

MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S GARDEN NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2010

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Dates to Remember:

February 12: Valentine Breakfast

We will have a Valentine Breakfast for all of the parents on Friday, February 12. Breakfast will be from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Families are invited to come and eat breakfast with their student. Pancakes, fruit, and yogurt will be served.

February 12: Valentine Exchange

Children will exchange valentines on Friday, February 12 during their class time. Please have your child sign 20 valentines and put them in a bag with the child's name on it. There will be a box outside the classroom doors to collect them. **Please do not address the valentines to individual children.**

February 15: Make-up Day

We will have school on February 15. This will be the second of our snow make-up days.

February 16-19: Usborne Book Sale

We will be having an Usborne book sale February 16-19. Proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the school.

Quotable Quotes

Child to teacher, "I don't know what to do."
"Why don't you do some writing?"
"My hands are tired of drawing."
"Why don't you sit in the library and read?"
"My hands are tired of flipping."

Child says to parent, "This is my best friend."
Parent says, "Really, what's her name?"
Child turns to best friend and asks, "What's your name?"

Child bops another child. Teacher says emphatically,
"Don't hit. That hurts."
Child looks at her hand and says, "No, that didn't hurt."

Classroom News

The Red Cross came on January 11th. The children learned about what a Veteran was, and helped to make Valentine's cards that the Red Cross will take to the Veterans' Hospital in February.

In Miss Blair's Spanish class, the kids have been working on greetings, reviewing colors words with a new song, and playing a Bingo game.

Mrs. Jones class has been talking about dinosaurs and landforms.

Miss Tina class has been talking about the earth and invertebrates.

Mrs. Honey and Mr. Sultan's classes have been talking about vertebrates and invertebrates, and Antarctica.

Five year old enrichment class has been classifying sculptures and paintings and studying Picasso. They have also been doing experiments on forms of matter and are now beginning kitchen chemistry experiments. We began Reading Buddies on Monday where the children choose a book and read to each other. They will be helping to organize a game day for the rest of the school for Valentine's Day.

Thank you

Miss Tina's class made zucchini bread with the help of Nile's mom, Hilary. They then shared the bread with the rest of the school. We wanted to share the recipe with you. Please find it on the back side of this newsletter.

Zucchini Bread

Dry ingredients:

1 ½ cups flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. nutmeg

Wet ingredients:

1 beaten egg
1 cup sugar
1 cup shredded zucchini
¼ cup cooking oil

Supplies:

2 mixing bowls
2 wooden spoons
1 bread pan
1 grater
Measuring spoons and scoops
Butter (to grease pan)

Combine dry ingredients in bowl and mix well.
Make a well in the center.

Combine wet ingredients in another bowl and mix well.

Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients.

Pour into greased bread pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 50-55 minutes.