



February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Sunrise Community,

I continue to be amazed at the generosity of our parent body and the dedication of our parent representatives. The ongoing parent involvement and commitment to Sunrise makes our program special and helps our students succeed to their potential. Thank you to the parents who have come into their child's classroom as guest readers to share a special holiday or family custom or to do an activity in the classroom!

Thank you to Marissa and Susannah

Sunrise would like to thank both Classroom A's Parent Rep, Susannah and Classroom B's Parent Rep, Marissa for assisting with Sunrise's Open House events and responding to prospective families' inquiries throughout the year. As part of the admission process, prospective families are provided with our parent representatives' contact email, and families may reach out directly to both Susannah and Marissa. Additionally, having a representative at our Open House event provided the prospective families with a parent's point of view of Sunrise.

117 Years of Montessori Education

This year marks 117 years of Montessori Education. Each year in February, the Montessori Community throughout the world celebrates and honors the qualities of the Montessori Approach to Education and the teachings of Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy. Maria Montessori was a pioneer in education. She paved the way for a new method of teaching, allowing children to learn through the Prepared Environment. This approach to learning is both "hands-on" and most importantly, is child centered. This approach also allows the student to move through the curriculum as they are developing lifelong skills and a love for learning.

Sunrise is fortunate to have a well-trained, dedicated team of teachers to guide our students. I would like to honor our two Montessori Head Teachers, Ms. Laura and Ms. Anselmo, and their commitment to the Montessori Philosophy and their ongoing dedication to their students and their classroom environments. They both spend a great amount of time in preparing, planning, and setting up their classroom environments and leading and guiding their teaching teams.

Additionally, I would like to highlight our two Assistant lead teachers, Ms. Samantha and Ms. Emily, as they are currently working hard to complete their Montessori Head Teacher training this year. It is a tremendous amount of work to complete their internship and maintain the training requirements while working in the classrooms. Both Ms. Samantha and Ms. Emily are great teachers already.

A special thank you to our Classroom Aides, Ms. Karen and Ms. Jessica for their ongoing dedication to the classrooms. Another thanks to Ms. Jessica as she leads the Afterschool/Extended Day program along with our Extended Day Aide, Ms. Amanda. The Afterschool provides fun activities and Ms. Jessica plans daily projects for our students. Lastly, thank you to Ms. Judy, our Program Aide, for helping in every area that we need her! Although they operate "behind the scenes" I also wanted to provide a shout out to Sue Roecker, our school's co-founder and Program Licensee and Rebecca Reda, our bookkeeper.

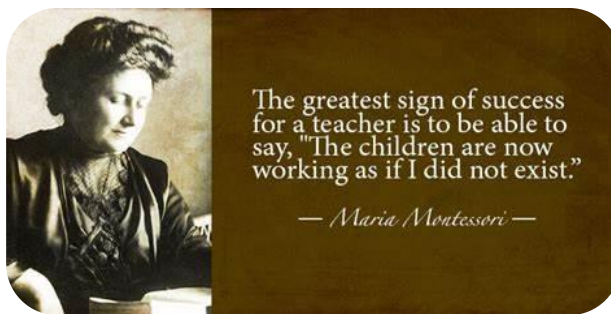
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Thank you to the Sunrise staff members for all that you do every day for our students and families.

A classic photo from the first Casa dei Bambini in Rome, Italy from the 1907 grand opening in the courtyard and a photo of Maria Montessori outdoors with her students.



“Lead by Example” Andrea Rossick

Other Upcoming News & Events

Summer Program Information and Registration

Many of you have already inquired about our summer program. Sunrise offers a 4-week opportunity to our current students and for those students who will be joining us next year!

The summer program themes and teachers are as follows:

- **Week 1 Dinosaurs June 17 – June 21** led by Ms. Jessica with Ms. Judy assisting.
- **Week 2 Around the World June 24 – June 28** led by Ms. Jessica with Ms. Judy assisting.
- **Week 3 Zoo Explorers July 8 – July 12** led by Ms. Samantha with Ms. Jessica assisting.
- **Week 4 Maria Montessori July 15 – July 19** led by Ms. Samantha with Ms. Jessica assisting.

More details about the themes, timing, cost, and a registration form can be found attached to this newsletter!

