



Montessori Children's House of Hayward

Make us your neighborhood school!

510-782-4427

"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment". - Maria Montessori



Greetings Parents and happy, fabulous February!

This is the month for hearts, flowers, and friendship. The classes will be exploring acts of kindness and what makes a friend. Towards the end of January and start of February we have loved exploring the continent of Asia and celebrating the Chinese / Lunar New Year. We've had some amazing cultural experiences that are happening in our room. February is filled with an abundance of topics to introduce with studying the continent of Asia, Groundhog's Day, Black History Month and Valentine's Day.

THEMES THIS MONTH

- **SOCIAL FACTS:** Respecting differences
- **GEOGRAPHY:** Asia
- **ZOOLOGY:** Reptiles
- **BOTANY:** Stem / flowers

Note: Any artifacts, books or pictures in these subject areas are welcome for sharing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Friday, February 2nd

What is Groundhog Day about?

Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition observed in the United States and Canada on February 2.

Announcing whether a groundhog sees its shadow after it emerges from its burrow.

If the groundhog sees his shadow, we get six more weeks of winter. If he doesn't see it, it means an early spring is on the way.

Significance: Predicts the arrival of spring

Wednesday, February 14th

Wear red clothing. All classrooms will be having a Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, Feb 14th. The children will be making valentine bags to receive their valentines from their classmates. If you wish, your child may bring valentine cards to share with their friends. There is no need to address each card; you can write the name of your child on the back of the cards. If you wish to send healthy treats you may send them with your child in the morning. Remember all treats need to be store bought and individually wrapped.

Wednesday, February 14th

100 days of school is an exciting milestone in preschool classrooms.

Activity: We will ask the children to take 100 steps around the classroom and make fun predictions about how far across the room they can get. Children often learn best through doing. With hands-on activities that involve touching and manipulating items, children can practice their fine motor skills and express themselves creatively (i.e. finger dot painting).

Nicole Wu / Hailey's mom will be coming on Thursday, February 15th to share some Chinese culture with the children. (internal only)

Friday, February 16th, children will learn about US presidents.

President George Washington's (1st president of America).

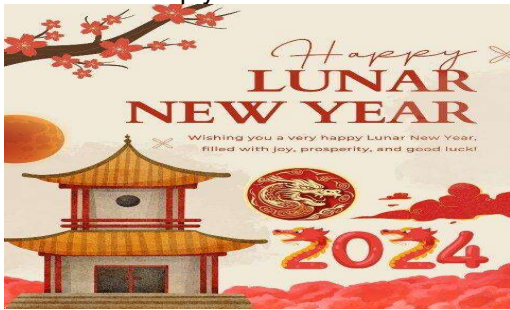
President Abraham Lincoln's (16th president of America)

Also, children will recite president's day songs and do the projects.



February 23,2024- Chinese/Lunar New year Dragon parade. (Year of the Dragon)

Please dress up your children and wear a red or traditional Chinese outfit.



"Gung Hay Fat Choy ", which is "Happy New Year " in Chinese. We will be celebrating the Lunar/Chinese New Year, making lycee envelopes for good luck, and we will go on a Dragon dance parade. Children will really enjoy this country and learn about their culture. Children are off to China this month (one of the Asian countries).

Children's Dental Health Month



Dentist Visit TBD: we will have teachers pretending to be dentists will talk to the students about brushing their teeth, healthy snacks, and how to care for their teeth.

February 25 through March 2,2024 -National Montessori week!



We will be studying and talking about Maria Montessori's life, philosophy and her works through hand and eye coordination skills.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The weather has been cold and it is very important that your child brings a warm jacket to school. During rainy days, when the children come to school with their rain boots, please bring a regular pair of shoes for class. Rain boots are for outside only; it may harm the children's feet if they wear rain boots the entire day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY 8th ----- **Picture Day**

FEBRUARY 19th ----- **Presidents' Day / No School**

FEBRUARY 23rd ----- **Chinese / Lunar New year Dragon Parade at 11:00 am**
Parents are welcome to watch with your cameras!

Thank you,
MCHOH Staff