

MARCH NEWSLETTER

February Highlights: I'm happy to be back with the first year students again. Florence did a great job covering the class while I was 'next door.'

For a short month, it certainly was packed with special events. Thanks to all the parents who contributed treats for our Valentine's Day party. And, hats off to those of you whose children brought in handmade Valentines!

It was a great Dragon Parade - those wiggly little Kindergarteners pulled it off. Thanks to the Voong family (Abby's family), we added a Lion Dancer this year. The Voongs gave us a Lion head to join our beautiful 29 year old dragon. The children are always into the parade, and the luncheon was great, thanks to Toni and Florence.

Mr. Zimring's historical visit about the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln was enthusiastically met with participation and questions. His presentations are very lively. The children wrote lovely thank you letters to him.

We are continuing our grammar studies with the *article*, which has been added to the spelling homework. Our next poem is almost ready to share, and we are back to reading *The Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder, now that the holidays are over. We will be starting our Little House writing project next week.

Upcoming in March:

I will be doing conferences on Thursday, March 8, Friday, March 9 and Saturday, March 10. A sign-up sheet is attached to this newsletter. If none of these dates or times work for you, please call me in the AM and we can work out a more convenient time.

The most exciting event for the children is coming up on March 15th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. It is Parent/Child Night. They absolutely love this event because they can share their school day with you. In our first year class, the parents are the students, and the students are the teachers. Of course you'll do a journal, and your child will prepare a contract for you. Don't worry, I caution them to be easy on you.

There will be a wee class party for St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 16th - something about green milk and hidden leprechauns? Of course we'd like to see lots of green on that day so, yes, please do wear green.

The Fairyland Puppet Theater is coming to our stage to present a puppet show on March 19th. The puppeteers not only put on a great show, but they also show how it is done at the end. Children are invited to wear spring colors (pastels) for the first day of spring on Wednesday, March 21st. And to close out a very busy month, each class has an Egg Hunt and a small class party on Thursday, March 29th.

Friday, March 30th, is a holiday with no daycare, and our Spring Break is April 2 - 6, with usual daycare hours.

Remember to turn in your re-enrollment contracts for next year by Monday, MARCH 12th.

Yours in Montessori,

Jo