

February 2010 Newsletter

“AT THE TOUCH
OF LOVE, EVERY-
ONE BECOMES A
POET.”

-PLATO

Hello Families and Friends!

Another month has gone and the students are all doing wonderful work so far. January was indeed a memorable month. Every day brings new discoveries, challenges, and adventures for our children. The month of February promises to be lovely and warm since Valentine's Day is fast approaching. Our students will be very busy participating in a wide variety of fun activities.

Valentine's Day

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we will have a party on Friday February 12th. Most of our children bring Valentine cards to exchange with classmates on this day.

We suggest that children sign cards only rather than addressing them to individual students. Everyone is encouraged to dress in red, pink, and white clothes on this special day.

Cold weather/ Medication

With the changes of the weather it seems everyone is getting ill. Please make sure to send your child in warm clothes and if he/she is very ill, please make arrangements to keep them at home. If your child is on medication, please be aware medication may only be administered by our own staff if it is labeled with the child's name and time to be given. Once again, please remember to label all items brought from home.



President's Day

In observance of President's Day, Carousel School will be closed on Monday, February 15th. Please mark your calendars.

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BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday to...	Kibir Anteneh 2/15	<u>Staff</u>
<u>Students</u>	Autum n Taylor 2/21	<u>Ezperanza 2/4</u>
David Kang 2/14	Ricardo Fabian 2/26	Jin Hee Park 2/6
Billy Lopez 2/14	Brandon Mitchell 2/28	Paul Chico 2/15
Joshua Sierra 2/14	Keshawn Dawson 2/28	Amada 2/18

PRE-K CLASS

Dear Parents,

We can't believe that we are half-way through the school year. Our pre-k children are all working hard on meeting their goals and having fun at the same time. This month we will do a lot of creative and fun activities.

The themes for the month of February:

1st Week: Community Workers

The children will learn about the various roles that people play in

"out on the range," trail rides, and rodeos.

*Have a great month
Ms Jin*

their community. These lessons will emphasize the contributions of the people who work in the community.

2nd Week: Valentines and Friendship

The children will celebrate Valentine's Day when we share our positive feelings about special people. They will also talk about the importance of sharing, giving, loving and friendship. Through this theme, the children will become more aware of what a friend is and activities friends can do together.

3rd Week: Black History

The children will learn some great African American heroes to celebrate Black History Month. Through this theme, the children will be able to appreciate the contributions of the people who made a difference in the world.

4th Week: Cowboys and Cowgirls

The children will be exposed to some American Western heritage through various activities. The lessons in this theme cover topics that include the practical reasons for Western attire, the weather,



Ms. Bertha and Rod

KINDERGARTEN CLASS

Dear Parents,

Here are the following lessons for the month of February:

Language Arts: Unit 2: Shadows

Lesson 1: Sounds and Letters: Mm

Pre-Decodable Book: "This is"

Introduce New Story: **SHADOWS**

Lesson 2: Sounds and

Letters: Nn
Reading and Responding: "Shadows"
Pre-Decodable Book: "We Go"

Vocabulary Skill Words: Shadow, Blocks
Lesson 3: Sounds and Letters: Oo

Reading and Responding: "Shadows"
Pre-Decodable Book: "Who Has Hat?"
Vocabulary

Skill Words: walk, climb, slide

Lesson 4: Sounds and Letters: Pp

Reading and Responding: "Shadows"
Pre-Decodable Book: "The Pot"
Vocabulary

Skill Words: dog, snail, duck, moose, bird, mouse

Review: Rhyming Words/Sequencing
What Belong Together

Math: Chapter 7
 Lesson: 7.1 Groups of 10
 7.2 Build and Identify 11-12
 7.3 Build and Identify 13-14
 7.4 Build and Identify 15-16
Review Number Concepts; 1-10 and Shapes
Social Studies: History- Social Science for California: **Unit 4**
Lesson 4: How can we show a neighborhood?
 What is a map?
 What are the map Features?

Science: Foss: Investigation 5: Constructions
 Part 1: Paper Boxes
 Part 2: Paper Weaving
 Part 3: Using Materials

Student of the Month: Isaiah Lawson
 Isaiah has been selected as the student of the month. He has made progress in academic and social areas. He participates during our discussion and sharing activities. He is starting to express himself by verbalizing. His work is improving and he can now draw simple pictures.

Thank you for your support!
 Ms. May



1ST & 2ND GRADE CLASS

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that the month of January was a new and exciting month. During the month of February we wish to continue our success with the new changes we have made to our class. The 1st and 2nd grade classroom has made space for the new sensory/play corner. This new corner has become the new favorite area for our young scholars and constantly finding productive ways in which to play with each other. A second change that our class has adapted to is the new morning circle time that takes place at Carousel's sensory room. During this hour, students are put to work with various manipulative tools and toys while enjoying a calm and mellow atmosphere. These changes have improved the productivity of our kids and have allowed our staff to focus on each student while learning in depth the potential of each student. The month of February will introduce our students to amazing material that will challenge and expand their minds. The Language Arts hour will focus on "Things That Go". In this hour our students will learn about transportation, vehicles, and other various "things that go". Math has been a productive part of our day and will continue to challenge our students. During February students will build on their time and money studies and explore weight, measurements and capacity. The student store has been a great help to our class and our 1st and 2nd grade class would like to thank Ms. Tammy for her continued support with our money curriculum. During Social studies our students will explore a completely new lesson plan and learn "The Changes over Time". Within this hour students will visit California and its various changes (clothes, music, vehicles, land etc.) it has made throughout history. Our days will end with Science as students have and will continue to study the basics of solids, liquids, gasses and other various forms of matter. We are ready for the month of February and look forward to expanding the minds of our nine scholars.

