

Pacific First Montessori Winter Newsletter



Notes from the Office

The ice I scrape off my igloo-like car every morning is testament to the fact that the winter season is still with us. But spring is officially only six weeks away. The bulbs that the children planted last fall are already poking through in the planters on the playground. We shall hope that the worst of the weather is behind us and that March will go out like a lamb. Thank you for your good cheer during the worst of the wind, rain and snow.

The year 2007 marks the hundred year anniversary of Montessori Education in this country. At the end of the month, Joyce and I will travel to New York City to attend the American Montessori Association Centennial Celebration. We have spent most of our careers in the field and marvel at the ability of the approach to transcend time and culture. Thank you for choosing to join us for your child's earliest educational experience.

-Bev

Infant Room

We are very excited to welcome Yaminah back to PFM with her baby Sayvior in tow. Olivia Prosisie Smith is leaving our classroom and transitioning into the toddler room with Jayne very shortly. Kathryn Denkewalter is on vacation in Hawaii to escape the cold weather.

Reminders:

Winter is still with us, remember to bring weather appropriate clothing- outside shoes are a must. The infant room does have a schedule and our babies are much happier when our routine runs smoothly. Please try to be on time for pick up so we can get our closing staff home to their families.

-Bernadette

February Happenings

Wed, February 7
"Goodnight Moon"
Seattle Children's
Theatre
12:30pm

Fri, February 9
Tiny Tots
10:30am

Tues, February 13
Preschool Craft
Afternoon
4:00-5:00pm

Wed, February 14
Valentine Exchange

Mon, February 19
CLOSED for
President' Day

Toddler Room

Every morning we take our walk around the neighborhood and I am always happy to take requests. Some of the popular choices are to go to the water fountain in the convention center (there are pennies at the bottom!), the aquariums on the fourth floor of Nordstrom, and the downtown library.

A gentleman by the name of David Dunkley visits us every Wednesday for music time. He brings his guitar, drums, marimbas, shakers, a triangle and many other instruments for the children to play. Before the start of our "jam session" he asks someone to name an animal. The animal stated determines how fast or slow the tempo will be. I am sure we won't be releasing an album anytime soon, but the music played is enjoyed by all!!!

Spring will be here before we know it, but until then thank you all for keeping your child's clothes basket full of warm shirts, pants, and socks.

-Jayne

Preschool North

I can't believe our school year is half over! The children have settled in and are so busy! We just finished our dinosaur unit and will begin shapes and colors, along with Valentine's Day and Lunar New Year projects and celebrations.

I'm excited to have Tin-Tin Pak (Hanur's brother) as a new student. All my "helpers" have made Tin-Tin's transition a very happy one!

Thank you for keeping extra clothes in your child's cubby for "wet" accidents whether from the rain or other things :) Also, the hats, mittens and rain gear are so important. Outside time is so much fun when they are warm and dry.

-Joyce

Preschool South

We are happy to welcome Laura Landauer, Sophia Ferraro, Nate Hall, and soon Gabrielle Placide Edwards to South class. What fun it is to make new friends!

We are just ending a unit on winter weather and bears. In February we will begin our continent study, first learning about Antarctica and then moving on to Africa. All the while we will be doing festive Valentine's Day Projects!

-Teddi

Here is a song we will be singing for Valentine's Day:

I'm gonna wrap
myself with paper,

I'm gonna dab
myself with glue,

Stick some stamps
on top of my head,

I'm gonna mail
myself to you.

