



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Spanish  Soccer	2     Happy Birthday Ms. Emily!
3  Happy Birthday Korri and Malachi!	4  Music  Happy Birthday Ms. Brooklynn!	5 Stretch N Grow  Martin Martial Arts	6 Music  Piano  Happy Birthday Ishan!	7 Spanish	8 Spanish  Soccer	9
10  Happy Birthday Mia!	11 Music  Happy Birthday Joseph!	12 Scholastic Books Orders Due  Stretch N Grow  Martin Martial Arts	13 Music  Piano	14 Spanish  Happy Birthday Mrs. Suzi!	15 Muffins with Mom  Spanish  Soccer  Happy Birthday Naomi!	16     Happy Birthday Cameron!
17	18 <b>NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day</b>	19 Stretch N Grow  Martin Martial Arts	20 Music  Piano	21 Spanish    Happy Birthday Ms. Jenn and Ms. Miranda!	22 Festival in the Woods 4:30-7p  Museum Center Field Trip  Happy Birthday Emmie!	23
24  Happy Birthday Cooper!	25  Music	26 Stretch N Grow  Martin Martial Arts	27 Music  Piano  Library visit	28 Spanish		

## REMINDERS:

**Friday, February 15: 7-9a: Muffins with Mom**

**Monday, February 18: Presidents' Day: School Closed**

**Friday, February 22: 4:30p-7p** This event is held at the Blue Ash Recreation Center. Each child has had a piece of artwork prepared for the event. We proudly display our children's work for everyone in our community!

### **YOUNGER INFANTS:**

Hello hope everyone's new year is starting off right. Just wanted to start off by welcoming two new friends Amelia and Vada. We will be losing Ishan who is moving to the older infants room. We will read lots of books and continue playing and singing, clapping and dancing. We will continue to work on tummy time and sitting up. We will also continue using sign language. Mrs. Bogard is now on ClassDojo so we will be posting pictures through the day.

### **OLDER INFANTS:**

This month has been crazy, but I am very excited to be taking over the older infant room! I want to wish Ms. Jenita best of luck in the younger infant room! Also Ms. Alia and Ms. Emily have moved over to the older infant room as well. I love seeing all the kids I had awhile back grow up into toddlers and be back with some kiddos that just finished up their transition. We will be continuing with our curriculum next week, sorry for the delay I have been getting the older room organized the last couple weeks. We had a lot of birthdays in January! Happy 1st Birthday to Nora, Ella, and Amelia! We also have Ishan birthday coming up in February. I can't wait to see what fun things we get into this month!

### **YOUNGER TODDLERS:**

Well January is officially coming to an end! I would like to start off by wishing Olivia the best of luck as she ventures off into the older toddler room! We would also like to officially welcome Ellie to our class! Looking back to this past month we have learned so much including more about the new year, winter, colors, shapes, and numbers. January began with New Year activities including 2019 chalk art, staying within the lines activity, and 2019 handprint art. We got to enhance our sensory skills and work on letter recognition skills by searching for letters in our snow sensory bins, we worked on counting with our hot chocolate activity, used our creativity skills to create a melted snowman, snowflake art, and learned all about the cold and snow during our daily circle time. The other part of the month, we learned about colors through magic milk science, color sorting activities, matching games with colors, letters and shapes, and many more fun arts and crafts. As we transition into February, we will start off the month learning about family. That will lead us into the topic of Valentine's day and how we can show love and kindness to our family and friends. After we enjoy some treats on Valentine's Day, we will begin our third week learning about dental health and how to take care of our teeth. The last topic of the month will be our five senses. Each day will focus on a different sense. I plan to continue incorporating language, fine and gross motor skills, cognitive skills, creativity, emotion, science, math, and writing skills. I'm looking forward to another fantastic month with a fabulous group of students!

### **OLDER TODDLERS:**

The early preschool is has grown quite a bit this month and we are excited for our new additions. Everyone is getting use to the new faces and settling into the routine. We had great fun making our snowman art and discussing opposites. February will be full of heart geared activities. We will listen to our heart beats and learn some interesting facts. Plenty of arts and crafts to display around the room. Looking forward to tailgating with dad and our fun Valentine's day party. I will post sign up list soon. No birthdays in Jan and just one for Feb. Korri is turning 3 and she is very excited for her kitty cat birthday. We wish her great success in preschool.

