# Montessori Children's House of Hayward

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"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



Good morning Parents! Greetings! Happy Fabulous February!

**SOCIAL FACTS:** Respecting differences

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:** Asian countries and Biomes

In zoology we will be studying reptiles, in botany we will study about stem / flowers and in geography we will move to Asia. Any artifacts, books or pictures in these subject areas are welcome for sharing.

#### **GROUNDHOG DAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**



Children will do the Groundhog project on January 31st,2025. 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

# 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

Activity: Exciting milestone in preschool classrooms! 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. (finger dot painting)

## **US PRESIDENTS - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

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

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

Children will learn about Presidents. Children will recite presidents' day songs and do the projects. Please note: Monday, February 17, 2025 is no school.

## VALENTINE'S DAY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

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



## YEAR OF THE SNAKE - LUNAR NEW YEAR DRAGON PARADE – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14,2025 @ 11:30 AM

Wear red or traditional Asian / Chinese outfit. "Gung Hay Fat Choy", which is "wishing you prosperity" in Chinese. We will be celebrating the Lunar New Year, making lycee envelopes for good luck, and marching in the Dragon Parade. Children will really enjoy this celebration and learn about the customs.



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.

# NATIONAL MONTESSORI WEEK - FEBRUARY 23, 2025 TO MARCH 1,2025



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

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH - FEBRUARY 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025



Children will do the projects and read the story to remember important people and events in the history of the African diaspora .

#### **WEATHER REMINDER**

The weather has been very 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 14<sup>th</sup> Chinese / Lunar New year Dragon Parade at 11:30 am (parents are welcome to watch with your cameras!).
- FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> Presidents' Day / No School / HOLIDAY