



February 2010



We have many exciting things happening this month! **Valentine's Day** is around the corner and we are all busy preparing for this fun filled holiday! Please have your Valentines for your classmates filled out and returned to your classroom teachers by Wednesday, February 10th. Our Valentine's Day parties will all be held on Thursday February 11th for Miss Lori and Miss Leslie's class at 10:30 a.m. and the PM class party will be at 2:00 p.m. On Friday, February 12th, the parties will be for Miss Nikki and Miss Marilyn's class and Miss Gina and Miss Natalia's Class at 10:30 a.m. If you do not attend school this day you are more than welcome to come at your regular time.

This month we will be learning about the letters L and V, and visiting China. For L week we will be squeezing lemons to make homemade Lemonade, making a Lady Bug puppet, Valentine's 3D collages, Spin Art, Pink and Red Lick and Stick, decorating our Valentine Carriers, and learning a little about weather and creating a Lion and Lamb puppet. For V week we will be making a Valentine Puppet, a special Valentine present for our families, Popsicle stick picture frames, and Valentine cards for special people we love. We will also be learning and singing some great new songs to go along with the new letters and for Valentine's Day! Our plans for China will be learning the symbolism of the Flag of China, making Chinese Lanterns, Painting with chopsticks, and cooking up delicious fortune cookies. We are excited to stamp our passport and learn some amazing things about this country.

February Break is coming up the week of the February 15th-19th. We will be closed all week.

Our field trips this month will be to the Downtown Cabaret Theater to see Hansel and Gretel, on February 2nd. Please meet at the Tiburon parking lot by 8:45 a.m. and pick up is at 12:00 p.m. Another great trip will be to the Fairfield University Quick Center to see *Strega Nona* on Monday, February 22nd. Please meet at the Tiburon parking lot at 9:15am to board the busses. We will be meeting back at the Tiburon at 11:30 a.m. The cost for this field trip is \$20.00 per person. Space is limited please make sure you get the permission slips in ASAP.

Summer camp is almost here! It begins June 14th and runs through August 6th. There are four, two week sessions. We have a Summer Program for five and six year olds entering Fives programs, Kindergarten or First grade. Information is included in the Summer Camp brochures. Registrations forms were sent home. They are also available on our website at www.34openthedoor.com If you would like extras just ask!

As the weather becomes colder just a reminder to send your children in each day with a winter coat, mittens, hats and boots. Please send in snow pants when necessary. Also, in order to keep everyone's clothes separate we are asking that you clearly label each item before sending them into school. We try to go out for recess every day as long as the temperature is above 22°.

In the case of inclement weather we follow the Westport Public School system. If we have a two hour delay the AM session will start at 11:00am and dismiss at 1:00pm. On these days there is no lunch bunch. The PM session will begin at 1:30 and end at 3:30. If Westport schools are closed we will also be closed. A message will be posted on our voicemail informing you of any delays or closures. You can also log on to www.ctweather.com and click on IAN cancellations. Go to Schools. If we are delayed or closed it will be posted on the alphabetical list.

Our school Nurse Consultant will be coming in to do a lesson with the children on proper hand washing and germs. Just a quick reminder about our sick policy. Flu season is here again. Should your child awake with a fever of any kind, they must remain at home until they are fever free for 24 hours. If your child develops a fever at school, parents will be called to pick them up. Should your child have a runny nose, is sneezing or coughing, please do not send them to school. Should your child have conjunctivitis (pink eye) they must remain at home until they have received medication for 24 hours. For the safety of all our children we do reinforce all these policies.

Lastly, if you haven't already, please schedule a day to be a Mystery Reader in your child's class! What a great surprise it will be

Happy Valentine's Day!

Cyndi, Jenn, Gina, Lori, Linda, Leslie, Nikki, Marilyn, Jen and Natalia