

Marbella Montessori

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration

All children are invited to come to school wearing comfortable pajamas on March 2nd to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. This will be a fun day to bring your favorite book and stuffed animal. We will spend all day reading some of Dr. Seuss's great books.

Parent / Teacher Conferences

Please make sure to sign up for the Parent/Teacher conferences. If you are unable to attend, please ask your teacher for a phone conference. The school is closed on this day, however childcare is provided during your conference time.

Class Easter Parties

Each classroom will have their party during snack time on March 31 and April 1st. Please bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with goodies for the Easter Egg Hunt. Please do not send any baskets for the Egg Hunt. The children will be decorating their own special bags. The children will enjoy a special snack provided by Marbella Montessori.

Persian New Year

March 20th marks the beginning of a two week celebration of Noruz. This is the oldest Iranian festival. The children will learn about this special celebration. They will grow "Sabzeh" in the classroom and try some Persian food. Please bring any special items that you would want to share in your child's classroom.

Spring Break Camp

The school is closed April 5-9th. We are offering a soccer and cheerleading camp. The camp will be offered M-F from 8-5:00. Please look for the flyer in your child's file.

Special Thanks:

We would like to take the time to thank Brody Mars from room 3 for helping us learn more about the Chinese culture. All the classrooms enjoyed the wonderful books and the dragon. The beautiful rice bowls looked great on the practical life shelves. If you have any items that represents your culture, please bring it to school. We would love to have the opportunity to share them with the children.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

In case of an emergency, it is extremely important that we have your contact information. Please be prepared to pick up your child in a timely manner when contacted.

March Birthdays

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to everyone celebrating a birthday in March.

Students:

Nicolas Bartoe	Dutch Althouse
Angelica Moreno	Alexis Bullock
Julian Cerruti	Eileen Sadati
Brody Mars	Ryan Winters

Staff:

Ms. Jen 03/13	Ms. Holly 03/24
Ms. Kristel 03/28	Ms. Kia 03/24

Dates to Remember

March 2	Dr. Seuss' Birthday
March 2	Chancy and Bruce Parent Workshop-7:00 pm
March 4 & 5	Southern California Sensory Screening
March 9	Parent/Teacher Conferences School closed
March 25 & 26	Spring Portraits with Diana
March 31	
& April 1	Class Easter Parties
April 2	Good Friday- School closed
April 5-9	Spring Break- School closed

Room 1 - Ms. Kristel

During the month of February, the children took a trip over seas to Asia. We explored the animals, the environment and the people who inhabit the continent. We had a fantastic time during our Valentines/Chinese New Year celebration. The children enjoyed passing out cards, trying our new foods as well as singing and having fun.

For the month of March, we will be taking an extended voyage to Europe. We will discuss the culture and the beauty of the continent, including the weather and the many languages spoken there. There is a holiday, not too familiar to us, that we will be talking about which is Persian New Year. Ms. Kia will be introducing the children to some Persian food and treats. If you have anything at home that you would like to contribute, either about Europe or Persian New Year, please feel free to bring it into our class.

In science, we will be focusing on parts of a flower as well as learning the names of different types of flowers. In addition, we will be planting our own seeds and learning about the life cycle of a seed. As always, we will continue to learn our sounds and numbers. I will be doing a lot of sound games and number games dur-

Room 2 - Ms. Elicia

Dear Room 2 Parents,

Thank you for all your help and support for our Valentines and Chinese New Year Celebration. The children had so much fun passing out valentines, and trying all the new foods we served for lunch.

This month we are going to learn all about Europe, explore its different cultures and landforms. For Cultural studies, we will be introducing the children to the parts of the flower, and having the children plant seeds in the classroom. We will also be learning all about Spring, creating Spring art projects, and learning new Spring songs. We will learn about different types of animals and their young. For science the children will be doing a science ex-

periment on how to get pennies clean with vinegar and other substances, and see which works best.

For math we will also be reviewing 11-19 and adding with small numbers.

A note to our parents, if you do sign up for snack please be sure to remember to bring it with your child to school. There are limited spaces in the month, so each child needs to have the opportunity to share with the classroom. Your child may share any special items such as books, pictures, or souvenirs with their friends at circle time.(Please No toys.)

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Thank you,

Mrs. Kristel and Ms. Alicia

Ms. Elicia and Ms. La Reina
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Room 3 - The Toddler Team

Dear parents,

The nationwide reading celebration takes place on March 2nd, the birthday of children's author Dr. Seuss. We will celebrate all month by reading some of his notable books in the classroom. Please take time to read with your children at home.