Extended Day – Afterschool February Fun

Paper Heart “Zoom” Experiment: For this month’s science experiment, the students learned that dipping hearts (cut from construction paper) into dish soap and then placing them into a container of water made the hearts zoom across the water. Ms. Jessica began the project by asking the students what their predications were (which heart would move faster or slower as these were different sizes). Each student had a different predication!






Also the students enjoyed making hearts in Extended Day!



Tuesday, March 5th at the Chateau

Keep a look out for paper copies in your child's backpack. Enjoy a great meal while helping our school earn money!




Sponsored Fundraiser
A great way to raise money for local schools & nonprofit organizations.
Our fundraisers are open to schools as a whole or individual sports teams and clubs.

FUNDRAISER: SUNRISE MONTESSORI SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER DATE: TUESDAY MAR. 5th 2024
LOCATION: FRANKLIN

How it Works:

1. On the Day/Date of your scheduled fundraiser visit your Chateau location for lunch, dinner, or take-out. Let your server or phone representative know that you are participating in the fundraiser and to "FLAG YOUR CHECK".
2. For online orders: Add the item "Fundraiser" to your cart and enter the name of your organization as a special instruction. Again, double-check that the item "Fundraiser" has been added to your order.
3. After the event, we will contact you with your results. Your group will receive 20% of the total sales (before tax) from all the checks that were flagged for your fundraiser.



Click to place your online order now!

Dependent Care - Childcare Tax Forms

If you still need a completed form or statement for your tax documents, please reach out directly to our bookkeeper, Rebecca, for that information.

If you have any questions about invoices or tax forms, you may contact either Rebecca Reda at mysunrisebilling02038@gmail.com or me at headofschool@mysunrisemontessori.com

Donation Thank You's

This month our staff received two special treats! Thank you to Dylan Alston's family for the delicious muffins and to Mason Finnan's family for the beautifully decorated Valentine box filled with amazing chocolates.

Thank you to Bjorn Goedhart's family for donating a bag of bird seed for our bird feeder out front. The birds were so happy!

Lastly, thank you to Ms. Karen, our Classroom A Aide, for sharing her creative craft talent with all the students. Ms. Karen prepared kits for every child to make their own "Snow Person". They were beautiful and the students had a great time making them in the classroom.



Drop off and Pick up Schedule

To ensure your child is receiving the fullest our program has to offer, your child should arrive to school on time each day. Drop off is from 8:30-8:45am. If your child arrives late, they may miss an important portion of the morning schedule – Group/Circle time (around 8:50am in both rooms). Pick up time for the half day students is from 11:30-11:40am and for the full day students it is from 2:30-2:40pm. If you arrive late for your scheduled pick-up time, it may affect your child's routine. Please be courteous and mindful to the scheduled drop off and pick up times – thank you!

Afternoon Extended Day runs until 5:30pm. Please make sure your child is picked up by this time.

Driveway Safety

Sunrise shares driveway entrances and exits with the other Moseley Complex businesses. To help keep the car line moving efficiently and safely during drop off times, the staff will take your child from your car for you (you do not even need to get out of the car during the drop off time).

A staff member or an adult must accompany the children to the school. If you prefer to walk your child to the school entrance, please park in the parking lot (not along the circle, please) and walk with your child down to the entrance.

hold me close
keep me safe



Looking Ahead – Save the date!

Plans are well underway for our biggest fundraiser of the year – our Annual Spring Fair! The Spring Fair will be held, rain or shine, on **Saturday, May 18th, 2024** from Noon to 2pm. For families who have not yet experienced the Spring Fair, get ready for lots of fun. The school will provide pizza, cookies, water for all to enjoy; activities for the kids (typically facepainting, crafts and the ever-popular bounce house that is set up next to the playground); raffle baskets (some geared towards children, family themed or adults). Last year Ms. Laura set up a family “photo booth” to capture all the smiles. An assortment of perennial plants will also be available – take one and plant something new this year! As a fundraiser, the Spring Fair needs your support. More details will be posted in the March newsletter, but for a sneak peek, here’s a look at our raffle basket themes:

Raffle baskets for children and / or families: All Fun & Games, Classroom A Special Project, Classroom B Special Project, Lemonade Stand, Meditation & Yoga, Number One Sports Fan, Pampered Parents, Pets Are Family, Too!, Sunrise Summer Program Full Day, Sunrise Summer Program Half Day

Raffle baskets for adults only (18+ or 21+): Lucky Lottery Tree, Beer/Wine & Snacks

If you would like to donate an item for one or more of the raffle basket themes or contribute a money donation, please contact me at headofschool@mysunrisemontessori.com or Susannah or Marissa at parentrep@mysunrisemontessori.com

Keeping in touch

If you have any questions or comments, please know that you can reach us via email.



