

Children's House One Newsletter



Tristan builds the London Skyline. This lesson, on loan from the Kingston family, includes miniatures of significant London architecture, photos of the Queen, and a book about London. The children love exploring the book and buildings, learning about a culture of Europe.

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"Our goal is a child who: accepts their strengths without pride, their weaknesses without despair, recognizes society with an insight as to the role they will play, has an independent intellect, exercising self-disciplined will and judgement, illuminated by imagination and enthusiasm, unperverted by prejudice, undistorted by fear."

-Dr Maria Montessori

Busy Days

Our Bird curriculum continues to truly capture the children's interest. We've spend the week talking a lot about different types of birds, and have introduced lessons about the Common Crane and the Common Eider, birds that reside in Europe and that migrate to warmer climes

Meshing with our poem from last month, it is our tradition in CH1 to make February a month especially focused on caring, and why being kind and helping people is so important. From making sure a valentine is made for everyone, to writing mail to each other, to helping a classmate with a lesson, to a big, giant hug when someone needs one, all of this bonding us into a true community of learners and friends.

Though it may seem far off, thoughts of the AMS Annual Auction are already floating around in the classroom. The children have some special things in the works for May 1st! We are looking for a donation for one of our creations- if anyone has an old, antique-looking window, it would be greatly appreciated!

We hope you will attend our Kindergarten Sneak Peek on Tuesday, February 9th at 6:00PM. Laura and Tamara will lead an in-depth discussion of the curriculum for the oldest Children's House students. Please come hear more information about the benefits of this culminating, leadership year in the classroom.

Garden planning has begun! We will start seeds in the next month in our sunroom, and every child will have the chance to plant, and care for tiny sprouts. With many vegetables to choose from, the AMS garden is different every year. As we discuss the different foods we can grow, there will be a variety of food preparation lessons introduced to the classroom. Apple chopping, carrot peeling, and spreading pumpkin butter on toast are just a few of the activities in store.



Sylvia carefully rolls a clean napkin at the snack table. This activity is part of the Grace and Courtesy curriculum, and the children take a special pride in preparing the table for their friends.



Ari searches for a word in the dictionary. This type of activity allows for increased familiarity with alphabetical order, as well as a heightened level of understanding of vocabulary.

Many Thanks...

- ❖ To Katherine Romoser and her mom, Beth, for repotting all the classroom plants.
- ❖ To Marshall Ingram and his family, for taking over the chore of our classroom laundry.
- ❖ To all CH1 families, for attending parent/teacher conferences. 100% attendance!
- ❖ To Audrey Bowen and family, for donating some wonderful toys to our growing indoor recess collection.

The Poem for February

*Among life's precious jewels,
Genuine and rare,
The one that we call friendship
Has worth beyond compare.*

We have begun to look up unfamiliar words from our monthly poems in the classroom dictionary. This fascinates the children, and adds much richness to group discussions.

Coming Events

First Friday 2/5 8:30-9:30AM
Kindergarten Sneak Peek w/ Laura 2/9 6:00PM
Morning Share 2/11 8:15-9:15AM
President's Day 2/15 No School
Winter Vacation 2/16-2/19 No School (Camp Available)
Elementary Sneak Peek 2/23 6:00PM