



Center News

Picture Day



Picture day this year will be on Tuesday Feb. 28th starting at 7:45am. Keep an eye out for picture forms to be sent home the week before. Please return them to your child's teacher prior to picture day. On picture day, please drop off your child in their classrooms as you normally would. One of our staff will bring your child to get their picture taken. This will help us keep track of who has had their picture taken and help to keep things in order. If you are worried about your child getting their

picture outfit dirty, we suggest leaving the shirt you would like them to wear for pictures in their cubby and make a note on their picture form that you would like them to put their other shirt on before pictures, or you may bring a back-up outfit we can change them into if needed. Please do not bring whole outfits for your child to change into for their picture. The teachers simply do not have the time to change full outfits. If your child does not normally attend on Tuesdays, you are welcome to bring them that morning for their pictures. We ask that you come at about 10:00am so that we can take your child's individual picture as well as have them in the class group pictures. More information about what to expect for picture day will be sent out separately later this month.



Presidents Day



Reminder, Radiant will be closed to all students on Monday February 20th so that our staff can participate in our staff in-service training day. Our staff are each required by the state of Minnesota to complete a certain number of training hours per year and this in-service training day serves as part of those required training hours.



Valentine's Day Parties

Each classroom has planned special activities and snacks for their Valentine's Day Party! We will be having our classroom parties in the morning on Valentine's Day (Tuesday Feb. 14th). Each child is welcome to bring a Valentine for their classmates. Class lists will be on the tables in the front lobby late this week. Your child will be making a bag for their Valentine's in their classroom. We



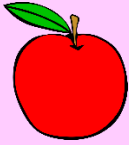
also invite all children to wear red, pink, and white in celebration of Valentine's Day! Please keep an eye out for a sign-up list for party supplies outside your child's classroom!





Enrichment Programs

Spanish



Dear Parents of Radiant Montessori Center Children,

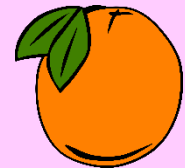
It has been my pleasure to be the Spanish teacher for your children. February will begin the second full month since I began teaching Spanish at the center. The kids seem to be enjoying the Spanish sessions and are very engaged and participatory. Their favorite activity has been learning colors and names of fruits. This is a great way to start learning the early fundamentals. It hasn't hurt that they enjoy playing with the toy fruit while they learn about them! This series of sessions has been called Las Frutas y Los Colores, in case you want to talk to them about it. Also in January, the kids began learning numbers in Spanish, and we have progressed up to fifteen!



In February, we will continue to learn numbers and also names of common shapes.

Warm Regards,

Señora Gracie



Music



SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPEALIDOCIOUS! Students are having so much fun with this song which we have just begun to learn. If you have not yet heard your child singing it in the car or at home, you probably will hear it soon.



We've also been singing a Nigerian Boat Song called "Soomboo Kawayá." This uses rowing actions that slow down and speed up.

We continue to work on the number of beats in each child's first name, using the big drum, rhythm sticks and clapping. We also talk about the number of beats in each of the months while we work on a song called "These are the Months of the Year." Eventually the students will also learn the song in Spanish.

I'm excited that Valentine's Day falls on a Tuesday, a "Music" day! We will do some special Valentine-themed activities, as well as singing and dancing to songs we are learning just for that day.

- Ms. Mary





Children's House 1



Hello Children's House 1 Parents,

The month of January flew by fast! The highlights for the children this month include celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 100 Days of School, & The Chinese New Year. The children enjoyed growing crystals, studying minerals, making s'more brownies, and their own snack mix, food art, & mask making. We had many science, art, & baking activities which we will continue to offer weekly.

We also learned about Monuments of the World, How to set a Table & Grind Coffee, and The Life Cycle of a Ladybug. We worked on coloring and labeling the globe including The Four Oceans in the World. On more than one occasion we presented The Northern and Southern Hemispheres, North Pole and South Pole, and The Equator. We also focused on the continent of Asia, its art, culture and The Chinese Calendar. Our friends in CH 1 are really enjoying The Bob books, Phonetic Object Box-ending sounds, & Addition with The Snake Game.



This past month The Life Cycle Of A Ladybug was such a hit it inspired us to start working on The Life Cycle Of; A Dog, A Chicken, A Snake, & A Kangaroo for February. We also want to emphasize daily reading practices, & memory-oral addition facts. For art we are will present shading & shadows, dot patterns, lace valentines & more.

Our Celebrations; Wednesday Feb. 1st Hula Day, Thursday Feb. 2nd Groundhogs Day, Friday Feb. 10th we are covering Moon Phases in light of a full moon, Tuesday Feb. 14th is our Valentines Party - please bring 24

Valentines for your child's friends with either no label or just your child's name on them. We will have games such as bingo, & hart target practice, crafts to bring home to parents, & a relay race that encourages team work. Monday Feb. 20th we are celebrating President's Day. Last but not least we celebrate Aiden's 5th birthday Friday Feb. 10th.



With lots of Love,

Ms. Wenda, Ms. Pam, Ms. Regina, & Ms. Brittany





Children's House 2



Hello Casa Two families!

The month of January was an incredibly busy month! We had a lot of fun activities during the whole month, including quite a few birthday celebrations. Please also welcome Kyle Ewert into our preschool classroom. He is moving up from the toddler room.



