

Montessori School of Encinitas

Newsletter for February 2018



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 13—Mardi Gras

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

February 16—Chinese New Year

February 19—Presidents' Day (CLOSED)

The children will have their Valentine's Lunch Party in their respective classrooms on February 14 and a sign up list will be posted on your child's attendance clipboards. The children are welcome to bring in Valentine's cards for their friends. Please do not address the cards to specific students. Write only who they are from, your child's name, on the cards This makes it easier to distribute the cards.

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!
VALENTINE DAY coming soon!

Welcome Sierra Macek, Spencer Schmidt and Samuel Wong 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 through the books of Eric Carl like "Brown Bear", "A very hungry caterpillar", "Polar Bear", etc. We are also happy to share that most of our young ones have started walking.

We are closed on February 19 in celebration of President's day.

Teachers: *Ms. Usha, Ms. Jenny, Ms. Lily, Ms. Liz and Ms. Rose*

Preschool Class:

This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day and President's day. Children will be making special gifts and cards for their moms and dads. We will be talking about expressing our love and care to our loved ones. Also, about friendship, sharing and caring for others.

The children continue to identify simple phonetic sounds and letters. They have been working on tracing their letters and numbers. Also, working hard on improving skills in the Sensorial and Exercises of Practical Life areas.

We will be talking about President George Washington. Vincent Van Gogh is our artist and Mozart 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, warm outerwear and the snack calendar.

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Teacher: *Ms. Jyoti*



Toddler Class:

February is such an exciting month. Valentine's Day is so much fun for our toddlers, parents and teachers. We will be doing Valentine's Day themed arts and activities. Sharing love with our friends and family is exciting. We welcome Laila to our class. And, we look forward to seeing her take on new challenges. Also, we say goodbye to Jayda and Emily they have achieved a lot during these past months. We will miss their playfulness and curiosity. Just a friendly reminder to check cubbies and daily sheets. Happy Valentine's Day.

Teachers: *Ms. Mandy and Ms. Merlinda*

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 quite a few events to celebrate in this month of February—Mardi Gras, 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 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. The children are working hard to improve their skills in math and language. We encourage the children to practice counting at home especially those who are learning the tens (10, 20...90) and teens (11, 12,...19). 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. George Handel 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 a sign up list will be posted on the attendance clipboard.

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 and Ms. Silvia*

Preschool Prep Class:

Even though February is the shortest month of the year we have much going on! It is the international month of friendship, which we will honor with discussions, stories, and encouragement on how to show love to families and friends. We have a celebration planned for Valentine's Day and we encourage your child to bring valentine's treats to share with their classmates. Along with Valentine's Day there will be Chinese New Year and Presidents' Day. We all are so excited.

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

Art: The children are going to create Valentine's crafts and they will learn the purpose, symbols, colors and activities related to the Valentine day, Chinese New Year and Presidents' Day.

Language Some children have mastered the vowels and are focusing on consonants, while others are still working on it. In Botany, they are so excited to learn parts of the tree with all the puzzles and charts.

Please encourage your child to do as much as possible by himself/ herself. At this age they seem to enjoy taking responsibility for themselves. The children have been great at listening, learning, and keeping up with the schedule. Please do not put any foods in your child's cubby. You may leave it on the table with labels. Do not forget to check their folder everyday.

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*

