



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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Key Dates in February

- **February 1st:** Tuition Due
- **February 7th:** Yoga
- **February 9th:** Field trip forms due
- **February 12th:** 100th Day of school
- **February 13th:** Yoga
- **February 14th:** Valentine's Day celebration— all student attendance day
- **February 19th:** NO CLASS— President's Day
- **February 21st:** Flying Fox Conservation Fund In-house field trip
- **February 23rd:** Scholastic Book orders due
- **February 26th:** Yoga
- **February 28th:** Yoga
- **Dental health day:** TBD

Tidbits From The Teachers



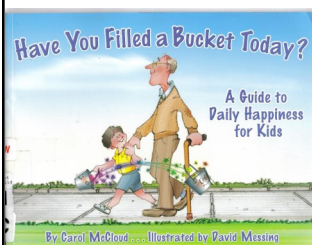
It is the shortest month of the year, but jam packed with so many activities. February includes Black History Month, Dental Health Month, President's Day, 100 days of school and Valentine's Day.

We will be introducing some famous African Americans that have made historic changes and contributions to our country. Rosa Parks, Barack Obama, Ben Carson, Martin Luther King Jr., and George Washington Carver to name a few.

Care of self is an essential part of the Montessori practical life curriculum. The children will be learning about their teeth and how to keep them clean and healthy. We will also be adding the teeth model and teeth brushing "work" to our practical life shelves.



100 days of school is approaching and we have planned some activities to celebrate this special



milestone for our students. More information will be coming as we get closer to the big day.

In addition, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day with some crafts, games, and card exchange. Incorporating lessons about showing kindness and "filling other's imaginary buckets" by giving compliments, helping out, and being a good friend.

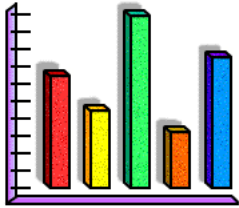
This month we will also be celebrating President's Day. The children will be learning about some of our most famous Presidents and their contributions.



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Extended Day Updates



MATH MADNESS

During the month of February we will be working with graphs and how they help us gather information. Graphing also teaches children how to sort and organize information. In addition, this math skill helps children to associate objects with numbers in an interesting and easy way to understand. Graphing also aids in solving arithmetic and algebraic problems.

Science Discoveries

"The land is where our roots are. The children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the Earth"

This month, we will learn about the different parts of our beautiful Plant Kingdom.

ART APPRECIATION

This month during art we will be exploring the works of Romero Britto, a Brazilian artist known for using his vibrant art as a visual expression of hope, dreams, and happiness! We will explore using different patterns and lots of colors to create unique pieces of art.



PHONICS FUN

In February, we will be incorporating fun and cute valentines crafts while learning our sounds and letter recognition for phonics fun!



FUN FRIDAYS

Fun Friday will be full of "Acts of Kindness". February is the month of love and kindness, so we will be learning about different ways we can show kindness to others and our environment. From feeding our wildlife friends to creating cards for our local neighbors at the nursing home. We will also have lessons on kindness as well as grace and courtesy within our own classroom.



Save the Date



Daddy/Daughter Skate Date

Thursday, March 21, 2024

5:30– 8:30 pm

Family Fun Zone, 2333 Theodore Street, Crest Hill


Dads, please join us for a wonderful evening of roller skating and making beautiful memories with you and your little stars. This is an event hosted by Montessori of Frankfort & Montessori of Plainfield. This event is a very special evening for you and your daughter(s). This night will include food, music, skating, games, and of course, lots of fun.

*Event contingent on participation


Reminders from the Office

- ✍️ **2024-2025 registration forms and fees for all programs** were sent home last month. As always, first priority for registration is given to returning students and/or incoming siblings. The deadline was January 31st so if you haven't turned in your registration forms and payment please do so. Please know that registration is now open to the public.
- ✍️ **Scholastic Book Orders** for this month are due online by February 23rd. Please remember that for every order placed our school receives credit to buy books to build our library.
- ✍️ **Severe Weather Closings** In case of severe weather or emergency closing, you may visit our Facebook page or the emergency closings website: www.emergencyclosings.com to check our status.
- ✍️ **Weekly family envelopes.** Please remember to return your family envelopes. Papers get lost or misplaced if your envelope is not returned to school. We would hate for anybody to miss important information.
- ✍️ **Monthly tuition.** Tuition is due on the 1st of each month. There will be a \$20 late fee if payment is received two days late. Additional fee(s) of \$10 per day will be accrued for every additional day payment is overdue. Please remember to return your tuition envelope with your tuition check.
- ✍️ **Tax time.** It's that time of year again—you can claim your tuition under the child care deduction.

Our Tax ID number is 82-3516300



Valentine's Day



This year we would like to have the children bring a decorated "shoe box" (adult size, preferably with removable lid) with their name clearly marked on it. Please make sure to put an opening on the top to deposit Valentine's cards. We will be exchanging Valentine's cards with all students in your child's class. Feel free to send cards and treats to share with **22** classmates. All treats should be individually wrapped to make sending them home easy. **Remember do not send any products containing nuts.** We also ask that you do not personally address the outside of the cards with children's names. It can make it difficult for the children to pass them out to the correct students! (This is for ALL students - even if your child does not normally attend on Wednesdays).

We will celebrate on Wednesday, February 14th.



The teachers and children would like to extend a huge thank you to those who donated items to our school during the month of January. Your generosity contributes to the success of our school. Thanks so much!

Amelie- Sharpies, tissue paper, pony beads, ribbon, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, Lysol, envelopes, stickers

Benjamin- Cardstock, popsicle sticks, Sharpies

Maisha- Popsicle sticks, stickers

Ella- Lysol wipes

Oliver M.- envelopes, stickers, pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, carrots

Madison & Jake- pony beads, ribbon, popsicle sticks, cotton balls, stickers

Abram-cotton balls, pom poms, stickers

Stephan- knives

Sophia- cotton balls, stickers, envelopes, ribbon

Leya-pony beads, sticks, cotton balls. Stickers, wipes

Aria- pony beads, lysol., envelopes, stickers

Mia- envelopes, stickers

Interested in sponsoring our newsletter for this school year? This is a great way to advertise your business. Our newsletter is read by approximately 30 families each month. Please contact Nikki Carchedi at 815/254-0136 for more information.



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