



Sparkle Montessori

Newsletter - March 2017

Dear Sparkle families,

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Suess

On March 2nd, we will celebrate the birthday of the Dr. Suess whose has many magical books for children. Reading is important when it comes to your child's development and little children learn to love reading just by reading to them. So, grab your hat and read with a cat!

On Sunday, March 12th, Daylight savings time will begin. Today we set our clocks ahead one hour and in effect lose an hour of time! Please do your best to adhere to your child's schedule.

Please remember that we have to adhere to very strict rules regarding staff /child ratio in classes. Therefore, please remember to notify us in advance if your child's schedule will be different than what he\she is registered for. Additionally, if you need your child to come early or stay later than usual, please check with the Director at least a day in advance of the need.

On march 17th, please make your child wear **green** to celebrate St Patrick's day.

We will be having Parent Teacher Conferences from March 27th-March 31st. The schedule for your child's class will be put up by March 20th.

This is also the time for Kindergarten registration. We would like to remind our parents that our school also has a Kindergarten program and please let us know if you would like to enroll your child for the kindergarten class starting this fall.

Thanks,

Sparkle Montessori Team

CLASSROOM NEWS

Room 1

Our focus for the month of March for our 2 year olds is to learn the following **10 shapes**; rectangle, square, circle, triangle, rhombus, crescent, star, heart, octagon, and oval. For our new 18 month olds who have just entered the program, this month will be to learn the colors as well as to learn to participate in group time.

Room 2

We will learn about **American Monuments** for our monthly Theme.

We will do some **science jobs**, such as sorting plants and animals groups.

For language, we will review **ending sounds, blending sounds and reading**. We will focus on language jobs to make words and simple sentences. We will also start to explore **singular and plurals**.

For math, the children will still be working on **addition, subtraction, measurements, and comparisons**.

Room 3

We will be learning about the **landmarks of the United States of America**. The children will continue to follow the ground rules of the classroom. We will be **learning letters** and **sounding out a, m, t and s**. In Math, we will continue working with **Sand a Paper Numbers**. We will also be counting **Spindles** and putting them in each compartment.

Room 4

This month we will learn about how to **spell our first name and last name** and practicing writing it. We are going to work on **identifying patterns** as well as rhyming words. For practical life, we are working on **using scissors**. For math, we will continue practicing **missing number and before and after numbers**.

Looking back.....

February, despite being a shorter month was action packed. In addition to Groundhog Day, Valentine's day and 100 days of school, we also learnt about Presidents of America and some fun facts about them.

Our Valentine's Day celebration was enjoyable. All the children looked adorable in red clothing. They made Valentine's Day crafts and also exchanged cards with their friends.

We also did art work for President's day.

Please check our Facebook page for pictures. Please LIKE!

Theme of the month: March

During this month, our children will be learning about American Landmarks. We will be talking about fun facts about these famous landmarks.

Did You know?

- The Golden Gate bridge is visited by nearly ten million people each year.
- The Gateway Arch in St Louis, Missouri, is the world's tallest arch.
- Building the Hoover Dam used so much concrete that if it were used to build a sidewalk, a four-foot-wide sidewalk around the Earth at the Equator could be built!

We will also be celebrating Dr. Suess Day and St. Patrick's Day during March

Mark your Calendar

March 17

St Patrick's Day-This is not a holiday

March 27th - March 31st

Parent Teacher Conferences

Some Gentle Reminders....

- Please make your child wear clothes that are appropriate for the weather on a particular day. Please send along a jacket as sometimes it tends to get cold during the day.
- Fridays are show and tell (sharing days). Please refrain from sending toys. We encourage handmade arts and crafts.
- Each child has a folder for his/her work. Please remember to take your child's last week's work home every Friday from his/her folder.
- Please avoid any gold jewelry on your child. The school is not responsible for any lost ornaments.
- Please pick up your child's soiled clothes the same day and also replace it with extra clothes the next day. All clothing must be labeled.
- Please make sure your child's nails are trimmed at all times.

VERY IMPORTANT

- Please ensure that you hang your child's bag/jacket on his/her hook **ONLY**. This will be very helpful for us to track individual items.
- We recommend not to make the children wear hair clips as they take it out and put it in their mouth may injure themselves. Cloth hairbands and rubber bands are recommended.
- Please refrain from making your child wear shoes with light in them. It is very distracting for your child and the entire class.
- The disabled parking is for use only by cars that have a valid sticker.

Circle time starts at 9.00a.m. and continues until 9.30a.m. This is a very important period and all what is done during this time is not repeated during the day. The children learn a lot at this time and we request that you try your best to bring your child before 9.00a.m.