



The Blue Line

The Newsletter of the Montessori School for Young Children
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We had a great time this month with Pancake and Pajama day. Excitement was in the air, along with the wonderful smell of pancakes and syrup. The children had fun mixing and measuring the pancake batter. Thank you for all the extra hands that made this a fun and memorable day for the children. We read about bears and other hibernating animals last month to go along with our pajama theme. We also read "The mitten" by Jan Brett and had work throughout the classroom with a mitten theme. This next month we will be busy preparing for Valentine's Day and our field trips to dental offices. The morning classes will visit Dr Rebecca Hohl's office. Rebecca is the mother of two of our present students John and Lauren and past student and big brother Jacob. The afternoon class will be visiting the Hadley's dental office. These have been great field trips in the past and are sure to be fun again. Please come to join us if you can for the field trips or the Valentine Party. Your helping hands are always appreciated.

Several of our students were convinced that changing the calendar after January was done meant that spring was here. The ground hog did see his shadow, so spring does not appear to be here just yet. I do believe though that the next time you will be reading "The Blue Line" we will be seeing signs of spring. Until then, enjoy the rest of winter.

Miss Cindy and Miss Kristin

Notes from the teachers...

• We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring or at least more pleasant weather. Nothing is better for us—in our opinion—than exploring our big backyard. We've been watching the birds and squirrels through our windows all winter long and look forward to running and yelling and breathing fresh air. Don't be surprised—we will get muddy!

• The toddlers are becoming more involved in snack preparation and clean-up. We start out washing or scrubbing any fruits or vegetables that are part of snack that day. The children then clean the tables and count out plates before we sit down to eat. When they are finished with snack they each wash their own dish and set it in the drying rack. (Miss Rumi and I rewash and sanitize the dishes after class.)

• Conference time is fast approaching. I'll send a note out mid-February to sign up for conferences which will begin in early March.

• Miss Suzanne and Miss Rumi

January has been a busy and exciting month. We are happy to welcome several new students to our classroom. Connor Hesse and Annie Berry have moved upstairs from Miss Suzanne's class, and Anna Rose Little has joined our afternoon class. We have been busy "digging" for dinosaur bones and learning about the various kinds of dinosaurs. We also enjoyed making pancakes and eating them in our pajamas at school.

February is Dental Health Month. We will be learning about our teeth, how to take care of them, and take a field trip to a dental office. The morning class will visit the office of Dr. Hohl, Lauren's mom, on the 25th, and the afternoon class will visit the office of Dr. Hadley on the 11th. We would appreciate extra hands and drivers on these days. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day on the 14th, and look forward to sharing valentines with all of our friends.

Later in February, we will begin a unit on Mexico, and we will incorporate the Spanish children are learning with Miss Barb into our daily classroom activities. Thank you to everyone who continually supports our school with volunteer hours and substituting in the classroom. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Miss Christie, Miss Sharon and Miss Rumi

Spanish News

Miss Nicole still has openings for the Toddler/Parent Music classes! Contact her at 430-0430 if you are interested in signing up!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 14th. All children in Miss Cindy's and Miss Christie's classes are welcome this day even if they do not normally attend on Thursdays. The toddler class will celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 13th and Thursday, February 14th.

The class counts are:

Miss Suzanne 17

Miss Cindy AM 21 / Miss Cindy PM 15

Miss Christie AM 17 / Miss Christie PM 11

We have been working on vegetables in many ways, with hands on, pictures, flash cards, poster, magnets and minis, games. We have also been "making" LA SOPA soup and LA ENSALADA salad. It would be great to take time in the produce section to find all the ones your Kids know by name.

At the table you can use PASAME _____, POR FAVOR Pass me _____, please, with the foods they know. We will be learning many more in coming weeks. (NO) ME GUSTA

_____ I (DON'T) LIKE _____ are also fun things to say at the table!

Put the PON LA MESA, QUITA LOS PLATOS Set the table, clear the dishes paper on the table and use it to practice those words. Hope you are all having fun with Spanish.

ABRAZOS Y BESOS (Hugs and kisses),
Miss Barb

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Tortilla Day
February 21st

Miss Barb and the students have been working very hard learning all the names of the food for tortillas and how to make them. The children will help prepare their own corn tortillas and fill them with their favorite fillings. This is a day alumni remember well.

Mission Statement

To promote and encourage the intellectual, social and physical development of children through education according to the Montessori method.

