



PATHWAY MONTESSORI



February is Heart Month

Language will be a major focus this month, although since the beginning of the school year every child has received lessons in phonics on a weekly basis. Montessori uses a teaching aid called sandpaper letters. These letters are used to provide a foundation in both reading and writing. Letters are introduced by phonetic sound rather than letter names and they are not introduced in their order within the alphabet. Instead, they are introduced in an order that allows the child to maximize the amount of words with the letters he/she has learned.

Once the child has a basic understanding of most letter sounds, they will be introduced to a material

called the moveable alphabet. This is a box containing wooden letters. The children lay the letters out to write words and, when ready, make sentences.

Valentine's Day does not land on a school day this year but we will celebrate it the week prior. It will be different this year but can be just as special. We will be following health and safety protocols and ask you not to send Valentines to school. Instead, we will make Valentines at school during that week and children will decorate their own bags to hold their valentines in. Families are asked not to send any items in for this occasion and we will provide everyone with a pre-packaged treat.

Kindergarten News

February is heart month. We will be talking about ways to keep our hearts healthy. We will also be learning about personal hygiene practices that contribute to a healthy body.

As well, we will be honoring Pink Shirt day, so don't forget to wear a pink shirt on Feb 24th in support of anti-bullying. Oh, and we'll be doing lots of Valentine's crafts. February is also the month we'll be moving on to our citizenship unit and learning about how to be good citizens. Finally, we will continue studying more about measurement and also be introduced to 3-D shapes.

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Dates this Month

Feb 10th and 11th	– Valentine's celebration
Feb 12th	– PD Day (No School)
Feb 15th	– Family Day (No School)
Feb 24	– Anti bullying Pink Shirt Day

Happy Birthday!

Feb 24	Ms. Sharon	🎂
Feb 25	Quinten Cabrera	Age 4

Sounds of the Week

THIS MONTH'S SOUNDS

As we continue to follow Covid protocols and keep items coming into our class to a minimum we will explore our sound cabinet every day instead of having a sound basket. These items introduce and help reinforce the phonetic sounds of the letters for young learners.

- Feb 1st** - "l" as in lion
- Feb 8th** - "d" as in doll
- Feb 15th** - "w" as in water
- Feb 22nd** - "e" as in elephant



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REMINDERS:

Registration

Parents who are currently registered in our preschool will be offered priority for registering for the upcoming school year. Priority for specific days and limited seating for Kindergarten will be available until Feb 7th. After that date, we will open the registration process to the general public.

Healthy Habits

Please support our learning and avoid sending in sugary snacks for your child. Parents can participate in free online nutrition classes offered by AHS Dietitians. Just register at <https://www.birthandbabies.com/> to learn:

Create a positive mealtime environment

Cope with mealtime struggles

Introduce new foods

Year End Tax Receipts

If you require a year end tax receipt, please send an email with your child's name, name for the receipt and current address. We will process requests in order received as quickly as possible.

Digital Covid Questionnaires

A new email has been created to send the covid questionnaires to in the mornings after your child's temperature has been taken and before dropping them off at the classroom. The form must arrive before we can allow them entry or a paper one will need to be completed. The form can now be emailed to pathwaychecklist@gmail.com

Kindergarten News

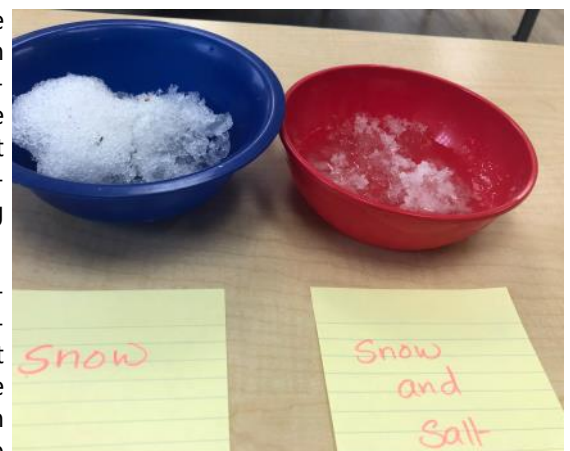
KINDERGARTEN NEWS (con't)

We had a busy month in our kindergarten classroom in January where the children were introduced to new sounds and sight words. We also practiced writing new words and short sentences that utilize the sight words. We played the popcorn sight words game which was very exciting for the children. In continuing with our cultural studies, the children learned about Russia and Egypt. We made crafts of Russian nesting dolls and Egyptian head-dresses.

During Math, we started the measurement unit and children compared 2 or 3 objects and found out whether they are longer, shorter or the same. We used paper clips, a

ruler, and cubes to measure the length of objects. The children also got to learn about the science behind snow flakes and we did a melting snow experiment with snow and salt. In Art, children created a snowflake using salt and water colors.

In the month ahead, we will continue to use the moveable alphabet letters to make short phonetic words, focusing more on phonics-based reading in class which involves learning to recognize distinct sounds. Children are so happy to choose their own books for home reading. Please continue to support their reading at home.



"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child."— **Maria Montessori**