

THE SUNBEAM
February 2012

"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 a goat (\$120), 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 are appreciated and always makes our school events a festive celebration.

All the Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and Jr. Kindergarten found the color of vegetables and fruit to be a new experience. The week was full of different recyclable items and ended with the yummy Jamba Juice drinks. We would like to thank the Parents Association for including us in Health Week. Thank you, Mrs. Katz and Mrs. Gupta for your time and for caring about us.

Events

Thursday, February 2nd: Dr. Susie our Dentist

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

Friday, February 10th: CCPA Monthly Meeting in the Auditorium

Tuesday, February 14th: Valentine Parties

Our Valentine parties will begin at 9:45 am in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, and the Junior Kindergarten classrooms. Please have your child bring their valentine cards in their backpacks on Tuesday morning.

Pre-School class:

Miss Hendrix's class - 11 children

Pre-Kindergarten classes:

Miss David's class - 10 children

Mrs. Ellrott's class - 10 children

Junior Kindergarten class:

Mrs. Love & Mrs. Madison's class - 12 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 20th: NO SCHOOL

In honor of our Presidents.

Friday, February 24th: Family Bowling Night

The CCPA is organizing an evening of bowling for the whole family at Brunswick Lanes in Simi Valley.

PLEASE NOTE: A dedicated phone has been installed in the Play Program room. To reach that phone, call our main number (805-497-7005) and ask to be transferred to extension 106. After hours, you may call the main number and when prompted, enter extension 106.

Class Plays

Pre-School Parents Save the Date

Miss Hendrix's & Mrs. Aupperle's play will be:
Thursday, March 29th at 9:45 am.

Pre-Kindergarten Parents Save the Date

Miss David's, Mrs. Ellrott's, and Mrs. Rosenberg's play will be:
Thursday, May 3rd at 9:45 am.

Junior Kindergarten Parents Save the Dates

Mrs. Love's & Mrs. Madison's play will be:
Thursday, March 22nd at 9:45 am

Welcome

We send a warm welcome to Adler & Loken Rheinheimer, and Tabitha Thomson and their families in Miss Hendrix's and Mrs. Aupperle's Pre-School class. Their children are happy to have new friends in their class.

A Peanut/Nut Allergy

We want to thank you for being considerate about our special children with nut allergies. Please keep up the thoughtfulness and labeling snacks that have a nut product in them. This is appreciated by our staff.

A Peanut/Nut Allergy

Umbrellas are not permitted for Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten, or Junior Kindergarten. They have been a safety hazard, a distraction, and cause problems. Raincoats with hoods or rain hats are recommended in lieu of umbrellas.

Reminders

Re-enrollment forms, for the 2012-2013 school year, are being mailed to current Carden families on February 1st and **are due back to the office by March 2nd**. Enrollment is now open for new families. If you have misplaced your enrollment form, please ask in the office.

Beams from the Pre-School

Winter has come to sunny Southern California. The children have been learning about the seasons through their art work. January brought us great fun with the adventures of winter. February promises to be equally exciting with Groundhog's Day, Chinese New Year, and George Washington's and Abe Lincoln's birthdays. And, of course, we all enjoy Valentine's Day. The children are learning songs for our Valentine assembly.

We have started new lessons in The Language of the Blocks, (Language of Arithmetic). Through blocks the children are learning vocabulary such as first, second, middle, and behind. We learned what it means to "interchange" one block with another. The children have begun to learn the lower case consonants as well as their Carden Playnames (a word association for lower case letters). We have introduced the letters **b**, **c**, **d**, and **f**. The children are able to recognize the letter, give the play name, and the sound associated with each letter. They are doing a great job with their share on Fridays.

We are having great fun with the adventures of Danny in Ask Mr. Bear. Will Danny find the perfect birthday gift for his mother? I guess we will just have to wait and see. 😊 Through literature reading, the children are asked to recall certain situations from the story and are doing quite well.

Every month is exciting for us! This month there seems to be Love Bugs flying around! So, should you see one, give it a great big kiss and hug.

Miss Hendrix and Mrs. Aupperle

Beams from the Pre-Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten

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

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!

Miss David, Mrs. Ellrott, and Mrs. Rosenberg
Mrs. Love and Mrs. Madison