, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, and 4:30. On Friday, March 4th, there will be openings throughout normal school hours. Please let me know if you already have a preference and I will put your time on the list. Thank you!

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

Thank you all so very much for the lovely Valentine's treats, cards, and gifts!! The students went home with bulging bags of goodies. Also, thank you to Zoey's family for providing yesterday's pizza lunch.

Students are continuing research on their international day topics. This week's language homework is to compose a first draft of their presentations. We have asked students to aim for 1 -1.5 minutes as a starting point. Presentations must be written or typed by this Friday. Then we will begin the editing process.

Science Fair is just around the corner and students have already composed their Science Fair questions. Most students were approved yesterday and may begin on step #2 (research/hypothesis) which is due on Monday (2/21). Others will receive an approved question by this afternoon.

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin