

January 2020

Newsletter

Language Area

We will be making crafts and projects that use this month's sounds. The Chinese sounds will be ㄆ, ㄑ, ㄒ, and ㄓ (pp, dz, ts and shr). We will continue on reading the Chinese poem 放鞭炮 (Fang Bien Pao). We are also working on 荷花荷花幾月月開 (He Hua He Hua Ji Yue Kai). In the English classroom, the sounds of the month are Nn, Kk, Yy and Ll. The English poems will be Solar System in Motion and January.

Art and Music

The English classroom's songs are Make New Friends and Keep The Old, and Little Snowflake. For art, we will make solar system and penguin crafts and Chinese New Year crafts. The Chinese class will learn 恭喜 恭喜 (Gong Xi Gong Xi) and 舞龍舞獅 (Wu Long Wu Shi).

"The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self."

— Maria Montessori

Sensorial Area

We will learn about the Construction Boxes and will work with the Five Boxes to see what we can make with them. These boxes teach about shapes and how to use them to build things.



CALENDAR

1/1 – School closed for New Year

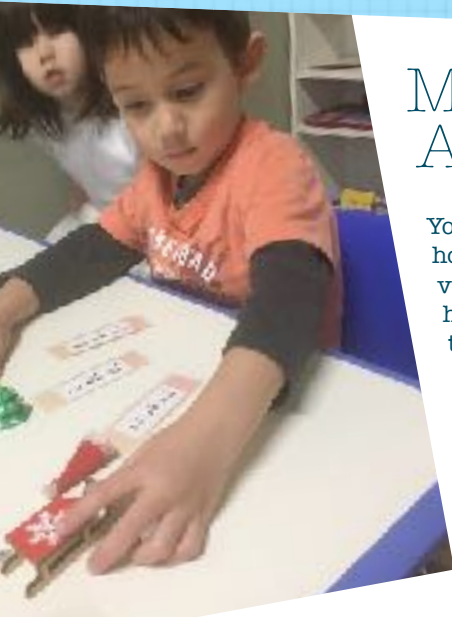
1/23 – Chinese New Year Potluck. 12pm - 1pm

1/20 – Closed for Martin Luther King's birthday

1/16 – Dumpling day



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Math Area

Younger children will continue with qualities of each number. They will do this while learning how to trace numbers and recognize written numbers. Older children will be working on place value and simple addition. We will also work with carrying over and borrowing unit, tens, hundreds and thousand. We will also work with the subtraction board and continue with telling time.

Practical Life Area

We will work with using spoons, using tongs, and pouring water. We will still work with pushing in chairs, putting work away in the right place, and will work on lacing and bow frames and buttoning jackets. We will also work with polishing shoes, sifting, lading, washing babies, and I Spy.



Science and Geography

This month's science topic is the solar system. We will also learn about volcanoes and mountains. We will learn the parts of a volcano and make a small erupting volcano in the classroom. In geography, we will learn about Antarctica and the life cycle of penguins.

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself” - John Dewey

