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March Newsletter

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MONTESSORI SCHOOL

March Newsletter

Dear Mariposa Families,

The children had a lovely time handing out Valentines and flowers to their teachers and friends.

We had special snack - heart shaped watermelon pieces. The hugs from the children were priceless!

We are excited to have a few more families joining our Mariposa community this month. School is closed on March 6 for Staff Day. Spring Parent-Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 9th & 10th for Bobcats & Cheetahs and March 9th for Cubs, Cougars and Lions classrooms. There will be no school for all the children on March 9th. Bobcats & Cheetahs classroom will be closed on March 9th and 10th.

The weather has warmed up considerably. We request you to make sure that you apply sunscreen for your children before they come to school and the children can re-apply at school with help from teachers. Also, please do check in with the teachers to see if you need to send a new tube of sunscreen for your child.

We would like to once again thank all our families for re-enrolling for school year 2020-21. We will be charging for Registration fee, Curriculum fee and Deposit of last month's (June 2021) tuition next week. The monthly tuition will be charged on the 10th as usual.

EXHIBIT 5

A gentle reminder to be extra cautious in the parking lot during arrival and departure. Please stay at 5 mph speed limit when you drive in or out of the parking lot.

Do reach out to us if you have any questions. Have a lovely weekend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

March 6: School closed for Staff Day

March 9, 10: Parent Teacher Conferences

March 19: Coffee Chat

March 25: Board of Directors Meeting 9:15-10:15 AM

Best regards,

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UPDATES FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

Cubs: Ms.Melissa & Ms.Sarah

Dear Families of the Cubs,

This month we were very excited to start having Ms. Victoria from Golden Acorn Music in our classroom. The children loved learning new songs and singing with their friends.

The children had a wonderful time exchanging valentines earlier this month. It was great to see them sharing and taking turns.

As March comes around, we will be focusing on naming fruits and vegetables through books, art, and music . We will also be working on spring themed art projects.

As a friendly reminder, please send back your child's grey bag, which is sent home on Fridays.

We are thrilled to see how much the children have improved since the opening of our classroom! They have been improving on pushing their chairs in under the tables, returning their work back to its proper place on the shelves, and using "please" and "thank you" especially during snack time.

We are very proud of them!

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Wishes,
Melissa and Sarah

Music with Ms. Victoria!



With our Valentine's Day crafts



Exchanging Valentines



Enjoying sunny days together



Bobcats & Cheetahs: Ms. Junko, Ms. Irma & Ms. Negin

Dear Parents of Cheetahs and Bobcats,

We hope all of you had a wonderful mid-winter break. The children had an exciting month of February. They enjoyed making rice balls for the cooking project and have been taking pleasure in having the self-serve snack and the cheese cutting job. We are so happy to see the children have a delightful time.

As we learned about animals living in Asia, we introduced the difference between meat eater and plant eater animals and learned the words, “carnivore” and “herbivore”.

In March, we will learn about Africa as it is the theme of the month. We will discuss the landscape as well as animals living in Africa with related artifacts, pictures, and books. Also, we will talk about the nutritional value of fruits and vegetables since March is the national nutrition month.

As we will talk about spring season, we are planning on planting green bean seeds in a cup. After observing how the seed grows, the children will take the plants home. For optimum results, please transfer the plant your child brings home to a bigger pot or plant it directly in the ground. We will also learn about the life cycle of a bean and an oak tree. Also, thanks to Adriana (Kellan’s mom) and Nao (Hannah’s mom), now our garden boxes are ready to be planted. We

will be thrilled to receive donations of vegetable plants, such as tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers, etc.

In practical life, we will excitingly have the coffee grinding job - an exercise of manually grinding coffee beans into grounds. Once the child is done with grinding, she/he will take the ground coffee home, which can be used for your coffee break or as fertilizer for your plants. Please return the small container with ground coffee to school. We will reuse it many more times.

We still have several slots open for volunteer opportunities. Please sign up if you are interested in reading books to children or sharing your special talents with them.

A special thank you to parents (alphabetical order) who.....

- Helped with our cooking project making “rice balls”: Joyann (Soren’s mom)

- Came in to read books to the children: Dana (Ethan’s mom), Erin (Lyla’s mom), Kirstin (Teagan’s mom), and Sean (Carter’s dad)

- Came in for the Parents Show and Tell: Harsha (Lyla’s dad) who played the guitar and did a sing-along with the children; and Joyann (Soren’s mom) who talked about swimming, safety, and lifeguards and shared fun swimming equipment with the children.

Happy Birthday to Lyla (March 1), Eera (March 12), and Hannah (March 22)!! We wish you all the best!

As always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Junko, Irma, and Negin

1. The cooking project making rice balls



2. Enjoying the music session



3. The presentation about swimming, lifeguard, and swimming equipment



4. The sing-along with the guitar



Cougars: Ms. Grishma, Ms. Mariella, Ms. Bita:

Cougar Cave: March (2020)

Dear Parents,

After the mid-winter break, the children have returned all refreshed and are busy working and receiving new lessons. It has been such a pleasure to see them all engrossed in their jobs and making progress in their learning.