## **TRADITIONAL PRESCHOOL:**

**Our friends in Traditional Preschool have worked hard learning this January. We are excited to have finally reached our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and more! During the month of January, we learned about Our Community, the United States of America, our planet Earth and the Solar System. In February, we will start counting down the days to the end of the school year and graduation, counting by fives and tens, and continue to expand our knowledge.**

### **February Preview:**

#### **Week 1: Our Bodies**

- Letter: Ee; Color/Shape/Number: red/circle/5; Size Concept: smallest

#### **Week 2: Our Five Senses**

- Letter: Mm; Color/Shape/Number: red/circle/12; Size Concept: smallest

#### **Week 3: Nutrition and the Food Pyramid**

- Letter: Tt; Color/Shape/Number: pink/triangle/8; Size Concept: largest

#### **Week 4: Keeping Fit!**

- Letter: Oo; Color/Shape/Number: pink/triangle/16; Size Concept: largest

## **MONTESSORI 1**

**We had a successful January here in Montessori 1. During work cycles we worked with knobless cylinders, linear counting, and free writing. We also explored Asia using our sushi maker, picture cards, and biomes. We enjoyed making our own Asian Fans too. The kids enjoyed learning about the states of matter through a demonstration with a rubber glove and some water. Many of them were surprised to find out how water, ice, and air can all be used to fill the same space, but in different ways. Sight Words have been introduced to our contract kids and a new sight word bingo work has been placed on the shelf. We enjoyed singing about Stone Soup in Music class and making our own Stone Soup to eat! To end our month, we enjoyed a fun STEM Activity teaching us about physical science.**

**This February we will be working with shapes and continue free writing! We will also have some fun learning about Penguins and Antarctica! We will learn how to make greeting cards and review the importance of kindness. Contract kids who have mastered their sight words will begin doing reading charts. The kids are looking forward to Valentine's Day! If your child would like to bring valentines, a class list will be sent home. Our Valentine's Day Party will be on Valentine's Day, Thursday the 14th. During our party we will be decorating bags to hold our valentines and a special treat will be provided.**

## **MONTESSORI 2:**

**The cold and snowy month of January has passed! We have been busy learning about the continent of Asia. The children loved learning about Panda bears and reading books about Pandas. We made Peacock books and learned the parts of a Peacock. We also listened to the sounds a Peacock makes. They really had fun imitating the sound. Soon we will be learning about Penguins in science and moving on in geography to Antarctica. We will match cards of the different mammals, birds and fish that live in and around this frozen land. We will learn about the food web of Antarctica by playing food web bingo.**

**On February 15<sup>th</sup> we will be having muffins with Mom! Our Valentines party will be on February 14<sup>th</sup> around 10am. We will be doing the "party in a bag" again. I will be sending information home soon about the party details!**

**The children are doing great with the Bob books. They love the fact that they can recognize the characters throughout the books. The older children are doing wonderful with their sight words! The sound boxes continue to be a favorite work in the language/reading area. We do**

**“sounds great” in the afternoon and have been learning new songs during morning circle time.**

**In art we will be making animals out of hearts and painting hearts to decorate our room. In math the children enjoy doing the hanging bead stairs. Once that is mastered they move on to the teen board then eventually the hundred board.**

## **KGSA**

**ELA and Math: WOW! It is hard to believe that we are already ending the first month of the 2019 year! As you may have noticed, the students have really taken off in the classroom. In ELA, all grades have focused on handwriting and writing skills. We have played close attention to using detail and a variety of words when writing as well as adding depth to content. Students have also begun weekly timed reading fluency assessments as well as working with word families to build letter/sound blending skills. Please keep an eye out for these scores at home so you are aware of your child’s progress. In Math, our students have been working with fractions and shapes throughout the month. They have learned about both 2d and 3d shapes as well as construct them. They spent time creating sculptures out of straws and tape with the concept of combining 2 and 3d shapes. Looking forward, student will be moving ahead with measurements and money. They will discover the relationship between shapes and measurements while applying their fraction skills to units of measurement. We will also introduce money while counting the money raised in the current penny wars we are hosting to benefit the FTFK charity. In Art, students learned about pottery and the Pueblo tribe throughout January. They made tradition pots and painted them with tribal art. Next month we will introduce loom art while looking at the colonial period. Students will also have a chance to decorate their own Valentine’s box for the class card exchange.**

**Social Studies and Science: In January, we introduced the food security challenge and individual 4H projects and have been gradually working on them each week. The students completed several projects such as designing and engineering their own wagon (The Oregon Trail) and they created animal habitats based on an animal of their choosing. Before finalizing our habitats, we learned about food chains, nonliving things, and geography. We are currently experimenting with growing grass and will transfer the grass into our 2-liter terrariums. In celebration of MLK day, we talked about the civil period and focused on the word “equality” while discussing our own ideas on how to positively change the world.**

**For February, we will conclude our plants and habitats project before starting states of matter for science, and will focus on timelines and “leadership around us” for social students.**