



Classroom I Newsletter

February 2010

The new year has brought great energy to Classroom I. The children are engaging in many of the advanced materials. We encourage you to observe and experience the wonder of their absorbent minds.

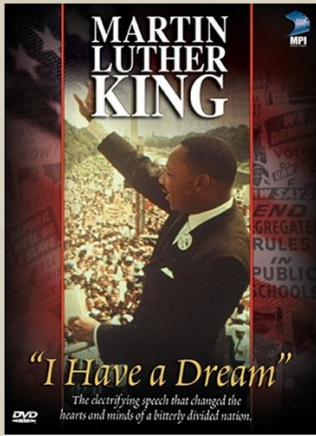
The Latest

“Why do we study the weather?” Mrs. Spencer did a fabulous unit on the wonders of weather and began by posing this question to the children. She introduced some of the many weather conditions and how they affect our planet and our daily lives. The children learned the four stages of the water cycle and were familiarized with the vocabulary evaporation, condensation, precipitation and accumulation. We even made it rain in our classroom!



One of the children was gazing into our classroom fish tank and discovered babies! The guppy had given birth to five of the tiniest fry we've ever seen! The children were fascinated! This inspired Mrs. Kessinger to do a unit on fish. She taught the children the parts of the fish and five characteristics that make fish unique. Mrs. Kessinger read “The Rainbow Fish” by Marcus Pfister which has a moral message about sharing. The children enjoyed making their own rainbow fish with “one” sparkly scale.





Mrs. Young taught a unit honoring the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.....an advocate of peace and equality for all people. We discussed MLK's dream for all people to be judged by the person they are and not by the color of their skin. They listened to MLK's speech "I Have a Dream." We talked about our personal roles as peacemakers. We each made a pledge to do what we could in our classroom, our community and our world to encourage peace. Listed below are our pledges.

As a peacemaker I will.....

- ◆ Mrs. Young - *treat others with respect.*
- ◆ Mrs. Kessinger - *keep peace in my heart.*
- ◆ Mrs. Spencer - *treat others with kindness and respect.*
- ◆ Amelia - *make peace.*
- ◆ Flannery - *treat others equally.*
- ◆ Kaden - *do Thomas and help Landen build tracks.*
- ◆ Jake - *spread peace out everywhere!*
- ◆ Bill - *share and take turns. Make the earth green.*
- ◆ Nolan - *help Noah.*
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- ◆ Patrick - *be nice.*
- ◆ Eva Pace - *love my mommy.*
- ◆ Loren - *help other people.*
- ◆ Piper - *help Sydney.*
- ◆ Sydney - *help Piper.*
- ◆ Christopher - *be nice to other people.*
- ◆ Hale - *share.*
- ◆ Solly - *help my sister.*
- ◆ Shannon - *use gentle hands!*
- ◆ Sabina - *help Shannon.*
- ◆ Chloe - *help Piper.*
- ◆ Olivia - *love everyone.*
- ◆ Sanat - *get ideas if people have problems.*



Reminders and Requests

For the girls....please keep lipsticks and lip gloss at home. They are a distraction and tend to be shared. We have a supply of Vaseline to relieve dry lips if needed.

If the temperatures are above freezing we will go to the playground. Please send gloves and hats along with heavy coats.

If your child has a favorite storybook they would like to share please have them bring it on their snack day. We will read it during story time.

We have three scheduled age related conference days throughout the school year. If you ever feel like you'd like an additional conference please feel free to contact us via e-mail.

Dates to Remember

February 10th - Providence has invited a puppeteer to come to our school. Mrs. Kessinger has seen this performance before and says it is fabulous. We will be gathering with the entire student body in Haley Hall that morning at 9:30am.

February 11th - Breakfast Cafe'- Start your day by joining your child for breakfast In Haley Hall. Breakfast will be buffet style from 7:30-9:00am. After enjoying a delicious breakfast please walk your child down to our classroom.

February 11th - Valentine's Day Celebration- The children will have decorated bags in anticipation of exchanging valentines. Before going to Haley Hall for the Breakfast Cafe', please join your child in the Grandparent's Room to pass out their valentine's. You will find their decorated bags there. You may help your child sign their valentines but please do not address them. It is much easier to distribute the cards if they are not addressed.

February 12th - No School -Toddler and Third Year Conferences

February 15th -No School -President's Day

March 5th -No School -Toddler and Second Year Conferences

March 26th -Spring Break begins -dismissal begins at 11:30am

Thanks To You

To the Baker family for bringing our classroom a decorative lizard from Costa Rica!

To Kelly Bradley for her fabulous presentation on “The Myths of Montessori.”

Thank you for reading our classroom news!

Joan, Christie and Diane

“One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child.”

