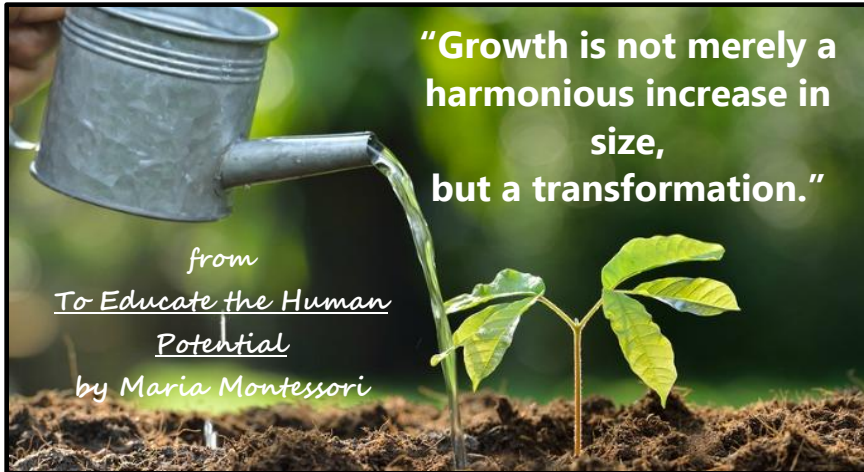


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February 2022 Newsletter



“Growth is not merely a harmonious increase in size, but a transformation.”

*from
To Educate the Human
Potential
by Maria Montessori*

News from the Office

School Closure for President's Day

On Friday, February 18th and Monday, February 21st school will be closed in honor of President's Day.

Fundraisers and Drives

This month we will be having the Double Good popcorn fundraiser! Order forms will be available Tuesday, February 1st, and will need to be turned in by Thursday, February 17th (right before the President's Day holiday weekend).

Elementary Field Trip!

Rooms 6 and 7 (Ms. Michelle and Ms. Indigo's classes) will be participating in a field trip on Thursday, February 10th! Our elementary classrooms will be going to the La Mirada Theater in La Habra to see the play Charlotte's Web! Please keep a lookout for an email from Ms. Michelle and Ms. Indigo for information regarding this fun trip!

Valentine's Day!

Please keep a lookout for an email or read further on in the newsletter from your child's teacher for fun Valentine's Day details in each of your children's classrooms! We are looking forward to a fun Monday on the 14th!

Tax Time!

Tax ID #26-0043117
Montessori of Ladera Ranch
2101 Corporate Drive, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teachers Conferences will be held Friday, March 4th. School will be closed. Daycare will be provided during your 20-minute conference time ONLY. We will be sending out an

Important Dates for February

Thursday, February 10th:
Elementary Field Trip to La Mirada Theater for Charlotte's Web play

Friday, February 11th:
Parent's Night Out!

Monday, February 14th:
Valentine's Day!

President's Day Weekend :
SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, February 18th
through
Monday, February 21st

email to sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences via our website closer to the March 4th date.

Illness Policy Reminder

An ill child will not be permitted to enter the classroom. If a child becomes ill at school, the parent will be contacted to arrange for the child's care. The child must be picked up by the parent or authorized person within 30 minutes of notification. Any child who has been sent home with a fever, diarrhea, persistent cough, and/or discolored nasal drainage will not be allowed to return to school until the child is symptom free for a complete 24 hours. Also, any child who has contracted an infectious or communicable disease, will be required to submit a doctor's release in order to return to school. Please make sure we have all of your contact numbers up to date. Please keep our current COVID policies in mind!

Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due on the 15th of each month. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Tuition Express. We can debit your account on the 15th of each month, and you can cancel at any time.

Check In/Out Reminder

Please...Please... remember to check your child in and out daily via the Procure Connect app on your phone OR from the tablets located in the hallway! Also, please be aware that school starts promptly at 8:45 AM for elementary or 9:00 AM for preschool. Please have your children here on time!



Music News from Ms. Karen

Roses are red
Hydrangeas are blue
I ♥ music class
When I can sing with you!

It's so lovely to be back singing with the children. This month, we will continue to croon "Jeepers Creepers" and "The Colors of Winter" because we really didn't have the opportunity to do them justice in January. Also, I will take any opportunity to don giant sunglasses. Visual (no pun intended) props are important when teaching young children and I take every opportunity to introduce them. They spur interest and encourage concentration. And they are super fun. Win/win.

For February, we will definitely sing songs of love including "A Bushel and a Peck". It's a personal favorite and beloved by all ages. Also, will introduce "Skidamarink" which is great fun and has sent me down a rabbit hole looking for a megaphone! Have a heartfelt month!



Room 1

Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Lidija
Ms. Zayra

What a fun month February is!

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th! You are welcome to bring Valentine's goodies for your child to distribute to their (28) classmates. Do not address the Valentines to individual children, please, or we will be spending the morning sorting them out and not be able to enjoy the wonderful day! If you have any questions, please let me know!

School will be closed on Friday the 18th and the following Monday, the 21st for Presidents' Day.

Our Color of the Month is Red, of course! Our Book of the Month will be Freight Train by Donald Crews. Our wonderful Book of the Month will be reflected in a felt story, matching work, and numerous activities to choose from.

Our Song of the Month is an old favorite from the musical "Guys and Dolls" called "A Bushel and a Peck"!

Happy Birthday wishes to Alfie and Ryann!
Hugs and kisses from all of us in Room 1 to you!



Room 2

Ms. Emma
Ms. Vivian

Hello everyone, welcome to February!

This month we will have a valentine celebration so get ready for love to be in the air.

We will be studying Asia this month and learning about the Chinese New Year. We are so excited to be learning the culture, flavors, and many beautiful wonders that Asia holds.