As the teachers are working with the children during the day, please note that a reply to your question may come after the afternoon dismissal or later.

If your message is urgent and you need to reach someone right away, please call the school at 508-541-8010.

Head of School

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Head Teacher

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Website and Facebook

Throughout the year the school uses its website and Facebook page to inform parents of current events and to post pictures from recent events. Please take a look at www.MySunriseMontessori.com

Be sure to check out our “**Parent Corner**”. This page can be found on the menu tab of our website. Click on any of the hyperlinks to view the selected form or information page as a PDF.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25 through March 2: Montessori Education Week

March 8: Staff Professional Development Day. No classes, no Extended Day Program

Pizza Days for full day students: March 1, 15, 22 & 29 (no pizza on March 8 due to the Staff PDD)

Sensation Station (please arrive to school on time – the children walk to this program promptly at 8:55am)

March 7, 14, 21 and 28 **Classroom A**

March 6, 13, 20 and 27 **Classroom B**

Passive Fundraisers are just one of the many ways you can support Sunrise Montessori School!

Box Tops for Education

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for their school, with products they already buy. You have seen and clipped those rectangular box tops. Now you can simply scan your store receipt with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to the school's earnings online. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to learn more.



Recycle your printer ink cartridges

Do you have used printer ink cartridges hanging around at home? Don't throw those out – Sunrise has a collection box for printer cartridges. Each month we turn them in at Staples for credit towards office supplies.



Restaurant Dine-In Events

Throughout the year our fundraising coordinators will set up local restaurant dine-in events. Enjoy a great meal and the company of family and friends all while supporting local businesses and Sunrise Montessori School.



Grocery Shopping / Giving Bags

Purchase a \$2.50 reusable community bag at any Big Y, Shaw's or Stop & Shop store, follow the directions on the attached Giving Tag and direct a \$1 donation to Sunrise Montessori School (must be completed within 7 days of purchase).



Mabels Labels

This on-going fundraiser provides great ideas for labeling your child's items. Check out: <http://campaigns.mabelslabels.com/> and click on the school's name.

For Small Hands

Montessori items and activities for your child. Use the school code #573412 and Sunrise will receive a credit towards future material purchases through Montessori Services. For online orders, please visit forsmallhands.com or the eCatalog: forsmallhands.com/flip. You may also order via phone at (888) 513-3998.

Scholastic Books

Each month parents will receive flyers from Scholastic Books which offer titles for children of all ages. Points from your purchases accumulate for the school which are then redeemed for new books and materials for the classrooms.

The Giving Tree

Check out the listed items on the tree, just inside the school's front door.

Amazon Wish List for Sunrise

Did you know? Sunrise has a Wish List on Amazon. Be sure to check out the following link: [Sunrise-Amazon-Wishlist](#). New items are added each month.

Thank you for supporting Sunrise Montessori School!

