

# Montessori School of Encinitas

## Newsletter for February 2019

### *From the Office of the Director:*

It sure has been a great start for everyone and time sure flies fast. It is already February and everyone is busy making something special for the Valentine's Day.

The preschool report cards are ready. Return them to your child's class teacher with your signature.



### Looking into February:

February 5—Chinese New Year

February 14—Valentine's Day and Children's Lunch Party

February 15—Parents' Night Out

February 18—Presidents' Day (SCHOOL IS CLOSED)

The children will have their Valentine's Lunch Party in their respective classrooms on February 14 and an announcement will be posted on your child's clipboards.

View what your child has been doing at school by visiting our school's face book page. Don't forget to hit : **LIKE**  
<http://www.facebook.com/the.mse.school>

*Ms. Saro Mahesan*



### *Infant Class:*

Red roses, hearts filled with Love! IT'S VALENTINE DAY coming soon!

Welcome Maya, Josephine and Lucca to our infant class. This month is full of love that our babies are doing something extra special for their moms and dads – Shhhh..... A SURPRISE!!!

The babies have also been busy with the sensorial material in which they have learnt to grasp different kinds of beans, puzzles with knobs. We are also learning colors and counting through Dr. Seuss books. (One fish, Two fish...)

We are closed on February 18, 2019 in celebration of President's day.

Teachers: *Ms. Usha, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Lily, Ms. Martha and Ms. Karely*

### *Toddler Class:*



Happy February everyone. We are looking forward to celebrating the month of love. Now is the perfect time to show love and kindness to those whom we care. We definitely love and adore your little ones. We want to warmly welcome Charlotte, Eirene and Sierra to class! Right now we are having so much fun learning our colors. We are mixing them and working with playdough. We appreciate all your support and a Happy Valentine Day to all!

Teachers: *Ms. Mandy and Ms. Liz*



### *Preschool Class:*

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Children will be doing some fun artwork and making gifts. Children have made good progress in all areas of Montessori and the use of materials. We will be talking about President George Washington as our role model and Responsibility as a value. Vincent Van Gogh is our artist and Brahms will be the composer for this month. Please don't forget to bring water bottles to school and back home daily. Also, check your child's cubby for extra clothes and the snack calendar.

Teacher: *Ms. Jyoti*



## *Preschool and Kindergarten Class:*

It's the month of hearts and full of love. We can just see hearts, roses, plush toys, chocolates and presents everywhere. We have a few events to celebrate in this month of February—Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year and Presidents' Day.

The children continue enhancing their skills by identifying the simple phonetic sounds of the alphabet; first, middle and the last sound of a word. Some children who have mastered the simple phonetic sounds have moved to the next level while others are mastering how to form three-letter words, four-letter words and sentences with the aid of the movable alphabet. Some children are already reading words, sentences and books. Everyone is working hard to improve their skills in Mathematics and Language. We encourage the children to practice counting at home especially those who are learning the tens (10, 20...90), teens (11, 12,...19) and numbers between the tens (50, 51, 52, 53....60). Practice at home especially in writing is strongly encouraged. Coloring pages help in improving their writing skills and fine hand movement. They are concentrating with Montessori work in morning and afternoon. Afternoon time is allotted for art projects and preparing for the upcoming celebrations.

We will be talking about the presidents of our country and their accomplishments. The role model of this month is George Washington and the value is bravery. Joseph Haydn is the composer and Georgia O'Keeffe is the artist for this month.

We will have a Valentine Lunch Party for the children on February 14 and we will be collecting \$7 for your child's class lunch party.

Date Night is here! Hoooooray!! Parents' Night Out is on February 15 from 6pm-10pm. Don't forget to sign up!

Please check your child's cubby weekly and bring extra underwear, socks and clothing which are appropriate for the season. Check the monthly snack sign up in the bulletin board.

Report cards are ready and placed inside your child's folder. **Sign and return the cards.** Thank you for your continuous support in all our class activities.

Teachers: *Ms. Jonah & Ms. Golsa*



## *Preschool Prep Class:*

Let's welcome Axel, to our room. February is the "Love Month" and we will be busy preparing for Valentine's Day. We will talk with the children that this special day is when we share our positive feelings about the special people. This day also provides an opportunity to talk about the importance of sharing, giving, loving and friendship.

**Math:** This month many of our math activities will be focused on patterns as well as practicing our counting skills using Montessori materials.

**Art:** The children are going to make Valentine's crafts. The children will learn the story, symbols, colors and activities related to the Valentine's Day.

**Artist of the month:** French artist, Henri Matisse

**Language:** Reading is a big part of our class activities, this helps the children relate themes and information in books to their own personal experiences. Our reading focuses on Shel Silverstein's "The Giving Tree", and Sam McBratney's "Guess How Much I Love You".

At this age they enjoy and take pride in taking responsibility and doing their own thing, so we are encouraging them to be more independent whenever they can.

Please encourage your child to do as much as possible by himself/ herself (e.g.: putting on their shoes, socks, and feeding themselves.. The children have been great at listening, learning, and keeping up with the schedule.

***Happy Valentine's Day!***

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*

