

THE SUNBEAM
February 2010

"During the first few years in school, a child must master the basic skills, or he will have no foundation on which to build."

From Let's Bring Them Up Sensibly
by Mae Carden

Ray of Thanks

With the help of Mrs. Oshatz, Mrs. Berlinger pulled off another great addition and improvement for our Pre-School. When the weather permits, the children will enjoy the new soft synthetic grass. Thanks to the money raised from the Hip-Hop-Hooray. The children said they cannot wait to roll and play on the new beautiful grass!

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 a goat (\$120 each), and a flock of chicks (\$20), to bring 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.

Events

Monday, February 1st: NO SCHOOL

Teachers will be attending the Carden Demonstration classes.

Friday, February 5th: CCPA Monthly Meeting in the Auditorium

Friday, February 12th: Valentine Assembly and Party

Our Valentine Assembly will begin at 9:45 am in the school auditorium with parties following in each Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Junior 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 28 children:

Mrs. Ellrott - 8 children
Ms. Hendrix - 10 children
Ms. Vess - 10 children

Pre-Kindergarten classes:

Ms. David - 11 children
Mrs. Madison - 11 children

Junior Kindergarten classes:

Mrs. Love - 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 15th: NO SCHOOL

In honor of our Presidents.

Tuesday, February 16th: Dr. Susie our Dentist

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

Class Plays - Parents Please Save the Dates

Pre-School

Mrs. Ellrott's play will be: April 29th at 9:45 am.

Ms. Hendrix and Ms. Vess's play will be: May 6th at 9:45 am.

Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten

Mrs. Love and Mrs. Madison's play will be: March 18th at 9:45 am.

Ms. David's play will be: May 20th at 9:45 am.

Reminders

Re-enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year is due by February 19th. 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.

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. On 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, Ms. Hendrix, & Ms. Vess
Ms. Land and Mrs. Aupperle

Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten and Junior 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 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!

Ms. David & Mrs. Brunasso
Mrs. Love, Mrs. Madison & Mrs. Rosenberg