

FEBRUARY

Montessori School of Sonoma



Important Dates:

February 14th:

Valentines Day

February 21st:

School Closed -
Presidents Day

March 7th:

School Closed -
Teacher Work Day

March 14th-17th:

Parent Teacher
Conferences



“It is a fact that anyone who lives with children, anyone who knows how to approach them with love, will always learn new things.”



- Maria Montessori



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School Wide Reminders:

Tax ID#:

For those of you gathering information for tax purposes, the Tax ID# for The Montessori School of Sonoma is **94-2174042**

Extra Clothes:

Please be sure to replace any extra clothes that go home (including masks) so that we have an extra set on hand for your child at school. Thank you!

Negative Covid-19 Tests:

We appreciate your communication re: negative tests, however it is imperative that we have photographic evidence of your child's negative results labeled with their name and the date. If/when you test your child and the result is negative, please take a photograph and email it to us!



Valentines Day:

We'll be having our annual Primary Class Valentine's Day party on Monday, February 14th.

This is an event the children always look forward to! The school has provided a bag for the students to decorate and fill with Valentines from their classmates.

The children are encouraged to bring homemade cards to pass out to their friends. **PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS THE ENVELOPES UNLESS YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO READ THE NAMES.** This makes it easier for the children to independently pass out their cards. Have your child sign each card. If your child is not able to write their name, you may write it with a highlighter and have them trace over it.

Families are more than welcome to add any type of non-food item, such as stickers, pencils, whistles, or other small items to add to their Valentines cards. As many children have stated in past years, *"the little things that are put in the bags are the best!"*

Please bring enough Valentines for 12 children.

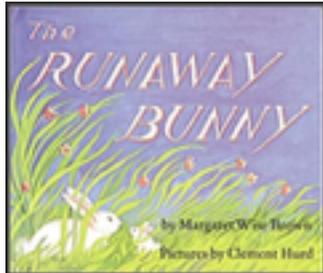
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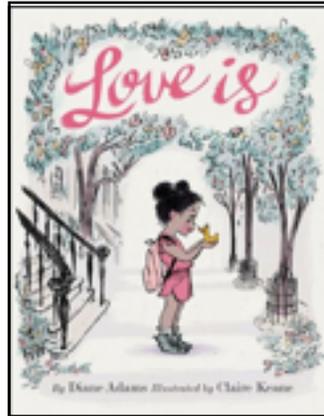


Book Corner:

Here are some Love themed book recommendations in light of Valentines Day, which can also be enjoyed all year long!



The Runaway Bunny
by, Margaret Wise



Love is
by, Diane Adams



Hug Time
by, Patrick McDonnell

Infant Corner:



Our little love bugs will be doing Valentines Day projects and will be sending a special Valentine home on the 14th/15th to you - but no need to send any Valentines to school with them.

Wet Weather - The weather is typically wet, even if it is not a rainy day, so please bring extra pants for your child's bag. We always want to lay them down for nap dry and cozy!

Singing and Dancing - A song we will be singing this month is Skidamarink. Our class loves to dance and our songs tend to involve a lot of movement so you may notice them sharing new songs with you with additional dance moves! If you ever want to know more about your child's day, don't hesitate to ask!



Thank you for sharing your babies with us!

- Katherine & Karina

Toddler Corner:



January was quite a month! We are looking forward to settling back into our regular routine. After children are out sick and/or home, coming back to school can feel like starting over. Let's remember to say goodbye with a nice hug and quick departure. If ever there is a problem we will call you immediately. Thank you for all your cooperation during this time!

With the New Year we are doing the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. If your child comes home with a flag sticker, you know your child was the helper for the day. Their job is holding the flag and being the bell ringer for clean up.

To celebrate Valentines Day we will be having a special snack and sharing Valentines with each other. We will be celebrating Monday the 14th and Tuesday the 15th so nobody will be left out. We will provide bags to decorate. **Please bring Valentines to share with our friends (See "Valentines Day" on Pg. 2 for more info). There are 17 students total on our class list.** Love is something if you give it away!

Positive Discipline:

- Misbehaving children are "discouraged children" who have mistaken ideas on how to achieve their primary goal - to belong. Their mistaken ideas lead them to the misbehavior. We cannot be effective unless we address the mistaken beliefs rather than just the misbehavior.

