

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2020

A child in his earliest years, when he is only two or a little more, is capable of tremendous achievements simply through his unconscious power of absorption, though he is himself still immobile. After the age of three, he is able to acquire a great number of concepts through his own efforts in exploring his surroundings. In this period he lays hold of things through his own activity and assimilates them into his mind.—Maria Montessori

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 3: Tuition is due

Jan 3: Spring supply fee (\$150) is due

Jan 20: MLK Day, school is open; drop-in available for After Schoolers

Jan 24: Chinese New Year Party

Feb 17: Presidents' Day (school is open)

Mar 9-13: Spring Break (school is open)

JANUARY: WINTRY WEATHER

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2	3
		Happy 2020! No School	TEACHER IN-SERVICE no school	CRAFT: create a winter wonderland
6	7	8	9	10
WELCOME BACK!	What is 2017? What will I want to accomplish this year?	fun activities that have the word 'ice' (ice hockey, ice fishing, ice skating)	Hot chocolate and other foods that make you feel warm & fuzzy	CRAFT: making my own thermometer (add mittens and shorts)
13	14	15	16	17
MLK: MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY, school is open	How to read a calendar: months of the year, days of the week	Jack Frost	How to make a fire.	WINTER WORDS: Snow, ice, blizzard, frost, icicle
20	21	22	23	24
CELEBRATION	what can I do at home when I can't go to school? Ice days!!	HIBERNATION: WHO HIBERNATES?	WINTER ANIMALS	Chinese New Year Celebration. Make dumplings and lanterns. Wear red
27	28	29	30	31
Bear hibernation	CRAFT: bear in hibernation	"Brainstorm" write or draw a picture of what you can do with snow	Read a thermometer	CRAFT: Winter



Extracurricular classes start next week (week of Jan. 13). Enroll now!

Mondays: Art/ drawing

Tuesdays: Dance

Wednesdays: Chess

Wednesdays and Fridays: Private piano lessons

Congratulations to our Poetry Recital competition winners!

Non-heritage winners:

Age 3-4: Emma Robinson (1st), Anna Pastravanu (2nd)

Age 5-6: Madison Larson (1st), Mila Huie (2nd), Mia Rooker (3rd)

Age 7-8: Jiaming Dutton (1st), Sarah Elam (2nd), Zoe Huie (3rd), Charissa Tanghongs (Honorable Mention)

Age 9-10: Meera Chugh (1st), Jacob Bergsma (2nd)

Age 11-14: Raymond He (1st), Warner Hartnett (2nd), Sophie Regnold (3rd)

Chinese heritage winners:

Age 3-4: Henry Long (1st), Seldon Ye (3rd), Teryn Zhou (Honorable Mention)

Age 5-6: Kaden Yan (1st), Sean Gao (2nd), Adam Xu (3rd), Frank Zhou (Honorable Mention)

Age 7-8: Kristen Chen (1st), Danae Liu (2nd), Daniel Lin (3rd)

Age 9-10: Richard Huang (1st), Tina Wu (2nd), Sean Hong (3rd), Kevin Zhang, Cherilynn Wang (Honorable Mentions)

Ages 11-14: Sonia Kong (1st), Kevin Hong (2nd)

We placed 1st and 3rd in the age 5-10 year old group competition.

Child Pilot FAQs:

FYI Plano— payments from November and December have not been posted. We are in the process of updating.

Q: What do I do if I accidentally made an account as a new parent?

A: Email us and we will merge or delete the extra account.

Q: What do I do if the app doesn't let me use my personal email?

A: You should log in with the email that received the invitation. If you need an invitation to a different email, please email us.

Q: How do I obtain my tax statement?

A: Go to billing and then click on tax statement.

Q: What options do I have to check in/out my child?

A: We will migrate to electronic check in soon. You will sign your child in with the 4 digit PIN or the scan the QR code from the app.

Q: What if I do not check in/out my child?

A: This will replace the paper sign-in. Signing in also helps with our lunch order counts.

Q: What advantages/disadvantages are there to this app?

A: Advantages: You will be able to pay online, saving time for office staff, you will be able to immediately access your tax statement, less paper for everyone. Disadvantages: The app takes up room on your phone.

Q: What if I do not sign up for the app?

A: We will migrate the weekly lessons photos to the app, instead of email. For infant and toddler classes, this will replace the paper daily sheet with your child's diaper changes and food intake. You can use the web version too:

[Plano Child Pilot](#) [Allen Child Pilot](#)

Please ask if you have more questions, we are learning too!



Chinese New Year Celebration and Performance

January 25th will begin the year of the rat.

On Friday, 1/24, we will have a celebration at school, eat dumplings, and students will receive a red envelope.

Our students have been invited to perform at ZTao Marketplace.

We will have a sign up form in the office for those who want to attend this event.

Date/ Time: Saturday, Jan. 25 at 11:30 am.

Location: ZTao, 2049 Coit Rd Suite #300, Plano, TX 75075.

We will meet at 11:00 am to make sure everyone is dressed and ready. Also, there might be time or place for a quick rehearsal too.

The children can wear their own Chinese outfit or our school Chinese outfit (from Chinese poem competition).

New for this year, we have designed and printed beautiful 2020 calendars. Each month has a Chinese poem that the kids will learn at school. Calendars are available in the office. Quantities are limited.



DROP OFF TIME

Our teachers have mentioned that parents are interrupting class when dropping off after class starts. Our teachers encourage everyone to arrive before 8:30. If arriving after 8:30, drop your child off in the lobby and have your child enter the class quietly. If needed, a teacher will assist them to class.

If your child needs assistance going to class before 8:30, you may assist your child to class. Please do not have long conversations with the teacher, which distracts from supervising students. Teacher conferences are encouraged for those conversations.