

JANUARY ISSUE



Happy February SPA Families-

We have made it to the halfway point! We are SO proud of the progress your children have been making!! Winter break is coming up, and can be difficult when it comes to finding things to do. Did you know that playing board games has many benefits???

Here are just a few:

Board games increase brain function. This activity is a wonderful exercise for the brain. Because playing stimulates brain areas that are responsible for complex thought and memory formation for both - kids and adults, it assists in practicing essential cognitive skills, such as problem solving and decision making.

It brings laughter and decreases stress.

Board game playing creates happiness.

It brings people closer and strengthens relationships.

One of the most amazing benefits of board game playing is that it pulls people out of the digital world. Board games engage in activities that do not involve staring at a smartphone, tablet or computer screen.

Another thing to do is READ!!

Happy February, Enjoy the break.

Andrius Dilba
Chief Educational Officer



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ART/STEM & MUSIC

Dr. Joseph

January has been a month of growth in Art, Music, and STEM. Our students have been developing abilities for both strong independence and cooperative collaboration. Our toddlers and pre-kindergartners have almost all sung by themselves in front of their friends! Our kindergartners can now sing by themselves while doing a variety of hand-dances. They have also been working more and more with paint, learning how to use a brush. Our 1st graders are still composing non-stop and have learned the new note, la. Meanwhile our 2nd, and 3rd graders have begun working with a composition program that has been equal parts frustrating, exciting, and rewarding. Our 1st graders have begun their collaborative art project, and 2nd and 3rd grade have made their own printing blanks to make art inspired by Andy Warhol!



SPANISH

Ms. Rivera

Hola Familias, Feliz 2024 para todos! During the month of January we reviewed our vowels with the little ones. They are making great improvements! We continue to practice our reading with stories in Spanish. We also had a Taco Thursday Craft where each student made their own "taco recipe" using the learned vocabulary. We had so much fun!

TODDLER GREEN

Mrs. Suzana, Mrs. Christina, Ms. Elvira, Ms. Keyla & Ms. Katiusca



Hello and Welcome New Year! Toddler green had a blast these past few months. We are growing and learning so much. We are saying Goodbye Unit 2 World of Color. One of our favorite units because we learn so much around colors. We had the chance to mix colors and gain new colors, we explored a lot with fingerpaint and learned a lot. We go through the numbers, shapes, letters and colors every day. Our little ones love sorting colors and counting objects. We started a great New Year. Hope you did as well.

TODDLER BLUE

Ms. Rhi, Ms. G, & Ms. Kay

Hello everyone! Happy New Year to all from toddler blue. January has been a blast in Toddler Blue! We have loved our Unit 2 World Of Color, the children have done such a great job learning and exploring colors. We have done so much creating with our colors. Such as color matching, color mixing, color sorting and many more. Our Unit book color monster was a hit! The children have been able to identify the color that goes to that emotion, just like in the story! Toddler blue has been enjoying gym class with our new gym teacher Mr.Tc. Stretching, jumping. Learning new songs it has been a blast! Although we are sad to see our Unit 2 World Of Color go we couldn't be more excited to start our Unit 3 Wind and Water! Looking forward to celebrating Valentine's day and everything February has to offer for us in Toddler Blue!



TRANSITION

Ms. Francine & Ms. Gina



Happy New Year to SPA Families! We are continuing on With Winter Wonderland Activities with the Coolkids. We would like to Welcome Alfred, Cass, Charles and Nora to Our Classroom. We can not believe how quickly January has been here and flew by into February. Owl Unit #2 is complete, Boy did they have so much fun mixing Colors to Make New Colors, stained glass pieces with coffee filters & Color Collage Mouse pictures as We were Reading The Book "We are diving into Wind & Water Unit#3. Transition Students Enjoyed New Years Day Off, Pajama Day, MLK activities as well as Singing Happy Birthday to A few of Our SPA Teachers and Staff. Students are enjoying gym class with Mr.TC,stretching, moving, balancing,and exercising while learning soccer skills and working and playing as a Team.We continuously head outside for walks as weather permits, The children are doing Amazing on the rope as well as staying together as one with their friends, All while Keeping Safe! The #CoolKids are moving along continuously Identifying letters and Numbers, Counting 1-10. Size,Shape,Colors and Patterns .We are loving Our Early Sight Words and Rhyming Words! They had a ball with their Snowman Name Builder activity, their Math and Literacy Themed Activities and glue & glitter crafts. We had so much fun Celebrating "National Spaghetti Day " making pretend lunch Art decor with string, yarn, pom poms and tissue paper and their Amazing Imaginations. Students are moving forward from the letter "I" and onto the letter "J" dobbling, tracing, identifying and sounding out. We are looking Forward to A Great Year and Follow for Lots More Adventures with The #COOLKIDS2024 Thank You so much for Your Generous Classroom Gifts from Our Class Amazon Wish List "Toddler Transition" Link is below for Your Viewing The items will be used and played with for years to Come. Your Thoughtful Gifts Enrich Our Students Daily and Complete Our Classroom. Be Kind, Smiles are Free Miss Francine & Miss Gina

PREK

Ms. Carmen & Mrs. Stewart

PreK finished OWL Unit 2 The World of Color with using skin tone paints and markers for self-portraits, counting Dog's Spots in Dog's Colorful Day, making our own paints, and mixing primary colors with Mouse Paints and Color Monster. In Spanish, we continued to learn about our 5 Senses and body parts. Pajama Day was a big hit in PreK!!! We are excited to start OWL Unit 3 Wind and Water where the children will explore the properties of wind and water and learn how water is essential for us to live. PreK is looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day!!



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Heseck



January in Kindergarten is a time for enjoying the wonderful flurries of weather, both inside and out. We begin cementing our knowledge of counting to 100 by 10's as we build a snowman whose body starts at 10 and ends at 100. This wonderful friend becomes the sentinel for our snow forts that are made from either capital letters, K1, or lower-case letters, K2. We build our forts up in alphabetical order for practice and then transfer them onto larger pieces of paper for the final product. These are displayed proudly in our Snowball Hall for all to enjoy as they walk through.

GRADE 1

Ms. Dixon

Our first month of the new year has been filled with so much learning and fun! We have spent a lot of time working with parts of speech: common & proper nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Working with these parts of speech helps to make our writing more detailed and interesting for readers! These skills will be put to use during our personal narrative unit. This month in math, we began our new unit introducing different strategies to add and subtract. These skills will help when we start to work with larger two-digit numbers. We also learned about New Years' traditions and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. - The holidays for this month. I have seen some wonderful role-model behavior this month both socially and academically - Keep up the amazing work first grade!



GRADE 2/3 Ms. Hildreth

Wow, what an amazing first month of the new year we had! The students in second and third grades are making amazing strides both academically and as role models for the school. This month in math we began comparing three digit numbers in second grade and learned about weight and liquid volume in metric units in third grade! We also were able to publish our amazing works of non-fiction personal narrative writing. They all came out amazing! We cannot wait to see all the amazing things February will bring!

AFTERSCHOOL Ms. Jackie & Ms. Brittney

What an exciting time these last weeks have been here in afterschool. The kids enjoyed coloring snowmen and their hot chocolate mugs and hanging them up on the wall to decorate. We also turned ourselves into floating snowflakes. Can not wait to see everyone at the Sweetheart Ball on February 9th.

