

THE SUNBEAM
February 2009

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

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly
by Mae Carden

Ray 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 two goats (\$120 each) and two flocks of chicks (\$40) bringing hope to hungry families.

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

We appreciate the two plasma cars purchased from our Hip-Hop-Hooray fundraiser. The children are so excited to ride them.

Events

"Books play a large role in the development of a speaking, as well as a reading, vocabulary. Any book that is worth reading is worth reading again and again."

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Saturday, February 7th: Barnes & Noble Book Fair, Westlake Promenade

The hours of our annual book fair this year will be 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Mrs. Love and Mrs. Smith will be reading from 10:00 to 10:30 am. Vouchers will be going home in backpacks which can be used Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. All children who attend the book fair will receive a bookmark.

Friday, February 13: Valentine Assembly and Party

Our Valentine Assembly will begin at 9:45 am in the school auditorium with 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 backpacks on Friday morning.

Pre-School classes total 26 children:

Mrs. Ellrott - 8 children
Miss Hendrix - 9 children
Miss Juarez - 9 children

Pre-Kindergarten classes:

Mrs. Bashardoust - 10 children
Miss David - 10 children
Ms. Vess - 10 children

Pre-Kindergarten classes:

Mrs. Love - 9 children
Mrs. Madison - 10 children

Please write your child's name on the valentine who it is from and leave the "to" blank. Please leave the envelope blank, as well. It becomes confusing for the children when distributing the valentines. Thank you.

Monday, February 16th: NO SCHOOL

In honor of our Presidents.

Wednesday, February 18th: Dr. Susie our Dentist

Dr. Susie our Dentist will be visiting our Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten classes.

Thursday, February 26th: Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David, and Ms. Vess' Class Play will be at 9:45 am

The play, "Rainbow Fish," will be presented by the children in the school auditorium starting at 9:45 am.

Friday, March 6th: CCPA Monthly Meeting

Friday, March 13th: 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.

Pre-Kindergarten Parents Save the Dates

Mrs. Bashardoust, Miss David, and Ms. Vess' play will be:
February 26th at 9:45 am.

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Madison's play will be: March 12th at 9:45 am.

Mrs. Ellrott's play will be: May 14th at 9:45 am.

Miss Hendrix and Ms. Juarez's play will be: May 21st at 9:45 am.

Reminders

Re-enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is due by February 20th. Enrollment is now open for new families. If you have misplaced your enrollment form, please ask in the office.

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

We are so excited to have a Beginning Dance Class offered to Pre-School and Pre-Kindergarten by Miss Murphy, Mrs. Echevarria, and Miss Landry. Hurry and sign up before the class fills up!

Beams from the Pre-School

Winter has come to sunny southern California. The children have been learning about the seasons through their art work.

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 lower case letters). The children have already covered the letters b, c, d, f, and g. Fridays the children have been doing a good job of bringing in very interesting items to share.

Keep up the good work!

We will soon finish our second literature book; Ask Mr. Bear. The children are asked to recall certain situations from the story and are doing quite well.

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

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

Mrs. Ellrott, Miss Hendrix, & Miss Juarez
Miss Land, Miss Plantenberg, and Mrs. Lemos

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. The classrooms really do look like a "Winter Wonderland."

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. Friedrich'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 & Mrs. Brunasso
Ms. Vess and Mrs. Aupperle
Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison & Mrs. Rosenberg