Here are the lyrics to one of our February Songs:

Skidamarink

**Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo, I love you.
 Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo, I love you.
 I love you in the morning And in the afternoon,
 I love you in the evening And underneath the moon;
 Oh, Skidamarink a dink a dink, Skidamarink a doo,
 I love you!**

We will be closed for Feb 21st in celebration of Presidents Day.

Happy Valentines Day!

-Christine & Cara

Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

The new year is off to a great start! The children look forward to signing in by practicing writing their names each morning. The letter of the week is also a big hit! Each week our projects, songs and artwork reflect the sounds of the letter of the week and the class is excellent at suggesting words that begin with the letter of the week. Every



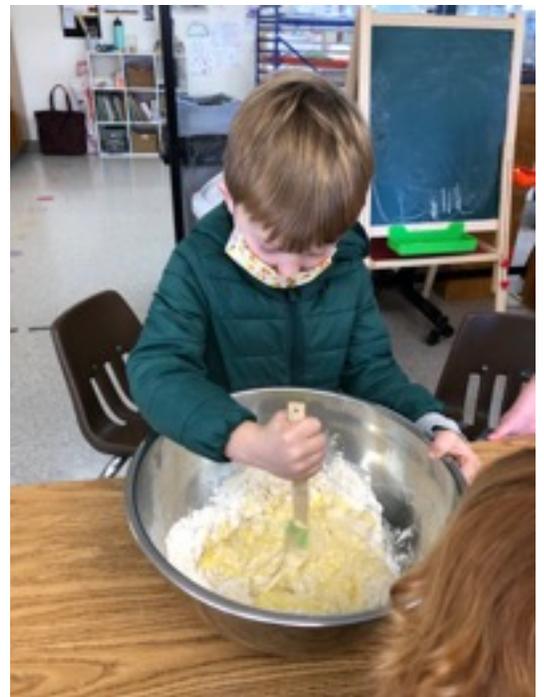
Friday we will be doing a cooking project that goes along with the letter of the week. This month we will be making Egg Bites, Fruit Jam, Guacamole, and Hummus.

This February we will explore and create projects on the theme of Friendship. The first weeks will be dedicated to creating Valentine's for our families and friends while practicing ways we can all be friends at school. If you would like your child to mail valentines to family members, please send in envelopes that are stamped and addressed and we will be happy to have your child fill them with valentines.

We will continue with our Author of the month curriculum this time featuring the books of Kevin Henkes. Most of his books are set in school and are about friends and how they interact with one another.

We are looking forward to another fun month with your children!

- *Natasha and Danielle*



Primary Corner:



Dear families,

Our studies of Antarctica and the Arctic Circle have clearly demonstrated the vast difference of this continent and Polar region: No cities and homes filled with families, toys and food. No trees, no gardens, no stores, no playgrounds, no parks and no Train Town. Just a whole lot of penguins!

Europe will come as a relief for our students to find themselves again, and to recognize so many similarities: Homes, clothing, food, and transportation. For this continent we provide a wide range of 'people representations' because there are so many countries living side by side. Also, animals and their habitats will be discovered and explored.

Our 3rd year students are displaying some serious reading skills and proficiency in Math. Their maturity is inspiring and so essential for the younger students to look up to. This group is especially excited about our Cultural Studies and their penmanship is beautiful. We are so proud of them!

Word of the month: **Maturity**

- To be able to stick with a job until it is finished
- To do one's duty without being supervised
- To be able to carry money without spending it
- To be able to bear an injustice without wanting to get even

Maturity is desirable and a stepping stone to be successful in our society. We recognize the importance at this young age, and our day to day life in the classroom gently guides children towards maturity. It's definitely worth paying attention to.

We are half way through the winter season, and the evenings have noticeably become longer and warmer. Thank you for your commitment to safety for all.

Sincerely,
Barbara and Rachel

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  AM & PM Primary Ballet	3  AM & PM Primary Ballet	4	5
6	7	8  AM & PM Primary Ballet	9  AM & PM Primary Ballet	10  AM & PM Primary Ballet	11	12
13	14  Valentines Day HAPPY BIRTHDAY AYLA!	15	16  AM & PM Primary Ballet	17  AM & PM Primary Ballet	18  AM & PM Primary Ballet	19
20	21  SCHOOL CLOSED- PRESIDENTS DAY	22	23  AM & PM Primary Ballet	24  AM & PM Primary Ballet	25  AM & PM Primary Ballet	26
27  HAPPY BIRTHDAY ADAM!	28					