



Moving forward to February, we are going to answer the question:

“What Time Is It?”



Our children will explore the concept of time, and learn about the following topics:

1. Timeline of a day
2. Timers and clocks
3. How to tell time on a clock
4. Day and night

Character Education – Kindness

In February our children will find out what means to be kind, and how to show their kindness to others by being considerate and always ready to extend a helping hand to others when needed.

Cultural Occasions

February is going to be another exciting month in which we will celebrate the following three festivals, all crowded within one weekend!

1. Chinese/Vietnamese New Year-Friday, 2/12
2. Valentine’s Day-Sunday, 2/14 (artwork will take place on Tuesday 2/9)
3. President’s Day-Monday 2/15 (school will be closed)

To celebrate the Chinese/Vietnamese New Year, our children have been enthusiastically rehearsing for a performance in which Chinese and Vietnamese songs will be sung. We are all excited!



Birthday Celebrations

1. Elyse’s 5th birthday – Wednesday 2/17. Happy birthday Elyse!



Looking back in January, our children learned about:
“Months, Seasons and Year”.

This monthly theme was broken down in the following topics:

- the solar and lunar calendars
- the timeline of a person’s life
- the 12 months and 4 seasons in a year (timeline of a year)
- how long is a year?





We explored various calendars, and our little ones got so excited looking at their own pictures in our school calendar! We celebrated Ai-An's 4th birthday on Friday, January 15th (her real birthday was

on Saturday January 16th), which provided a perfect occasion for our little ones to learn about the timeline of a person's life. Through repetitions during circle time, relevant art projects and cultural studies, our children were able to develop a good understanding of the monthly theme today's the end of January!



Character Education – Honesty

By reading English and Chinese books, our children began to understand what honesty means. They enjoyed discussions on why we should be honest and promised that they would always tell the truth!

Language Learning

In January, our children were exposed to vocabularies related to calendars, seasons, months, weeks, etc. across the three languages: English, Chinese and Spanish. We were especially fascinated about the bilingual (English and Chinese) Four Seasons Wheel, which enabled them to understand the following concepts:

1. There are 4 seasons in a year,
2. There are 12 months in a year, and
3. There are 3 months within each season!



Cultural Studies:

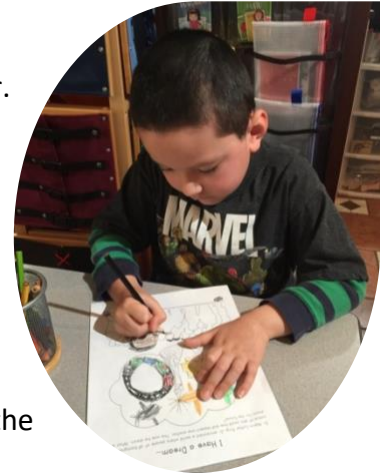
In relation to our monthly theme of January, our cultural studies are mainly focused on the History curriculum.

1. Setting up the calendar
2. Timeline of a person's life through Montessori birthday celebration
3. Timeline of a year (the Four Seasons Wheel)
4. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
5. Inauguration Day

Our children began to understand that inauguration day marks a new president's first day in office and were excited watching President Joe



Biden's inauguration ceremony. We have also learned the story about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and were inspired by his courageous endeavor fighting for equality. We have decided to continue Dr. King's journey in realizing his beautiful dream so that everyone is treated with respect and fairness regardless of the color of their skin.



Montessori Wisdom

Teaching of the Child

Another interesting point which is of practical value is the power within the child to take knowledge and culture. The child can absorb much more

instruction, much more culture, at an early age than later. This also is a revelation of the child. The child comes before us and tells us: "I will give you a law- the divine law of the construction of man by the child. I can take much from you of knowledge, because I have been sent to you with this purpose and I am here with this power, in order to gain the greatest possible amount of the many and varied activities that make up civilization."

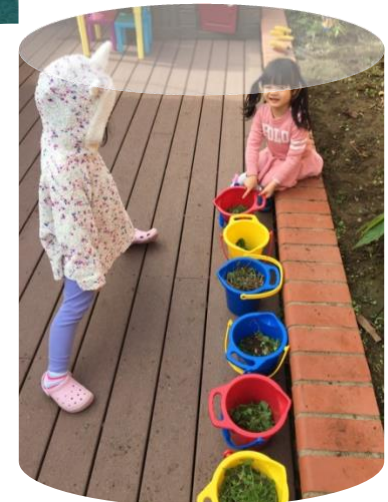


--Maria Montessori, Citizens of the World -Key Montessori Readings, p. 43

Montessori Quotes & Manifestations

All these objects invite a child to do something, to carry out a real task with a practical goal to be obtained.

-Maria Montessori, The Discovery of the Child, p.62





Gratitude

1. Thanks to Daniela's parents for their donation of a big box of delicious strawberries! Yum, yum, yum!
2. Thanks to Ai-An's parents for creating the beautiful display board which helped our children to understand a person's timeline tremendously!



Announcements

3. Welcome our new student Tiffany Lu who will join us on Wednesday 2/3!
4. Welcome to Ms. Kellie, a behavioral specialist who joined us in January!
5. Welcome Ms. Yuki Feng who will officially join us as a Teacher Assistant on Monday 2/1!
6. Welcome Ms. Katherine Tan who will resume her role as a Teacher Assistant on Tuesday 2/9!



Reminders

7. February 2021 tuition is due by **Friday February 5th**. To avoid any late payment fees, please make the payment before this date. An invoice will be sent to you soon.
8. A kind reminder that please continue to exercise precautions so as to keep our small bubble safe and healthy.

