

FEBRUARY

Montessori School of Sonoma

Important Dates:

February 11th
TK/Kindergarten
Open House

February 17th
Presidents Day
School Closed

February 21st
Registration Due!

March 3rd-6th
Primary Parent Teacher
Conferences

March 10th
Teacher Work Day
School Closed

March 13th
All School
Open House



“Of all things love is
the most potent.”

- Maria Montessori

Summer and 2025-2026 Registration

It's that time of year when we open registration for current families to enroll for Summer 2025 and the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. **All students must re-register every year for all programs.** You will receive an email with the registration forms which are due no later than February 21st, along with the annual \$200 registration fee. This year's placement does not guarantee the same placement for next year. All fees/tuition to hold your child's space are non-refundable. Remaining available spaces will be offered to those on the waiting list beginning in March.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 21st
September Tuition Due: Thursday, May 1st



School Wide Reminders:

School Tax ID#:

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

Parking Lot:

Please drive slowly in the parking lot and hold your child's hand as you walk to and from school.

School Clothes:

If your child is sent home in school clothes, please wash and return!

TK and Kindergarten Open House:

Please join us for an informative afternoon with Rachel and Christine to learn about our TK and Kindergarten offerings. You will learn about the expectations, lessons, see some of the work, and be able to ask any questions you may have. The second and third years in the Montessori Primary classroom are when the children get to expand upon their previous years in the program, becoming confident leaders in their Montessori community.

Please join us on:

Tuesday, February 11th from 3:15-3:45pm

in the Primary Classroom

Happy Valentine's Day!

The Toddler, Primary and Childcare Enrichment classes will celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. If you would like your child to participate, please send in 15 valentines with your Toddler, or 24 valentines with your Primary student. Valentines should have your child's name on them but please do not address! Please no candy at school. Thank you!

Infant Corner:

Hello Families,

We're back in the swing of things and have spent January focusing on re-establishing routines with our returning students and showing our newest additions the ropes of the infant classroom. Everyone is adapting beautifully and we love sharing this time with your little ones!

As we look forward into February, and Valentine's Day approaches, we wanted to take a moment to talk about what kindness and caring looks like in our classroom. We emphasize friendship in our classroom by first modeling this behavior in our interactions with each other and our students. We encourage saying "please" and "thank you" as often as possible. We also narrate much of what is happening in the classroom observing and commenting on the positive interactions we see. For example when we see someone voluntarily share a toy we might say "wow, Lola was a good friend and shared that toy with you and that made you feel happy!"

We don't exchange valentines in our classroom, however if you feel inclined to bring something for them to share, send some of your child's favorite snack and we will guide them through the sharing process with their friends at snack time. Of course, this is completely optional.

Here is a song we like to sing this time of year:



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*

*Skidamarink a-dink a-dink
Skidamarink a-doo I love you*



Please be sure to send your child in layers as our mornings have been cold and afternoons have been on the warmer side.

Thank you!

Katherine & Julia

Toddler Corner:

Dear Toddler Families,

We seem to have settled back into our classroom routine now that the excitement of the holidays are over. Some mornings have been too cold to start outside, so our schedule is a bit different. We do eventually get outside when the sun gets higher. Thank you for labeling all your child's coats, sweaters, sweatshirts, and hats. We have a lot of items to keep track of and that makes it easier to do so.

With the new year we are doing new things in our Toddler class. One is saying the Pledge of Allegiance while one child holds our flag. That child is the helper for the day, and rings the clean-up bell. So, if your child comes home with a sticker on their shirt you will know that your child was the helper for the day. We also will be using our names to announce who has come to school today. Each first circle each child will select their name and place it on our magnet board. We will be talking about each first letter and sound of our name. This is the beginning of understanding phonics. You hear the letter, for example Zane begins with zzzzzz.

To celebrate Valentine's Day we will be having a special snack and sharing Valentine's cards. You may bring in cards if you'd like, there are 15 students total in our class.



Parents and Teachers can Teach Guidance and Discipline by:

- Teaching communication skills
- Listening and expressing one's self
- Offering children positive limits
- Helping to keep children safe when they are having big feelings
- Setting firm, loving physical limits when children lose control of themselves
- Providing an environment which encourages cooperative play
- Offering children a chance to do tasks themselves
- Using stories to help children learn problem-solving skills
- Viewing conflict as an opportunity for learning
- Remembering that children's behavior always has a healthy impulse or good idea behind it

Here is a song we have been singing in class:

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*

*Skidamarink a-dink a-dink
Skidamarink a-doo I love you*

Thank you!

Christine & Cara



Primary Corner:

Dear Families,

Happy February! Another busy month has passed and we look forward to another busy month ahead!

Curriculum Spotlights:

This month our continent of study will be **Asia**. We will learn about the variety of cultures and the different countries of Asia. We will focus on customs, festivals, foods, and music. A highlight of our study will be celebrating the Lunar New Year with 2025 being the Year of the Snake! Gung Hei Fat Choy!

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! A member of the Sonoma County Bee Association will visit our class to tell us all about the wonders of honey bees! We will learn about the importance of these pollinators through stories and activities.

Be mine, Valentine!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day with a valentine exchange. Your child can bring their valentines to school on Friday, the 14th. Valentines need to be signed with your child's name but not addressed. We encourage homemade valentines; they are the sweetest! Please provide enough valentines for your child's own class of 24 children.



Sharing Day:

Look for the white bin marked with your child's class on the front bench on Thursday mornings. Thank you for labeling your child's item and with books, for adding a bookmark to the page to be shared. Books, crafts, pictures, photos, and nature treasures are welcome. Toys are best left at home.

Our classroom food activities are such a success!

Thank you to the parents who have supported our food prep stations by bringing in cucumbers and bananas. The children have been preparing and serving the foods as well as washing and cleaning the utensils used in the prep. We will continue with these activities this month. Please see the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside our classroom. We are asking you to provide a one week's supply of bananas or cucumbers. Please bring the items on the Monday of the week you sign-up for. Thank you so much!



Rachel, Hayley, Brenda, and Christine

Reminder to families: Please try to arrive by 8:30am so that your child has time to play outside before transitioning into the classroom. Thank you!



Childcare Enrichment Corner:

Dear Childcare Enrichment Families,

Hello February! Gung Hay Fat Choy! Happy Chinese New Year! It is the year of the Snake, which symbolizes many things, but the important one we embrace in our classroom is love and happiness. We will be reading books to learn about the Chinese New Year and the traditions that are celebrated. We will be making lanterns and cooking a special treat in celebration of the New Year.

Love is in the air! Valentine's Day is always so much fun in the classroom! Come see our decorated room and Valentine's Tree! We have arts and crafts planned and will be cooking up a Valentine's Day treat! A special thank you to James, Addie and family for the fun Valentine's Day decorations!!

February's author of the month is Karma Wilson. The bear series of books are super sweet and engaging. One of her favorite book of ours is The Bear Snores On!

We have reached the letter S for our letter of the week, which is perfect timing for the Year of the Snake! We always enjoy brainstorming our words with the beginning sound!

Stuffy Friday is going strong! Our tubs are labeled A.M and P.M, so try and put your child's stuffy in the appropriate bin. On another note, the stuffies have been growing! They must be eating all their muscle food! Please keep them on the smaller side, ideally less than 12 inches please.

Warmly,
Lucie, Kari and Claudia



February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	<div> Happy Birthday Luca K! TK/Kinder Open House 3:15-3:45PM</div>	<div> Happy Birthday Callie!</div>	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<div> Presidents Day School Closed</div>					Registration Due!	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
<div> Happy Birthday Tavish!</div>						