



## February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that January has come to an end. It has been a month to celebrate new friends and strengthen bonds with old friends.

The children continue to work at their own pace with the Montessori materials and we have seen some great focus and concentration developing. They are becoming more independent and show greater confidence as they continue to succeed at their chosen works.

As a group our alphabet introductions will continue. We are concentrating on the phonetic sound of each letter so your child might be able to identify a letter by sound instead of by name. This is done to make the process of reading easier when the children are ready for that step.

We welcome show and tells that connect with the current letter of study and have found that items found in nature, stories or items connected to real life to be the most successful.

### **February Topics**

Our continent studies will continue with South America. We will be talking about Random Acts of Kindness towards our families and friends and will read about “filling buckets” and what that looks like. It is based on the story Have you Filled a Bucket Today by Carol McCloud. We encourage families to continue the discussion at home and to support your children in their efforts.

### **Valentines Day**

We are planning to celebrate Valentines Day this year with a shared snack, special crafts and an exchange of cards. There are quite a few early readers in our class and we feel that delivering cards to each other can be successfully facilitated. If your child would like to make cards for their classmates please ensure that they send one for each child in their class. A sign-up sheet for snack contributions will be posted a week prior to the celebration. If you need a list of class members, please chat with your child’s teacher.

## **Garden Help**

We are needing a little help right now to reinforce our garden gate and fence. If anyone has the knowledge or expertise to help please chat with one of the teachers.

## **Independence**

We are working with the children to help them learn to be fully independent with getting on their outside, winter gear. We encourage their learning by guiding the process and supporting the children in doing as much for themselves as possible. Doing the same at home when time permits would be very much appreciated.

## **Upcoming Dates**

Wednesday, February 14: Valentines Day Celebration

Monday, February 20: NO SCHOOL Family Day

Friday, February 24: Registration Deadline for 2024-2025 school year (for returning children and their siblings)

## **Reminders**

\*As the weather is unpredictable, please ensure that your child has full outdoor gear at school.

\*If your child is sick please keep them at home to rest to help prevent the spread of germs and to prevent your child from coming into contact with new germs

\*If your child is going to be absent please let us know before 9am.

\*Please ensure that sweet treats are not included in school lunches

As always, the teachers are very grateful for our children and our families. We welcome your input and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Miss Linda, Miss Evgeniia, Miss Ariel

Miss Juhee, Miss Rita, Miss Eva