Please join us for our

Family Fun Spring Fair



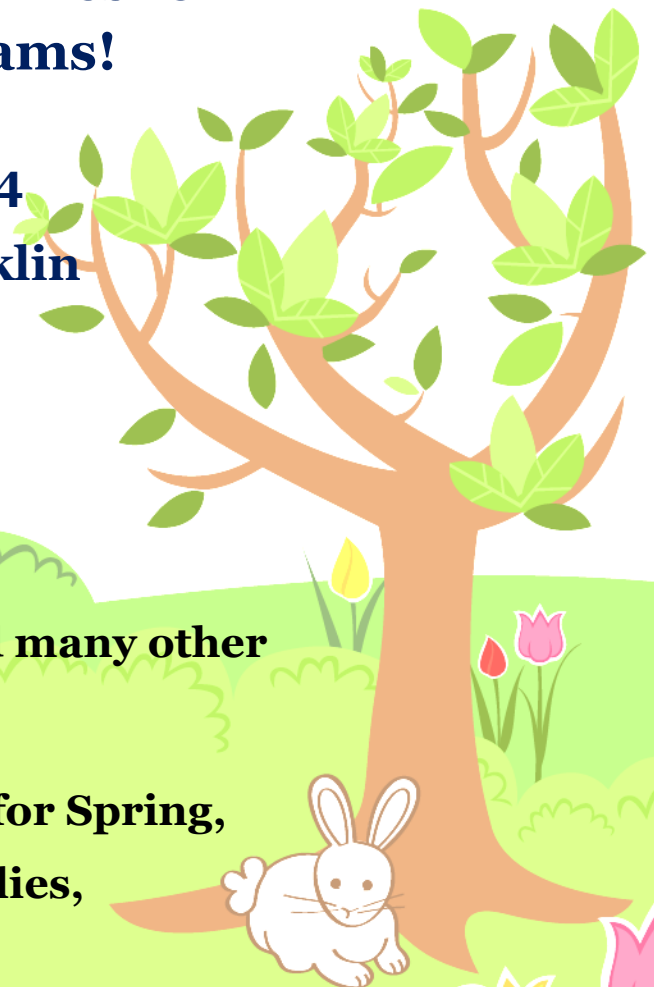
We are celebrating our 19th year in Franklin and want to thank our current, alum and new families for their support of our programs!