We will also recognize St. Patrick's Day with some special activities. March 21st is the start of spring and celebration of "Noruz", the Persian New Year. We will talk about this cultural event to the children. The children will try some Persian food and sweets in the classroom.

We are looking forward to parent/ teacher conferences during the second week of March. Please look for the sign up sheet in the classroom. This is a great time to discuss your child's progress. For those who joined us recently, this is a great time for us to learn more about your child's needs and your expectations from the program. If you are unable to attend, please sign up for a phone conference.

Thank you for contributing to our Valentine's Day/ Chinese New Year party. The kids had great fun.

Room 4 - Ms. Ramona

The month of February was filled with a variety of lessons. The children enhanced their US history by learning about two very important Presidents. The Chinese/Valentines party was great. Thank you parents for making it a great success. It is time to move on to a new season and a new month.

During the month of March we will visit the continent of Europe. The students will learn about its geography, animals, and famous landmark. Even though we are in the second half of the school year, we continue to reinforce ground rules on a daily basis as they provide for a more orderly and peaceful climate in the classroom. The children will learn about St. Patrick and why he is important.

For science the children will observe how to clean pennies with the solution of vinegar. They will also plant a seed and watch it grow and learn the parts of it.

The weather is changing. Please upgrade the extra

Many thanks to Brody Mars for sharing many items to help us learn more about the Chinese culture.

Special thanks to Ms. Holly for the wonderful projects during the month of February. The children enjoyed experiencing with crayons, watercolor, and sequins to create the Chinese Kite, displayed on the walls. We also had great fun making the dolls and the Cooley hats.

As always, we are available for any suggestions or concerns that you might have. Please contact us via e-mail or phone.

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Sincerely,

The Toddler Team

clothes in your child's cubby. Parent/Teacher conferences are on The 9th, school is closed on that day. Thank you once again for the healthy snack which is provided for the class.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ramona and Ms. Tara

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Room 5 - Ms. Bernadine and Ms. Anita

Dear Room 5 Parents:

All through the year, we try to recognize as many cultures as time permits. We focused on learning about the Chinese culture during the month of February. We read many books and participated in different projects. All the children joined Ms. Holly in her Art Studio to work on their Chinese dolls, kites, and Cooley hats. Thank you to all the parents for contributing to our Chinese and Valentine Day Celebration. We enjoyed sampling different Chinese dishes. We will continue our cultural studies in March as we learn about the Persian Culture. We will be celebrate Persian New Year and sample some traditional treats made by Ms. Kia.

During the month of March we will travel to Europe and learn about the third largest island in Europe, Ireland. We will engage in activities to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The children are welcome to bring books on Ireland to share with their classmates.

During early afternoon we will read Stage Fright on a Summer Night and Good Morning Gorillas from the Magic Tree House series. Please ask your child about the story and focus on who, what, where, when, and why.

We will continue reviewing nouns and verbs. We are currently working on word and sentence building, learning long vowel words and comparing them to short vowels.

In math we are working on adding and subtracting. We are learning how to carry over in addition. The children are also focusing on patterns and graphing.

In botany, we will review parts of a flower and will be planting seeds to celebrate spring. We will identify different flowers and their origins.

We will be experimenting with water, soda, vinegar, and lemon juice. The children will identify the most effective solution to deoxidize pennies.

Thank you everyone for your support. If you have any questions or concerns please call or leave a message in the teacher's message box. Have a wonderful month.

Thank you,

Ms. Bernadine and Ms. Anita

Important Reminders for Parents

- Please remember to fully clock your child in and out every day they attend. Wait for the screen to say "thank you and goodbye" and ask the front desk if you have questions about the procedure. And remember, school starts at 9:00 am.
- Pick up time is 12:00 pm for half day children and 3:00 pm for full day children. It is important to be on time when picking up your child. If you are going to be late, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make arrangements for staffing. A \$15 fee will be charged for late pick up and \$15 for each additional hour. If it is after 6:00 you will be charged \$1 per minute.
- Please do not check out your child prior to picking them up from the classroom/playground.
- Please bring an extra change of clothing to be left at school—the clothing must be labeled and in a large zip lock bag. Also, please layer your child's clothing when they come to school. The weather is unpredictable and it is important for your child to be comfortable during the school day.

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