This month for botany we will be learning about parts of the flower and starting our very own flower garden in our garden box at school.

We will be learning about parts of a reptile. We have so many reptiles in our school! We will get to visit, hold, and learn all about them.

We will be studying the work of Pierre-Auguste Renoir and his work with abstract and impressionist art while we work on some fun Valentine's Day-themed art projects. We also will be doing a special project to ring in the Chinese New Year.

This month, we will be baking cupcakes in class learning about measurements and the color wheel while baking and decorating.

Our music genre this month will be oldies love songs, focused primarily in the 40s and 50s.

We want to welcome Robby and Gianna to our class. We are so happy to have you join us!

Happy Birthday to Holland!



Room 3

Ms. Jasmine
Ms. Sofia

Welcome to the month of February! The first month of the new year was short but went so well and the children were so excited to get back into their normal daily routine! The children will be learning about Asia and the parts of a turtle this month. We will also be discussing land/water formations and magnetism for science. During work time, the children will be listening to Rock music. Lastly, the cooking project this month will be fried rice.

We will be having our Valentine's Day party on February 14th. This event is only for the children. They will be handing out their Valentine's cards during circle time and we will be having a special snack this day. Please remember to bring in Valentine cards for every student on the 14th. The children's names do not have to be labeled on each valentine, so that it is easier for them to hand out on their own. Please also provide a bag or box that your child can decorate with stickers to put their valentines in. We are asking that you refrain from making homemade treats to be passed out.

Some ideas of things that can be passed out are the following: valentine's cards; store-bought candy; pencils; stickers; tattoos; erasers; stamps; etc. If you have any questions, please let me know!

Reminders:

- Please label all your child's belongings so that if it is lost, we can return it to its rightful owner.
- Share Day is **every** Monday- each child may bring in an item to share with his/her peers (please no toys)
- If your child stays for nap time, please provide their bedding each week.

Happy Birthday to Zeke, Hunter B., and Harper!



Room 4

Ms. Isabelle
Ms. Kaitlyn

I hope everyone had a wonderful beginning of the year! During the month of January, the children learned about the continent of Australia, the life cycle of a turtle, and studied the parts of a leaf. The children had the opportunity to go on a scavenger hunt during our last week of the month, where we observed leaves of different shapes and textures.

Happy Valentine's Day from Room 4! During the month of February, we will be studying the continent of Asia, talking about Chinese New Year (February 1), and learning what objects sink and float and why this happens. We will learn about the parts of a volcano, and we will be naming animals from our continent of study.

I chose for our artists of the month, Hu Zhengyan (painter), Bright Sheng (pianist composer) who are both Chinese artists.

Our cooking project this month, will be "Heart-Shaped Buttermilk Pancakes" with raspberries.....yummy! We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14th. We will also decorate bags to hold our valentines in, and we will have some fun activities. Please bring little valentines or goodies to give to their friends for Monday, February 14th.

Dates to remember:

- Valentine's Day celebration: Monday, February 14th
- Closed for Presidents Day: Friday, February 18th to Monday, February 21st

Happy Birthday to Greta, Grant, Jordan W., Scottie, and Ava!



Room 5

Ms. Abby
Ms. Veronica

Goodbye January, Hello February!

February- the month of love! This month, our unit of study in geography is Asia! We will be learning about famous landmarks in Asia and the Asian culture. Then, we will be making fried rice as our cooking project!

We will also be learning about the parts of a tree in botany. In zoology, we will be focusing on the parts of a turtle- then we will learn how to draw one in Monart!

Monday, February 14th is Valentine's Day! Please have your child bring in a box (small or medium size- enough to fit Valentines from the whole class!) to decorate! We will spend the morning decorating our boxes with stickers, glitter, and coloring them to make our box our own! After we are done decorating, we will pass out Valentines to all of our friends in the class. We have 26 children in the class so if you would like to bring valentines in, please be sure there are enough for everyone!

After we are done handing out our Valentines, we are going to have a cookie decorating party! I will supply the cookies and supplies to decorate them; all your child needs to bring is their creativity and appetite (and their box to decorate!).

I am looking forward to another wonderful month with a wonderful class!
Happy Birthday to Noah B.!



Room 6

Ms. Michelle
Ms. Jade

What a busy month we have in store! As well as our core subjects, we will continue learning about the continent of Asia and all its beauty.

We will be having a Valentine card exchange for the children on Monday, February 14th. This event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to develop social skills while passing out and discussing their Valentines. Please have your child bring enough cards for 25 children and have them sign their own names only on each card. It is not necessary to

send candy or treats, or separate cards for boys and girls. If you would like to include something small with their cards, it is fine with me, but please no goodie bags or large candy items.

In celebration of Valentine's Day, we will be listening to the beautiful music of Josh Groban. For cooking we will be making fruit smoothies, and our artist of the month is Jim Dine. Please note that we will be closed from February 18th – 21st for President's weekend.

Happy birthday wishes this month go out to Abigail, Luke, Beau and Hailey! Have a wonderful month!



Room 7

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Elissa

Welcome to the month of February!

The first month of the year flew by. We are so happy with the way the children returned to school so eager to start working again. The children will be learning about all 50 states by conducting a State Report. As we learn about the States, we will be learning about our current President, and we will be writing letters to the White House. This month the children will be learning about history and the concept of time, telling time, and the calendar.

Due to this festive month, we will be incorporating the concept of love by using hearts as the main theme of our monart work this month. We will be having our Valentine's Day party on February 14th. This event is only for the children, they will be handing out their cards during circle time and taking turns going around the circle and dropping off their cards to their classmates. Please remember to bring in your Valentine cards for every student on the day of February 14th.

Happy Birthday to Hunter K. and Ben!