The 1st and 2nd grade class would like to wish James Wallace and Keshawn Dawson a very Happy Birthday!!



Mr. Lester & Mr. Victor

3RD & 4TH GRADE CLASS

3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

The month of January flew by. Last December, the class won the door decorating contest for the second time. Our class will soon go on a fun trip as a reward for the contest.

On the last Friday of February, we will be visiting the LA Observatory as an enrichment activity for our Science lesson, "Sun, Moon, and Stars." The students will be able to go to the plane-

tarium which will be exciting!

Students continue to practice on their individual goals in connection to the lessons that they've been learning such as the winter season, Martin Luther King Jr., and stories from Dr. Seuss.

Thank you again for your support.

Ms. Charisse, Ms. Nenita, and staff



Ms. Lyann, Sarah and Ms. Bertha

"A teacher affects eternity he/she can never tell, where his/her influence stops" -Henry Brooks Adams

SDC CLASS

Dear Parents

This month room # 6 enjoyed the beginning of the cooking sessions enjoying delicious steam rice as part of our cooking lessons This week the students also did winter crafts and worked on our theme for the week (Five Senses). As part of our routine, the students clean their tables after eating. Great Job Room # 6 students and staff who really make the school run every day. Thank you for your continued support. Ms. Bertha Contreras



Dear Parents,

The month of January went by so fast! There has been a lot of excitement in the classroom because of the New Year and what it can possibly bring us in the future.

It has already been five months since we imple-

mented that new classroom set-up I was talking about in the October 2009 newsletter. So far, the effects are quite good. Since the set up involves smaller group sessions with activities appropriate for a particular group's learning abilities and styles, students tend to become more engaged this

time reducing boredom and facilitating a lot the assimilation of the lessons. Intermittent breaks are provided throughout the academic period so as to prevent students from getting overwhelmed which can be a cause for escalation. What the students also find motivating is our CONTEST DAY. through Thursdays and on Fridays;

Lessons are conducted from Mondays through Thursdays and on Fridays; the class is divided into two groups and compete against each other. The groups are asked questions about the lessons of the preceding days and the group that accumulates the greater

number of points based on their correct answers wins a prize.

Our Community-Based Instruction (CBI) program is continuously moving on. Last month, we visited the Animal Shelter, Ralphs, and Laundromat in our effort to keep the students constantly in touch with what is going around. We also had our big field trip last January 29th to the California African-American Museum as a way of culminating our month long lesson on Black History.

Again, thank you to all of those who in many ways have supported us! We will keep you posted for any developments.

Sincerely,
 Mr. Dominic & Mr. Emmett



HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New Year started very well with the emphasis of African-American History for the month of January. Here are the topics for the different functional academics lessons:

<p>Week</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr., I have a Dream</p> <p>African-American Heroes</p> <p>Pres. Barack Obama</p> <p>Math</p>	<p>Language Arts</p>
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<p>Timeline</p> <p>Timeline</p> <p>Jazz Music</p> <p>Science/Health</p> <p>Health Skill</p> <p>Charles Drew, Study of Blood</p> <p>Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>Madam C.J. Walker, business woman</p> <p>Mae C. Jemison, astronaut</p> <p>Rosa Parks, bus activity</p> <p>Community Based</p>

Instructions

Ralphs' Store
 Animal Shelter
 Laundromat

We look forward for the Winter Olympics theme, Chinese New Year, Valentines Day, Community Based Instructions, Field trips. Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,
 Mr. Ed and staff

“Without love we are birds with broken wings”.

- Morrie Schartz

4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADE CLASS

Dear Parents,

February is going to be a fun month filled with exciting events. On February 5th our class is going to Adventure Plex, our first field trip of the year! Adventure Plex is filled with mazes, tunnels, outdoor rock climbing walls, complex ropes courses, an indoor gymnasium and spacious fitness room. Each child should bring \$15 and a cold sack lunch.

During Social Studies we are going to learn about China. Through Chinese literature, video clips and crafts the students will have an understanding of a different culture.

We are planning on celebrating The Chinese New Year on Thursday February 11th. Students will wear festive clothing that they will make during Art and play traditional Chinese games.

The next day we have a Valentines Day party. Please send your child in red, white or pink clothing along with Valentine's Day cards and treats for each of their peers (12 students).

Finally, February 26th is "Crazy Hair Day." Thank you in advance for your participation. Feel free to contact Ms. Renee or Mr. Mike with any questions you might have.

