

DRAGONFLY NEWS



Sound of the week:

This week our sound is “l” and next week we will move on to “d”.

Sharing on Thursdays is a wonderful opportunity for your child to bring something in to school, they really love to have something for the sharing rug. So, if you can think of it, help your child find an object or draw a picture beginning with the sound. It also reinforces their work on beginning sounds.

What we are working on:

Service: We are finishing up our penny drive. All pennies will be counted on the 8th of February and the money will head off to Heifer for trees in Cambodia. I’ll send you an email telling you how many trees we got. The huge Dragonfly jar is pretty impressive!

This month we will make Valentine’s cards for Meals on Wheels recipients. We spoke about this at circle. If you have fun crafty stuff to help with this work, please send it in with your child (doilies, ribbons, shiny papers, etc)

Guests: Thanks to Mark, Aaron’s Dad for sharing his beautiful mandolin music with the kids, they really loved it. Also thanks to Holden’s Dad, Benton for playing mandolin with the kids and teaching them the song, “There ain’t no bugs on me”.

Works: We are heading to Mexico this month as we continue to study North America. WE will learn about various aspects of Mexican culture, animals and geography. If you would like to share artifacts, music, dance, language, etc. please let me know. We’d love to add your skills to the classroom. We have introduced a little Spanish language to our class very simply. We are using simple greetings “Hola” and “Adios” at circle and are describing our weather in Spanish (well... just hot or cold!). We will continue this throughout our study of Mexico. Our artist of study is Diego Rivera.

We are making bags for our Valentine’s exchange. On the 14th, please send your child with 15 Valentine’s cards. *** Please DO NOT put any names on the cards as it is very hard to sort them all correctly.

We are focusing on the tactile sense this week and will be making flubber. You might want to do this at home, or something else equally as messy!! Let your child put their hands

right into the gloop and enjoy it. We will also be finger painting and doing paint squishing art (this is done with paint squeezed onto paper and squished around under wax paper.

Families of the month: Alex Dy's family is Family of the Month this month. Thanks to Mary's mom, Augusta, for sharing last month.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help with lunch
- Contribute to our study of Mexico
- Make a number roll (I can give you details)
- Help open doors at car line in the morning

Calendar:

Feb 13: Teacher workday - No school!

Feb 14: Valentine's card exchange at school

Feb 16 at 9am: Montessori 101 - Language

Feb 23: Elementary school open house

Feb 29: We are hosting Music & Muffins – we need muffins and pastries!

Mar 1 & 2: Parent/Teacher conferences (look for sign up sheet coming soon)

Snack families: Aaron's family is coming up next week.

Gratitude: Thanks to Elliott's mom, Amy, for making us a beautiful abc roll; thanks to our snack families; thanks to Victor for fixing Ruth and Christy's geometric cabinet drawers. Thanks to all of you for your openness in communication and for creating an atmosphere of openness and teamwork on behalf of the children.

Here is a simple finger play we are doing:

There was a little turtle

He lived in a box

He swam in a puddle

He climbed on the rocks

He snapped at a mosquito

He snapped at a flea

He snapped at a minnow

He snapped at me

He caught the mosquito

He caught the flea

He caught the minnow

But he can't catch me.

*“It's like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom.
Education cannot be effective unless it helps a child to
open himself up to life.” - Maria Montessori*