

## THE SUNBEAMS

### February 2006

"Keep your heart singing, and keep smiling - the choice is yours to make."

- From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly by Mae Carden

### Rays of Thanks

A heartfelt thank you to all the children and their families for working together in making the "Heifer Project" a great success. We were able to purchase one goat (\$120.00) and one flock of chicks (\$20.00) bringing hope to hungry families.

The children and teachers all enjoyed their special pizza and cookie decorating holiday party. Our parents' thoughtfulness and spirit of cooperation is appreciated and always makes our school events a festive celebration.

The children were fascinated and practiced their best behavior for Wildlife Wendy and her tropical birds. We would like to thank the parents club for their generosity in providing this wonderful experience for the children.

## WELCOME

Kai Coop - Miss David's class  
Eric Gunnarsson - Mrs. Madison's class  
Aidan Martin - Mrs. Bashardoust's class

## Events

### Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>: Mrs. Love's & Mrs. Madison's Play and Reception

Parents, family and friends are invited to the performance of Tikki Tikki Tembo, by Carol B. Kaplan, in the auditorium at 9:30 am. A reception in the children's classroom for all the families will follow the play.

### Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

The annual book fair will be held at the Westlake Barnes & Noble from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Love will have story time at 10:30 am.

### Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine Assembly and Party

Our Valentine Assembly will start at 9:45 am in the school auditorium with the parties following in each Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classroom.

The children are asked to wear party clothes, preferably with Valentine colors. Please have your child bring their Valentine cards in their backpack Friday morning.

Miss Diaz, Miss Hendrix & Mrs. Rosenberg - 18 children

Mrs. Bashardoust & Miss David - 19 children

Mrs. Love & Mrs. Madison - 17 children

Please write your child's name on the valentine acknowledging from whom the card is, but do not put any name on the envelope. It becomes confusing for the children when distributing the valentines.

Thank you.

**Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>: NO SCHOOL**

In honor of our Presidents.

**Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kindergarten Orientation (9:00 am)**

Mrs. Fleming and Mrs. Smith will be hosting our Kindergarten orientation. All parents of Pre-Kindergarten students are invited to attend.

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Bear Day**

Your child's one favorite bear is invited to come to school. Only bears are invited! Please tag the bear with your child's name. The children are looking forward to this special day with their bear friends.

**Reminders**

Re-enrollment for 2006 - 2007 is due by February 10<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment is now open for new families. If you have misplaced your enrollment forms, please notify the office.

Parents, please respect our nap period, from 1:00 pm until 2:10 pm. California state regulations require us to give the children a one hour undisturbed rest period. Please pick your child up before 12:55 pm or after 2:10 pm. Thank you.

**Needs**

With winter well upon us, we need each child to bring another box of tissues to be shared in their classroom.

We still need a "winter" change of clothes for some of the children. If you haven't already done so, please send it to your child's teacher. Thank you so much.

## Beams from the Pre-School

Winter has finally come to sunny southern California. The children have been learning about the season and have been enjoying making their polar bears, penguins, snowflakes, hats, gloves, etc.

We have started new lessons in The Language of the Blocks, (Language of Arithmetic), and the children have been learning the lower case consonants as well as their Carden Playnames (a word association for every letter). The children have already covered the letters *b, c, d, f & g*. On Fridays, which is "share day," we have been eager to see what our children have brought in that begins with the letter we have been learning. The children have been doing a good job of bringing in very interesting share items.

Keep up the good work!

We have started a new literature book: ASK MR. BEAR. The children are asked to recall certain situations from the story and are doing quite well.

In January, we started our French classes, taught by Mme. Bovard. The children are excited and eager to learn and have already begun reciting the colors in French along with some beautiful French songs.

The children will also learn about past Presidents Abe Lincoln and George Washington through art projects.

The children are also practicing their songs and poems for our Valentine's assembly. We look forward to seeing all of you at this special event.

Miss Diaz, Miss Hendrix, Mrs. Rosenberg & Mrs. Grodt

## Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten

The children returned to school with a big smile and greeted their friends and teachers with much enthusiasm. The New Year is off to a great start!

We've enjoyed learning about penguins, polar bears, snowmen and snowflakes during our chilly weather.

Academically, we are mastering the playnames, letters and sounds. We are almost finished reading our literature book Keep Running Allen! We continue to improve on printing letters and numbers. The children have been doing a great job coloring, cutting and pasting. It's so nice to see them take pride in their work. They continue to learn and enjoy Mme. Bovard's French songs. It is amazing to watch them count and say their colors in French.

The children are counting down the days with anticipation for their Valentine's Day celebration! We look forward to sharing our Valentine's Day holiday with the children and their wonderful families!

Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David & Miss Land  
Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison & Mrs. McCormack