

Montessori Fun Time

February 2011 Newsletter



"The place to improve the world is in one's own heart and head and hands." Robert M Persig, American Philosopher

- ✓ **Chinese New Year:** We will be celebrating Chinese New Year at Montessori Funtime on **February 3rd**. We will be doing Chinese Art and Craft, reading books about Chinese New Year. A guest speaker will be at the school at different times to talk about the celebration. This is **kids only event**.
- ✓ **Valentine's Day Party:** On Monday, **February 14th**, we are celebrating Valentine's Day at Sweet Shade Park from **9:30 am- 12:30 pm**. You will join directly with your child at the park and kids will go back home after the party. All the children and adults may have something **Red** in their outfit, (it could be the shirt, pants, dress, cap, scarf...). We would like your child to have **something special** to give to each child in his/her classroom, to show love and appreciation like cards, pencils, erasers etc. The celebration will consist of passing out Valentines, Puppet show, playing games, singing, dancing and having special valentine's snacks. There will be a sign-up sheet in the classroom for the potluck. **Children are asked to bring an empty shoe box to school for decoration to collect the Valentines by Feb 8th.** There will be a total of **30 children** at the party.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your loved ones!!

- ✓ **Presidents Day:** Montessori Funtime will be **closed on Monday, February 21st** for Presidents Day. Enjoy your time with kids.

Here are some reminders that we would like to share:

<u>Drop off time</u> Please be punctual as it can be disruptive to the children doing their regular Montessori jobs. A quick goodbye will ultimately make separation much easier!	<u>Pick up time</u> Kids have long days in a structured environment and they look forward to go home at the end of day. So please be there on time for pick up , and especially at the preschool's closing hour.
Always <u>Sign in and Out</u> your child from the school. It is also very important for us to keep track of your child's attendance days and hours.	<u>Tuition Fee</u> is due before the 25th of every month. Please make sure payment is made on time to Montessori Fun Time to avoid the late fee .

In this month, along with the regular Montessori curriculum, children will learn about:

Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, United States Presidents

Practical Life	Pouring Liquids from one container to another
Sensorial	Mystery Bag
Language	Sounds of the Letters Ongoing Sweet & Sour
Math	Concept of Numbers, Tracing Numbers and Concept of Subtraction
Science	Manmade and Natural Objects
Geography	Flags
Art	Shape Heart and projects related to heart
Botany	Parts of Rose
Zoology	Life Cycle of Butterfly
History	Presidents

Congratulations to Shubha and Raghava for birth of their son "Aryan" on **January 13th 2011**. Arya is a big brother now.

Congratulations to Allison and Matty for birth of their son "Fletcher" on **January 26th 2011**. Harley is big sister again.

Happy Birthday shout outs to:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Rhea – February 12th

World Known Birthdays:

Happy Birthday to Susan B Anthony – February 15th

Happy Birthday to Chelsea Clinton – February 27th

Few fun things to do in area:

TET FESTIVAL February 4-6, 2011

Garden Grove Park, 9301 Westminster Blvd

Sponsored by the Union of Vietnamese Students Association, celebrates the arrival of spring and the first day of the lunar year. As a means to preserve culture, the Vietnamese American community celebrates during this event through a vibrant array of traditional foods, ceremonies, and customs.

Taste of San Juan Wednesday, February 16, 2011 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm

El Adobe de Capistrano Restaurant, San Juan Capistrano

949-493-1976

This is the kick-off celebration of the Fiesta de las Golondrinas, which is the famous Return of the Swallows celebration in San Juan Capistrano. This event brings together many of San Juan's marvelous restaurants under one roof to tempt you with 'tastes' of their fare.