When: Saturday May 18, 2024

Where: 31 Hayward St., Franklin

Rain or shine

Time: 12:00-2:00 pm

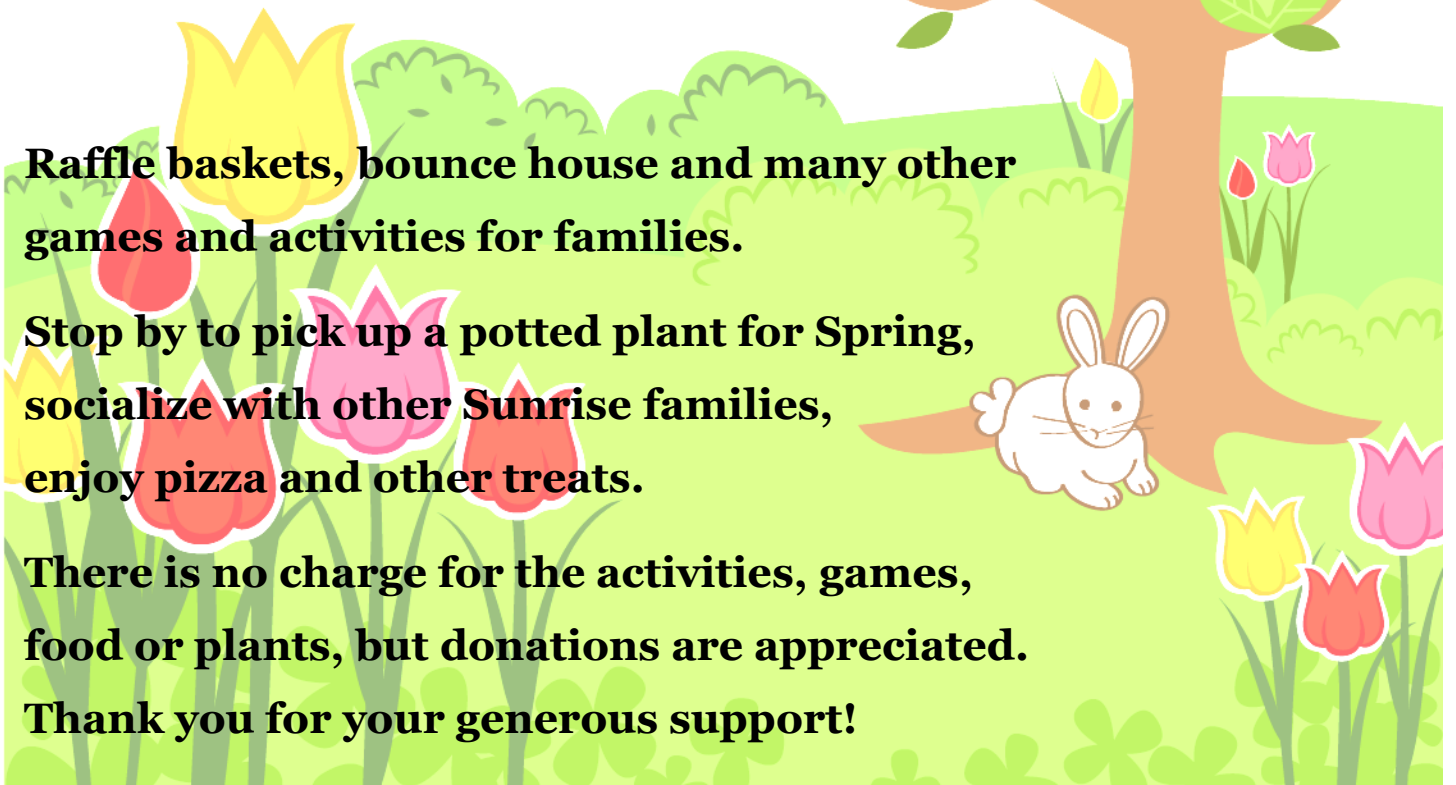


Raffle baskets, bounce house and many other games and activities for families.

Stop by to pick up a potted plant for Spring, socialize with other Sunrise families, enjoy pizza and other treats.

There is no charge for the activities, games, food or plants, but donations are appreciated.

Thank you for your generous support!





Registration form for Summer Programs 2024

Child's name: _____

Address: _____

Parent/guardian name (s): _____

Preferred email: _____

Contact phone (mobile # or home #): _____

Session selection is flexible. Sign up for one week or several. Please indicate your choice(s) with an "x"

	Morning session (\$275 per week) 8:30am to 11:30am	Full Day session (\$400 per week) 8:30am to 2:30pm
Week 1 June 17 – June 21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 2 June 24 – June 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
no session the week of July 1 - July 5		
Week 3 July 8 – July 12	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 4 July 15 – July 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- See accompanying page for weekly themes.
- The Summer Program is open to **current** students, **newly accepted** students who are at least 3 years old by June 1, 2024 and students **who were enrolled during the 2023-2024 school year**. No outside applicants are eligible.
- A deposit of **\$100 per week selected** must accompany this registration form.
- Each summer program week is limited to **20 participants** and will be filled on a **first come / first served basis**.
- Upon registration, additional paperwork and confirmation of the selected week(s) will be sent to you.
- Final payment on remaining balance is due no later than **Friday, May 31, 2024**.
- Invoices will be sent approximately 2 weeks before the due date (mid-May).

Please call the office at 508.541.8010 to inquire about late registrations.

Please drop off completed form & deposit
at school or mail to:

Sunrise Montessori School, Inc.
PO Box 515
Franklin, MA 02038

Sunrise Montessori School, Inc. Summer Programs – 2024

Sunrise Summer Programs provide a great introduction for children who are newly enrolled for the upcoming year, as well as for those children who have recently completed the academic year. Our summer program weeks are full of age-appropriate activities and exciting themes. Each week provides the opportunity for children to meet their classmates and teachers and relax on the summer schedule while having fun!

June 17 - June 21

Dinosaurs



Let's travel back in time and explore how the dinosaurs lived. How many types of dinosaurs were there? How long did they live? What did they eat? We will learn plenty about dinosaurs through fun activities like digging up "fossils", reading books, singing songs, and completing fun dino crafts! If your child loves dinosaurs, this is truly the week to explore!

June 24- June 28

Around the World



No passports needed! Join us as we "travel the world" and learn fascinating facts about the seven continents. We will explore how each continent makes our world a beautiful planet by learning about different cultures, landscapes, and climates. With fun activities, books, songs, and crafts we will all be world travelers by the time we end the week!

July 8 - 12

Zoo Explorers



Children love exploring the zoo! Lions roar, gazelles jump, giraffes reach high in the trees. There are so many animals that spark imagination, imitation, and fascination for children. This week our group will explore many of the different animals that are typically found at the zoo, learning where these animals came from and what they eat. A special guest will stop by during the week with small animals. The children will create artwork and work on crafts as well as move & groove to animal themed songs.

