

Children's Garden February 2012 Newsletter



Dear Families,

Gung Hay Fat Choy!

Welcome to the year of Dragon!

I can hardly believe January has come and gone. We are heading into the last part of winter - at least this is what we are hoping. The legendary Groundhog weather prognoses could perhaps instill some hope depending on its outcome.

Children really enjoyed learning about the inside of the earth and made a wonderful clay model of the earth, which shows all the layers in its cross-section. Our field trip to the Museum of Nature was a wonderful learning experience for the children and enjoyed by all. They all seemed fascinated with the amazing crystals and gems in the museum and decided to grow their own crystal in the classroom. Their crystals are growing, and very soon they will be able to see their own creation.

Chinese New Year celebration was grand; children had fun in making crafts, tasting delicious treats and trying traditional outfits on. Thanks to Miss Sharleen, Miss Allie and Miss Cindy who made this event memorable.

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. day the class made a hand print wreath and painted multicolored doves. They talked about Freedom and what freedom means to them. They all showed respect towards his dream and agreed on his way of thinking.

Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on our field trip.

Our Family tree project is completed and now on display.



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Important notices are always on the bulletin boards.

1. A Valentine list for Children's Garden is attached in this month's issue.
2. Parents can shadow their children starting this month; this is an opportunity to spend some time with your child in the classroom. The sign-up sheet is available in the cubby area.
3. Children can bring in Valentine Cards for their friends. Please bring them in a bag with your child's name on them. If your child is able to write their name we encourage you to have them sign them. For children just learning to write, we often dot the letters of their name and have them trace those.

February Curriculum

This month the students of Children's Garden will begin their unit of study on Volcano and Dinosaurs of the Jurassic period. Volcanoes will be introduced to them through various books and hands on science experiments. The ice age and prehistoric animals will be discussed in connection with this unit of study.

This is our time at school to share our caring feelings with each other. Children bring cards for their friends on Valentine day, February 14th and each child will have a chance to deliver their valentines to their friends. Children will be busy decorating a mail box for this day.

For the month of February

1. Special Themes: National flag day, caring for animals
2. Artist: Marc Chagall
3. Celebration: Valentine's Day, Imbolc/Groundhog Day, Mardi Gras
4. Peace Education: Maria Montessori

Dates to Remember

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| 🚩 Valentine’s Day | Feb. 14 th |
| 🚩 National flag day | Feb. 15 th |
| 🚩 PD Day (School closed) | Feb. 17 th |
| 🚩 Family day (School closed) | Feb. 20 th |
| 🚩 Field trip(Fulton’s Sugar bush) | Feb. 21 st (all parents welcome) |
| 🚩 Open House | Feb. 22 nd (5:30-7:30 p.m.) |

Children’s Birthday



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| • Kristine Jajo-Yacoub: | Feb 2 nd |
| • Ethan Dugal: | Feb 4 th |
| • Erik Hazy : | Feb 4 th |
| • Max Muller: | Feb 15 th |
| • Kaira Touray: | Feb 27 th |

We enjoy celebrating each child’s birthday and encourage children to bring in pictures of their birthday years. Please include photos from birth to current age.

Artist of the month:

