



February 2023 Qualicum Beach

Dear Bright Star Montessori Parents,

With January behind us we hope the rainy days are too. Probably wishful thinking but we can hope! All our students are back into their classroom routine.

In January we continued our letter works with the letters H and I. We also begun our lessons on Australia. We learnt about the parts of a koala, the Australian flag, and the animals which call Australia their home. We also celebrated Chinese New Year by creating dancing dragons and lanterns. Each child took home a small red envelope containing a chocolate coin. These are to welcome spring and bring good luck for the coming year.

Reminders

We would like to remind parents about drop off and pick up times. We now have a full class which means that drop off and pick up times are incredibly important to ensure we are staffed accordingly. A short and sweet drop off is typically the easiest for transitioning into the classroom.

Full day Program 8:00am – 5:00pm (Earliest and latest)

Extended day Program 8:30am – 3:30am (Earliest and latest)

Preschool Program 8:45am – 11:45am (Earliest and latest)

We would also like to thank everyone for keeping our classroom a “Knick knack free zone” We understand that this can be a challenge in the morning but keeping toys at home is greatly appreciated.

Quiet time

We have begun daily quiet times of 15 minutes of resting with books and 30 minutes of independent quiet activities. We have found that providing every child this time to rest their mind and body allows for the children to recharge for the afternoon. If your child wishes to bring ONLY a blanket to school for quiet time, they are more than welcome. These blankets will be sent home at the end of each week to be washed.

Upcoming Dates

February 14th – Valentine’s Day celebration

If your child wishes to bring valentines for their friends, we ask that they bring enough for every child. Valentines can be addressed to “my friend” to allow for the children to pass out their own valentines. (We have 17 students)

February 17th – Pro D Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

February 20th – Family Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)

March 6th – March 8th – Classroom Observations

March 10th – Parents Teacher Interviews (SCHOOL CLOSED)

March 17th – St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

March 20th – March 31st – SPRING BREAK (If your child will NOT be attending during these 2

2 weeks please let us know ASAP so we can staff accordingly.)

February

In February we will be moving onto our next continent of the month lessons. We have chosen to study Antarctica. If your child has anything relating to this continent, they are welcome to bring them to school. (No toys please)

Valentine’s Day

For valentine’s Day we will be talking lots about kindness and all the ways we can show kindness to those around us. We would like to put together a basket of nonperishables to be donated to a family in need. If you wish, donate please bring your item to school by February 10th.

Sickness

Please ensure you are familiar with our sickness policy on our website and posted on the classroom window. We ask that if your child is presenting sick that they stay home until they are 100% symptom free, it is vital to keep our classroom, students AND teachers as healthy as possible.

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Plant/flower program

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our plant and flower program. The sign-up form is on the table with the sign in and out book. If the form is full, we will be posting a new one as needed.

(If anyone has any extra plastic shopping bags they would like to donate to the school for accidents, it would be VERY much appreciated.)

Thank you,

Bright Star Montessori – Qualicum Beach

Miss Holly, Miss Sierra, Miss Lindsay (Admin), Mumma Linda