



LOWER ELEMENTARY NEWS

February/March 2010



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Mark your calendars!

Feb. 1st -5th, Portfolio Viewing
Feb. 2nd, 1st & 2nd Year Field Trip
Feb. 4th, Early Release/Garden Workshop
Feb. 12th, Valentine Ex. Delivered
Feb. 12th, Talent Show
Feb. 15th, President's Day/no school
March 2nd-4th, Montessori Model UN
March 11th, Elementary Science Fair
March 12th, Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 15th-19th, Spring Break
March 31st, Coffee w/the Head of School
March 31st, Family Math Night
<i>Happy Birthday to You!</i>
Christian, Hailey, Michael, Nathan

Happy
Saint Patrick's Day!



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PORTFOLIO VIEWING

The weeks of February 1st-5th and March 1st-5th are Portfolio Viewing for all the elementary classes. Please arrive on time as sessions are scheduled back to back. In order to accommodate all of our families, please sign up for only one portfolio viewing session. We look forward to celebrating your child's work with you.

VALENTINE EXPRESS DELIVERY

Place your orders now! Send a Valentine message, candy and a flower for only \$4.00! Order forms are available at the front desk. The last day to order is February 8th!



VALENTINE CLASS PARTY



A class list will be emailed to all families by each Room Mom. Please ask your child to address a valentine to each student in his or her class, making sure everyone is included. Here's a suggestion: Write a nice comment or compliment on each classmate's card.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on March 12th. Please sign up for a conference. Schedules will be posted on the classroom door. Please let the teachers know if you are unable to keep your appointment as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that if you are more than **10 minutes late for your conference, you will need to reschedule.**

FAMOUS QUOTES

"Kindness in words creates confidence; kindness in thinking creates profoundness; kindness in giving creates love."
Lao-Tzu

FAMILY READING NIGHT



Geoffrey spins a tale with Ms. Simmons!



Matthew and his dad solve riddles!



The Burden Family enjoys a game of Word Chain Relay.



Lily Cate enjoys the storyteller.

LOWER ELEMENTARY RED and BLUE ROOM

MATH

First Year

- ◆ Word problems, fractions
- ◆ Mult. short bead frame
- ◆ Exploring +/x facts w/ charts , long chains
- ◆ Exploration of circles/ quadrilaterals

Second Year

- ◆ Div. with Golden Beads/stamp game
- ◆ Exploring x/- facts w/charts
- ◆ Mult. w/ large bead frame, checkerboard
- ◆ Study of metric measures, cont.
- ◆ Word problems, +/- fractions

Third Year

- ◆ Decurion Div. w/stamp game
- ◆ Binomial numbers
- ◆ Division w/ racks and tubes
- ◆ Study of Polygons/Circles
- ◆ Study of metric measures, cont.
- ◆ Exploring facts w/charts

LANGUAGE ARTS

First Year

- ◆ Intro. to verb/preposition
- ◆ Spelling, Guided Reading
- ◆ Phonics, writing, word study

Second Year

- ◆ Study of Grammar Boxes- noun, article, adjective, verb, adverb, preposition
- ◆ Parts of speech-preposition/ adverbs
- ◆ Word study/vocabulary
- ◆ Reading, writing, handwriting

Third Year

- ◆ Study of Grammar Boxes- Interjection, verb tenses
- ◆ Word Study-sentence analysis
- ◆ Writing prompts/handwriting
- ◆ Reading comprehension
- ◆ Writing process, letter writing

CULTURAL SUBJECTS

First Year

- ◆ Study of external parts of reptile/amphibian
- ◆ Parts of the stem/leaf/flower
- ◆ Study of U.S.A. /Europe
- ◆ Parts of the volcano

Second Year

- ◆ Animal stories, cont.
- ◆ The study of the stem/ leaf
- ◆ Fundamental needs of man
- ◆ Study of Europe/USA

Third Year

- ◆ Reptile Research, State study
- ◆ Study of biological systems
- ◆ Study of flowers/leaves/geog. nomenclature

For the Parents

YOUR BEST EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Love them enough to set firm yet reasonable limits. Love them enough to say no in a nice way. Love them enough to let them make mistakes and learn from experience. Love them enough to make them earn the special things they want. Love them enough to expect them to treat you as well as you treat them. ~ author unknown~