In January, we learned about the continent of Australia (Oceania). The children learned about Australian animals, the flag and the culture! We also focused on parts of the emu and parts of the kangaroo. The children really enjoyed learning about the four oceans, and the animals that live there, especially the clown fish and blue tang (Nemo and Dory). We also celebrated and talked about Martin Luther King Jr Day!

During the month of February our classroom will be learning about the continent of Asia. We will focus on the culture, flag of China, and the animals found there. We also have out coloring and labeling the continents and oceans of the world. February is also dental health month, so we will be talking a lot about proper dental hygiene. This month for holiday celebrations we will be talking and learning about Chinese New Year, Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day.

We will be having a party to celebrate Valentine's Day. There will be a sign-up sheet available outside of the classroom door for treats.

A new sign-up sheet for the library book program is up and available, the program will continue while Ms. Shanny is out on maternity leave. Please make sure to take a peek and sig up to bring library books to share with the classroom.

Thanks,
Ms. Shanny, Ms. Julie, Ms. Lauren, and Ms. Brenda





Children's House 3

Casa 3 families,

In Language, it was cold and the children explored winter weather and Antarctic animals through a new Antarctic Card work. They learned about ice, snow, and diverse animals in the area with discussions and the aesthetic sensorial card material. On the other hand, they also learned indirectly the southern hemisphere's weather and animals, Australian animals that they could not meet easily. They also explored other culture's New Year celebration in East Asia. As last Friday night (Jan 27th) was the new day of Chinese calendar, they learned about how other culture celebrated in a different style and date multi-culturally.



For Math, I focused especially on the children's mathematical mind that was based on the order of perceptual awareness found on the development of the senses in Math and Science. Especially their transition of mathematical perception from simple (concrete) to complex (abstract) in the Montessori Method. Our children already had the acquisition of quantity from tangible beads (Golden Beads, Color Beads) at the casa. From their familiar and concrete perception from the materials, they had impressions of symbolic and infinite dimension of numbers through Math works.

For Practical Life, I brought some food works at the casa: Making lemon juice, Grinding a cinnamon stick, Spreading butter and jam, and Making apple sauce work. Along with the Practical Life works, they continued our sensorial journey, too. Through food preparation, making food with friends socially, cleaning up with their sensorial perceptions, they used all their senses: Visual, Tactile, Baric, Thermic, Auditory, Olfactory, and Gustatory. Although these Practical Life looked easy and simple, the children used and refined all their senses and muscles while doing the works.

Sincerely, thanks for the donation of books through the Book Fair. Our children can have more chances to explore the world indirectly with them that open their eyes and hearts by reading and hearing.

- Mr. CS and Ms. Mara





Toddler Room

Hello Toddler Families,

First, we'd like to send our best wishes with Kyle Ewert as he transitions into Children's House 2 this month, and we happily welcome Nora Reinhart and her family into the Toddler Room.



We learned about so many different animals and their habitats in January. Some of our favorite activities included the pig corral, our fishing activities, our animal texture book, and listening to and identifying different animal sounds. We also continued to improve our counting skills, both in English and in Spanish.



In February, we will be learning more about our community helpers. We have some wonderful activities planned as we learn about different community helpers and what they do. Much to our excitement, we will even receive a visit from Camp Smile this month! We will also be focusing on the letters P, Q, and R, the number 6, the color pink, and hearts.

Of course, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month with a party – more information will be shared as we get closer to the date.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can talk to me in person or by phone here at school, or you can email me at amanda@radiant-montessori.com.



Thank you,
Ms. Amanda, Ms. Kari, and Ms. Isabelle



Transition Room



Happy February!

We are almost more than half way done with winter! I know you are just as excited as I am for nicer weather! There have been a few new and exciting things that have been happening in the transition room! First off, we have a new teacher! Her name is Miss Tosha and she is so excited to be here! If you haven't already please introduce yourself to her!



This past month has all been about the variety of animal's we have on this planet. We talked about Arctic, safari/jungle, farm and ocean animals. The children learned their animal sounds, learned how these animals walked and what they do throughout their days! This coming month is all about community helpers. We will be discussing firefighters, police officers, dentists and doctors. A lot of fun activities are planned for the coming month and I am very excited to get the children involved.

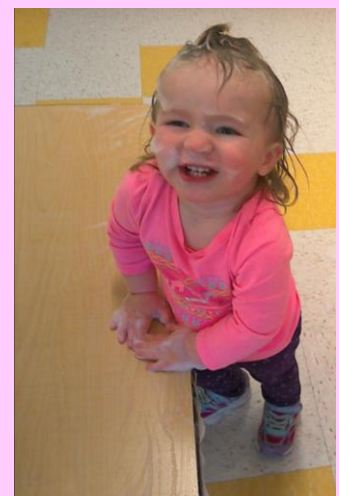
This month also has Valentine's Day. We will be having a party on this day and if you can, there will be a sign-up sheet for food if you are willing to sign up! Also for this party, I so ask for each family to bring small treats for the other students so we can share them at the party. These treats can range from candy to stickers to bubbles. Just keep in mind that we do have 14 children in our class. Thanks!



As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to call me or email me at abby@radiant-montessori.com. Thanks and I hope you have a wonderful rest of your day!



Miss Abby, Miss Bekah,
Miss Tosha, Miss Caitlyn





Infant Room

Hi Families!

Happy Birthday to Vinny on the 2nd.

We will be celebrating Valentine Day in our room on the 14th. Wear Valentine colors that day.

- Dawn, Emily, Kassidy, and Caitlyn