July 15 - 19

Maria Montessori



Our theme this week is not just for children new to Sunrise! Our main focus will be four curriculum areas (Practical Life, Sensorial, Math and Language) as the group learns about Maria Montessori and develops a timeline of her many accomplishments. The children will explore the Montessori materials and activities in the classroom, both familiar and newly presented. Which lesson will become your child's new favorite?



Classroom A Newsletter February 2024

Dear Classroom A families,

The month of February in our classroom was filled with lots of celebrations and learning about how we can spread kindness and love! We read books about friendship and kindness in celebration of Valentine's Day, as well as cut out valentine hearts in the art area, coloring, pin punching, and completing heart themed **Practical Life** for this month! Our classroom also celebrated Valentine's Day together and had a wonderful valentine exchange! It was great to see all the boxes and bags decorated and the sweet valentines the children distributed to one another.



We would like to say a huge thank you to Ms. Karen for planning and executing a wonderful snowman decorating craft that she shared with both classrooms! The children had a blast scooping rice into the socks, and then decorating their snowman with rhinestones, buttons, and a carrot nose.



This month in **Science**, we continued to learn about hibernation and migration. On Groundhog Day, we read *Go to Sleep Groundhog!* By Judy Cox. We talked about how groundhogs are mammals and that they hibernate. The children were riveted while watching a short clip of Punxsutawney Phil coming out of his hibernation and the proclamation that spring is coming early this year! The children also enjoyed reading *Animals in Winter* by Henrietta Bancroft and Richard G. Van Gelderland. After reading about animals that hibernate and migrate, the class had a group lesson where the children learned to sort animals that migrate vs. animals that hibernate.





In the **Geography/Cultural** area, we learned about the **Lunar New Year!** We discovered that this holiday is celebrated in China, on the continent of Asia, and is also celebrated by people all around the world! We learned this celebration is known by a few names, the Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year, and the Spring Festival. Our classroom was fascinated to learn that the color red and dragons are symbols of luck and are often seen throughout



the Chinese New Year celebrations. Each child painted half of a paper plate to help create our own dragon that was displayed in the classroom throughout the celebration! We learned that the celebration lasts for 15 days and towards the end of our classroom celebration, children will be cutting out paper lanterns to hang around the classroom.

During **Kindergarten Class**, we are learning to enrich our reading skills by making sentences using the movable alphabet. Luca enjoys using the movable alphabet to express his thoughts and ideas, as well as demonstrate his reading comprehension. He continues to practice reading, writing, and math skills during Kindergarten Class and is working on place value with the stamp game, building and reading complex numbers!



Just as a reminder, if it is not raining or too cold outside, we will try to get out as much as we can during play time. Please make sure your child has appropriate boots for the occasional muddy conditions of the playground so everyone stays dry and comfortable for the duration of the play time!

****Please make a note: the full day of conferences that are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 30th will need to be rescheduled for classroom A. An email regarding the change will be sent this upcoming month. Please look out for more details about the available conference times for Classroom A. - Thank you! ****

Sincerely your teachers,

Ms. Laura, Ms. Samantha, and Ms. Karen

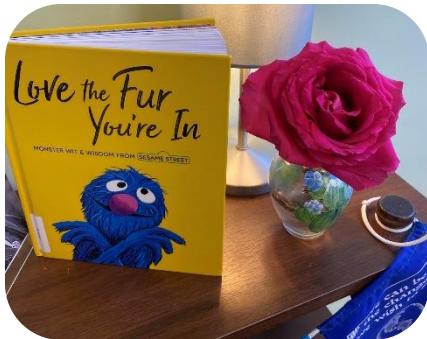


Classroom B Newsletter February 2024

Hello Classroom B Parents,

Welcome February! Many holidays were celebrated in this month. Valentine's Day reminds us that our hearts beat with love for our families, pets, and friends. In addition, February is also a reminder that our hearts need to be exercised and strengthened every day, and we need to start when we are young. Children are natural movers and shakers! This month the children enjoyed learning about the "anatomy of the heart". They learned how to stay heart healthy by dancing, exploring yoga, exercising and stillness. We learned that our hearts beat quickly when we are active and we discovered our hearts beat slowly when we relax and calm ourselves. Our hearts don't look like a Valentine's day heart ; our hearts come in many different sizes. The children loved exploring and learning all about their hearts.

