

MONTESSORI SCHOOL

Montessori School



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IMPORTANT DATES

- 2/4 Temple Fire Department
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Celebration (Infant 2-Elementary)
- 2/17 President's Day
School Closed
Parent-Teacher Conferences (Primary-Elementary)
- 2/18 Pre-Registration Begins
- 2/28 Pre-Registration Ends
- 3/3 Registration Opens to Waitlist

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

February is a busy month! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day, hosting parent-teacher conferences, opening pre-registration for next school year, and preparing for our annual Open House in March! Be sure to see page 5 for more information about these important events.

--Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"When young children feel love from parents and caregivers and witness love between others that are close to them, they develop kindness, respect, and dignity. "Love fills the child's consciousness and affects his self-realization."

-- Maria Montessori



INFANT 1

During the month of February our class will focus on the themes of love and friendship. We'll celebrate the connections and friendships that the children have been making within the classroom, and for our Bible lesson we'll be reading "All Day Long God Loves Me."

In our English, Spanish, and ASL lessons we will add the word "gentle" and continue using the words "please" and "thank you." During story time we will read books about snow and winter, and for sensory play we will explore ice cubes and the concepts of slippery and cold.

Finally, we will continue to work on sitting at the table and using utensils to further our independent eating skills.

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

INFANT 2

February will be an exciting month for our class. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day by making chocolate covered strawberries and trading Valentine cards with our friends!



Take a look at our full lesson plan for this month:

GROUP LESSONS Farm animals; transportation/construction vehicles; Valentine's Day

PRACTICAL LIFE Toilet awareness; pouring and spooning Cheerios; serving snack; farm animal washing station

COGNITIVE MANIPULATIVE Shape sorting; farm animals puzzle; wooden blocks; transportation vehicles matching exercise

LANGUAGE Stories: *Love*; Old McDonald story basket; mother and baby animals matching; Spanish: farm animals; Happy Valentine's Day; "I love you"

BIBLE Verse: Mark 12:31; "Love your neighbor as yourself" & "The Good Samaritan"

SENSORY Valentine art; color mixing with finger paints; musical instruments; contact paper collage

We are still practicing toilet awareness, and the children have already made great strides! You can help support this effort at home by allowing your child to sit on the toilet for 5-10 minutes every diaper change. For students in underwear, it's helpful if parents ask them occasionally if they need to go to the bathroom to promote self-awareness.

Also, please return the same number of outfits that was sent home each day. For example, if we send home two soiled pairs of pants, please send in two replacement pairs the next day. We appreciate your support!

-- Mrs. LaDonna Ronelus

TODDLER

The lead-up to Valentine's Day in the Toddler class is very exciting! The children will learn about this fun holiday, decorate Valentine bags, and make Valentine treats. Then on February 14th, the students will celebrate friendship with a party where they'll enjoy the sweets they've made and pass out Valentine's cards. They love this opportunity to celebrate love and friendship!

Look what else we'll be learning about this month:

GROUP LESSONS Valentine's Day; farm animals; vehicles

PRACTICAL LIFE Slicing fruits and vegetables; making Valentine treats; preparing for Spring gardening

MOTOR SKILLS Cutting, sorting, and spooning practice; transferring heart stones; throwing and catching a ball

LANGUAGE Songs and dances on the rug; Spanish vocabulary: farm animals, transportation, construction vehicles, and Valentine's Day

BIBLE Jonah 2:2; *I Cried unto the Lord and He heard me!*

ART Decorating Valentine bags; making Valentines; transportation dot painting

Keep practicing independence skills by letting your child put on their own coat, set the table, and scrape their dishes after a meal. They take great pride in the things they can do for themselves!

-- Mrs. Tammy Clausen



PRIMARY

This month, primary students will be learning about Asia, studying the countries, cultures, and foods from this big continent. We'll also be celebrating Valentine's Day in class with our friends!

Here's a look at the full lesson plan:

GROUP LESSON

Valentine's Day; Asia; mammals

SPANISH

Valentine vocabulary

GRACE & COURTESY

Restoring materials; kind words; observing insects; covering coughs and sneezes

PRACTICAL LIFE

Asian art; Valentine cards and dessert; cooking an Asian dish

CULTURE

All about Asia; insects; mammals; parts of a horse; measurements; life cycle and parts of a spider; Valentine classroom celebration

BIBLE

"The Great Pearl"; "The Mustard Seed; Jesus and Bartimaeus"; "The Leaven"

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado
and
Ms. Gwen Copeland



ELEMENTARY

We have a variety of lessons planned for the month of February. The students will learn about Europe, parts of flowers and birds, the rock cycle, the history of the American flag, and much more!

Take a look at what we have planned:

MATH

Fraction subtraction, level 1; large bead frame level 2

SCIENCE

Volcanoes; mountains; rock cycle; types of rocks; erosion; crystallization; sound

CULTURE

Europe; parts of a bird and flower; the year and its parts; history of the American flag; National Anthem

LANGUAGE

Adverb lessons 1-3, 1st level; Verb grammar boxes, 2nd level
Spanish: pet animals; family

BIBLE

"Jesus and Bartimaeus"; "The Mustard Seed"; "Leaven"; "The Great Pearl"

ART

Valentine mailboxes

The elementary team would like to thank CSM Elderkin for his presentation on etiquette and the meaning behind each of the 13 folds of the American flag! We thank you for sharing your time and expertise with our students!

Mrs. Dolline Abraham
and
Mrs. Monica Walker



BIRTHDAYS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daniella Han	Infant 1	February 1st
Jaecob Smith	Primary 1	February 5th
Everett Tisdale	Primary 1	February 5th
Arlee Beau Lackey	Toddler	February 14th
Isabella Beck	Primary 1	February 14th
Grace Samfield	Primary 1	February 15th
Dakota Jones	Upper Elementary	February 16th
Quinn Pomerence	Upper Elementary	February 17th
Ari Coles	Infant 1	February 20th
Jaxon Jones	Primary 2	February 22nd
Vamika Pachipulusu	Primary 2	February 27th

EVENT DETAILS

Valentine's Day Party for Infant 2 - Elementary Classes: Friday, February 14th

No lunch is needed on this celebratory day! The students of these classes will have sandwiches, fruits and vegetables, and treats the students made themselves. Each child should bring a Valentine card (with or without a treat) for the number of students enrolled in their class. Please do not address the cards to anyone in particular as it is time-consuming to sort and takes away from party time. However, your child may write their name in the "from" section; a great way to practice their signature!

Number of students in each class including your child:

Infant 2: 13 ~ Toddler: 13 ~ Primary 1: 32 ~ Primary 2: 25 ~ Lower Elem: 20 ~ Upper Elem: 20

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Primary & Elementary: Monday, February 17th

Make plans to meet with your child's teacher on this school closure day to track your child's academic success and goals for the future. Sign-up sheets will be made available one week prior. Please find alternate childcare during your child's conference so that teachers may speak freely and confidentially.

Pre-registration for Currently Enrolled Students Begins: Tuesday, February 18th

Pre-registration for returning students for the upcoming school year will begin on Tuesday, February 18th. Please return your emailed packets promptly and supply fee if you would like to save a space for your child for the 2025-2026 school year! Registration will open to the wait list on March 3rd.

Annual Open House: Sunday, March 2nd, 2 -4 pm

Currently enrolled families, as well as the public, are welcome to stop in for information and tour the school. If your child is transitioning to another class, this would be a great time to meet your child's new teacher!