



Butterfly News!

Welcome February! We have been enjoying this unseasonably warm weather and spending lots of time outside on our playground. This month we wished Ben and Elsa Happy Five and a Half Birthdays with a “walk around the sun” celebration. If your child has a summer birthday and you would like to do a half birthday celebration, please let me know! - *Melanie*

Sound of week:

Our sound this week is “Ll” followed by Dd.

Sharing Day on Fridays: Remember to bring an object or book from home that begins with the “sound of the week.” Children will share this object with others during circle time. Please no toys.

What we are working on:

Service: We are wrapping up our penny drive and will be giving all of our collected pennies to Heifer International. Thank you to all who participated!

This month we will be making valentine's cookies for the librarians at the Black Mountain Library.

Guests: Thank you to Aaron's dad, Mark, for joining us with his mandolin during music class. And thank you to Holden's dad, Benton, for playing his mandolin and teaching us the song “There Aint' No Fly on Me” and teaching us about bluegrass music and its origins.

Works:



This month we will focus on Mexico and its culture, animals, and geography. If you have any books, artifacts, or pictures, we would love to borrow them!

We will be introducing a new artist, Diego Rivera, and looking at some of his paintings.



We are learning about flowers. The children have been making “parts of the flower” books.



Families of the Month

Harper's family and Lilia's family

Volunteer Opportunities

- sit in at lunch
- find some mariachi music
- bring in sewing hoops and a pin cushion
- bake muffins and pastries for Music & Muffins on Feb 29
- snacks for the week of Feb 12-16

** E-mail Melanie at: randmelyoung@gmail.com - or chat with her at pickup/drop-off - about any classroom needs that you might be able to help with.

Calendar

- Feb 9 at 9am: Montessori 101 - Language
- Feb 15: Teacher workday - No school!
- 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)

Upcoming Snack Families

Feb 6-10: Levi's family

Feb 12-16: We need a volunteer for this week!

Gratitude

I am thankful for working with your children each day! I am also thankful for our new assistant, Jess. She is great asset to our classroom! And thanks to Ava's mom, Dale, for helping with the newsletter.

"It's like the sun which appears at dawn or a flower just beginning to bloom.

*Education can not be effective unless it helps a child to
open himself up to life." - Maria Montessori*