Grace and Courtesy lessons on being kind to one another, spreading love and respecting one another were the highlights of this month's lessons. The **Everyday Living Area** was filled with many new lessons to enhance the children's concentration, coordination, independence and order.



The children had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day by sharing cards and making Valentine's Day boxes.



We enjoyed many stories throughout the month on kindness, friendships, manners and love.



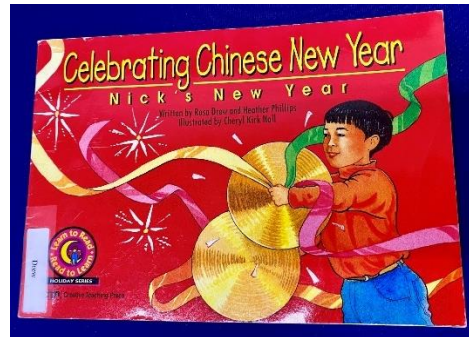
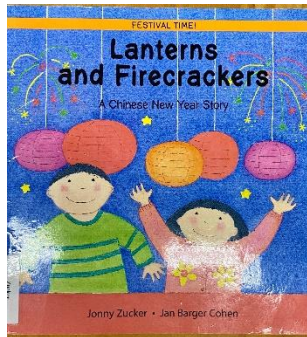
It was an exciting day for all!



In the **Art Area** the children learned how to make their very own snowman with Ms. Karen. This was a wonderful activity. We read books on how to build a snowman, made snowman lessons and enjoyed a fun-filled day. Thank you, Ms. Karen, we appreciate you and your talent!

This month in **Cultural Studies** we learned about “Chinese New Year”.

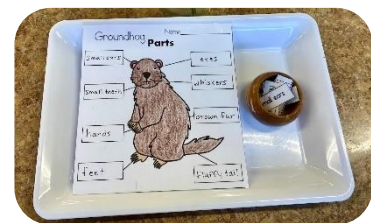
The Lunar New Year 2024 marks the beginning of the Year of the Dragon. The children enjoyed painting a large dragon together which is displayed in our environment. We read many books that taught us about the different ways Chinese New Year is celebrated. We made red lanterns and enjoyed decorating our environment. The red dragon represents good luck in many East Asian cultures; 2024 is being hailed as a good luck year!



In **Zoology** we continued to learn about the winter birds and migration. The children discovered that Canada geese, hummingbirds, doves and cranes are some of the birds that fly only a few hundred miles, while others fly entire continents, depending on what their particular ecosystem needs are. The children enjoyed making pinecone bird treats. A special thank you to Marissa (Cameron's Mom) for coming into class and making these pinecone bird feeders with the children. This was a great way to transition back after our vacation.



This month in **Science**, we learned about the Groundhog. We read books and had lessons on labeling the parts of a groundhog. The children enjoyed watching Punxsutawney Phil live and learning about the yearly tradition. We made groundhog art projects and enjoyed seeing Phil and his prediction. Spring is near!!!



Kindergarten

In Kindergarten we are learning to enrich our reading skills by making sentences using the “moveable alphabet”. Luca then transfers the sentences onto paper with an illustration. He really enjoys this work and is doing an amazing job understanding what he is reading and enhancing his writing skills as well as comprehension skills. Kindergarten looks bright!

Friendly reminders

Arrival is between 8:30-8:45am. Please bring your child to school as close to 8:30am as you can. It is important for the children to have the opportunity to transition into the classroom independently. We also start the morning circle right at 8:45am and your child will miss out on valuable lesson presentations if they arrive late.

Please send your child to school with snow pants. If you have one set of snow pants for home and one set for school, please let us know if you'd prefer to leave your child's snow pants at school during the week.

February Birthdays

Happy birthday to Miss Laura, we wish you an exciting year ahead!



As we move forward into the month of March, we are excited to begin studying the continent of "Europe" along with the famous Artist, Andy Warhol and much more!!!

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility
and the wings of Independence."

Maria Montessori

Love, learn & grow!

Ms. Anselmo, Ms. Emily and Ms. Jessica