We look forward to sharing their learning experiences and answering all your queries at the upcoming conferences on March 9th.

Highlights of February:

- **Study of the Continent of Asia: We talked about the vastness and different geographical and cultural richness of the continent. Focused on a few countries such as India, China and Japan. Given that we have quite a few teachers representing different countries of Asia, it was very exciting for the children to relate to their learning.**
- **One of the highlights of the Asia unit was the cooking project, for which we made Aloo Tikkis and Mango Lassi (Indian Cuisine). The children had fun peeling and mashing the steamed potatoes and then rolling the tikkis and finally relishing the aloo tikkis as well as mango lassi! The kids were also fascinated to see the Indian spice box filled with various spices.**
- **The children enjoyed the presentation of Rangoli, an Indian art form created using colored sand. They all got a chance to participate in making a Rangoli in the classroom.**

- We also talked about Presidents' Day and read a book about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and role of a President.

Celebrations:

- Valentine's Day- Kids were excited to bring in the cards for their friends and teachers and some of them had worked hard on hand writing the names of their friends as well as teachers on their cards!
- Birthdays: We will celebrate Petra's 5th and Elias's 4th birthday in March. Our best wishes to both of them!

How to bring the learning home:

- Vocabulary from Asia unit: Mt. Everest, Taj Mahal, Mt, Fuji, Origami, Calligraphy, The Great Wall of China
- Cooking with children- a great interactive learning for children where they get to use all five senses during the process.

Focus of study for February:

- Continent of Africa
- Spring Season
- National Nutrition Month

Thank You:

- Perry Panesar (Alayna's dad) for Show and Tell – Presentation on Photography, different techniques and parts of a camera
- Natalie (Jerry's mom) and Fang (Maia's mom) for their help with the cooking project.
- Hillari (Grant's mom) for book reading.

Spring is almost here! We are planning to do planting in our garden boxes on March 17th. We need some donations of top soil and plants. We will also need 2 volunteers to help us out with the planting project. We will put our wish list outside the classroom for you to sign up.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Grishma and Mariella

1. So focused and working hard to make "Aloo Tikkis"



2. Thank you Natalie and Fang - our volunteers for the cooking project



3. Peeling potatoes...



4. Mashing potatoes



5. Adding spices.....



6. Rolling Aloo Tikkis



7. Ymm... relishing Aloo Tikkis and Mango Lassi



8. Show & Tell by Parry



9. Book Reading by Hillari



10. Rangoli- An art form from India



Lions: Ms.Munawar, Ms.Sandhya, Ms.Deepti

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Dear Parents,

March is going to be a busy month with children coming back from the President's week completely recharged and ready to get back into their predictable routine. In February, we moved from the smallest continent to the largest continent "Asia".

Highlights of February:

- **Introduction to Asia and its location on the world map.**
- **Introduction to some of the countries of Asia like China, Japan, India, Iran, Pakistan etc. The children saw the location of these countries on the map and also learnt to color in their own flags from these countries.**
- **They saw pictures of other children like them from Asia and learnt that many languages are spoken in this continent. We took this opportunity to introduce the word 'hello' in many Asian languages.**
- **We focused a little more on India and the children saw what the currency in India looks like.**
- **We also introduced the children to some of the animals that live in Asia.**
- **Cooking project: To enrich our experience some more, we cooked 'Aloo Tikkis' (potato patties) and tasted 'Mango Lassi' (Mango yogurt drink). The kids loved the treat and to many, this brought back memories from last year.**
- **We also spoke about one of the wonders of the world " The Taj Mahal" and the children were fascinated to hear the story of the king who built this beautiful monument in the memory of his wife.**
- **Art project: Painting a 'Rangoli' which is an Indian art form where colorful and decorative designs are made in the courtyard of homes. The children also colored in a peacock and observed the bright colors in the feathers.**

Celebrations:

- **Valentine's day: The children made 3-layered Valentine hearts in class**

- **President's Day:** The children discussed about who a President is and what he does for his country
- **Birthdays:** Payton and Sarah turned 6 and Spencer turned 5!

Take the learning home by:

- Looking at currencies from different countries of Asia
- Trying Asian food and discussing about the spices that are used to cook them
- Trying simple 'origami' craft

Focus of study in March:

- Continent of Africa
- Flags of some of the countries of Africa
- River Nile
- Pyramids of Giza
- Animals, art and music of Africa
- Introduction to Nowruz
- March is also the month of nutrition

Big thanks to:

- Chelsea, for a wonderful presentation about their trip to Spain. The children were thrilled to hear your personal story and also the storybook about 'La Tomatina'.
- Satomi and Sreelatha for patiently cooking the 'Aloo Tikkis' to perfection on the griddle.

Sincerely,

Munawar, Sandhya and Deepti

Some of the books read this month



What a Citrus looks like from the inside:



Show and Tell:



Presentation of flags from Asian countries:



Peace table always works:



Mango Lassi and Aloo Tikkis:





Making Rangoli patterns with Ms Deepti:



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