

# MONTESSORI SCHOOLS

## of Central Texas



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### IMPORTANT DATES

2/13	Valentine's Day Celebration (Toddler-Elementary)
2/16	President's Day School Closed Parent-Teacher Conferences (Primary-Elementary)
2/17	Pre-Registration Begins
2/27	Pre-Registration Ends
3/1	Open House 2-4 pm
3/2	Registration Opens to Waitlist

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

February is a busy month! We will be celebrating Valentine's Day, hosting parent-teacher conferences, opening pre-registration for next school year, and preparing for our annual Open House in March! Be sure to see page 5 for more information about these important events.

--Mrs. Jennifer Watson



"When young children feel love from parents and caregivers and witness love between others that are close to them, they develop kindness, respect, and dignity. "Love fills the child's consciousness and affects his self-realization."

-- Maria Montessori



## INFANT 1

gentle



During the month of February our class will focus on the themes of love and friendship. We'll celebrate the connections and friendships that the children have been making within the classroom, and for our Bible lesson we'll be reading Zephaniah 3:17, *The Lord your God is with you.*

In our English, Spanish, and ASL lessons we will add the word "gentle" and "pink" and continue using the words "please" and "thank you."

Since it's cold outside, it's a good time to read stories about snow and winter. We'll also talk about the groundhog. For sensory play we will explore ice cubes and the concepts of slippery and cold.

-- Mrs. Terri Wallace

## TODDLER

February will be an exciting month for our class. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day by making treats and trading cards with our friends!

Here are some things we'll be learning about:

### GROUP LESSONS

Transportation/construction vehicles; Valentine's Day; farm animals

### PRACTICAL LIFE

Making Valentine treats; slicing fruits and vegetables; preparing for spring gardens; toilet awareness

### COGNITIVE

Practice throwing and catching a ball; transferring activities; singing and dancing to music; spooning; sorting

### LANGUAGE

Spanish: farm animals (animales de la granja); construction vehicles (vehículos de construcción); Valentine's Day (Día de los enamorados y la amistad)

### BIBLE

Verse: Matthew 19:14, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

### SENSORY

Valentine mystery box; Valentine art; painting/coloring farm animals; construction dot painting; cutting activities



We are still practicing toilet awareness, and the children have already made great strides! You can help support this effort at home by allowing your child to sit on the toilet for 5-10 minutes every diaper change. For students in underwear, it's helpful if parents ask them occasionally if they need to go to the bathroom to promote self-awareness.

Also, please return the same number of outfits that was sent home each day. For example, if we send home two soiled pairs of pants, please send in two replacement pairs the next day. We appreciate your support!

-- Mrs. Ronelus & Mrs. Clausen

## PRIMARY

Primary students enjoy celebrating their classroom friendships throughout the month of February. They love making Valentines for one another and practice expressing kind words.

This month, students also focus on Asia, studying the countries, cultures, and foods from this large continent.

Here's a look at the full lesson plan:

### GROUP LESSON

Valentine's Day; Asia; mammals; parts of a horse

### SPANISH

Valentine vocabulary

### GRACE & COURTESY

Restoring materials; using kind words; observing insects; covering coughs and sneezes

### PRACTICAL LIFE

Asian art; Valentine cards and dessert; cooking an Asian dish

### CULTURE

All about Asia; insects; mammals; parts of a horse; measurements; life cycle and parts of a seed booklet; Valentine classroom celebration

### BIBLE

"The Great Pearl"; "The Mustard Seed"; Jesus and Bartimaeus"; "The Leaven"

Please be sure to send your child with warm layers, mittens, and hats for outdoor recess. We play outside even on chilly days. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Carmen Alvarado  
and  
Ms. Gwen Copeland



## ELEMENTARY

We have a variety of lessons planned for the month of February. The students will learn about Europe, parts of flowers and birds, the rock cycle, the history of the American flag, and much more!

Take a look at what we'll learn:

### MATH

Fraction subtraction, level 1; large bead frame level 2

### SCIENCE

Volcanoes; mountains; rock cycle; types of rocks; erosion; crystallization; sound

### CULTURE

Europe; parts of a bird and flower; the year and its parts; history of the American flag; National Anthem

### LANGUAGE

Adverb lessons 1-3, 1st level; Verb grammar boxes, 2nd level  
Spanish: pet animals; family

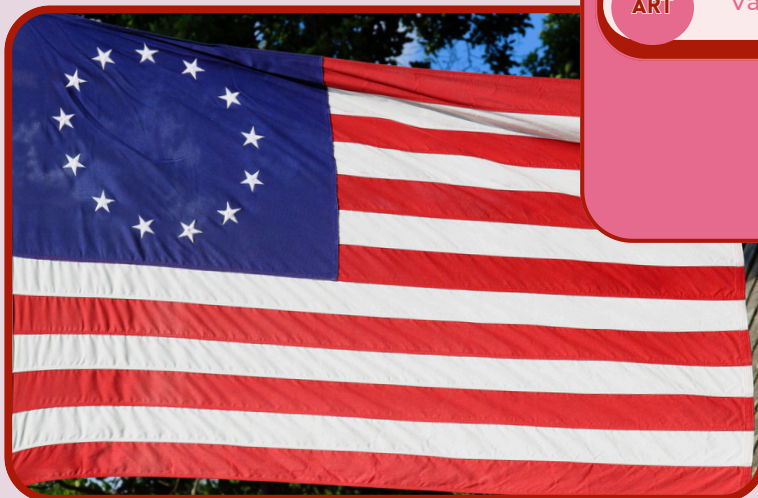
### BIBLE

"Jesus and Bartimaeus"; "The Mustard Seed"; "Leaven"; "The Great Pearl"

### ART

Valentine mailboxes

Mrs. Dolline Abraham  
and  
Mrs. Monica Walker



# BIRTHDAYS



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Daniella Han	Toddler 2	February 1st
Harper Mondrik	Primary 2	February 2nd
Everett Tisdale	Lower Elementary	February 5th
Jaecob Smith	Lower Elementary	February 5th
Beau Miller	Primary 1	February 8th
Arlee Lackey	Primary 1	February 14th
Isabella Beck	Lower Elementary	February 14th
Grace Samfield	Primary 1	February 15th
Darren Morehouse	Primary 1	February 18th
Liam Watson	Primary 2	February 24th



## EVENT DETAILS

### Valentine's Day Party for All Classes: Friday, February 13th

No lunch is needed on this celebratory day! The students in these classes will have cheese pizza, fruits, vegetables, and treats that they made themselves. Each child should bring a Valentine card (with or without a treat) for the number of students enrolled in their class. Please do not address the cards to anyone in particular, as it is time-consuming to sort and takes away from party time. However, your child may write their name in the "from" section; a great way to practice their signature! (The **Infant** students will be served lunch, without dessert, and do not need to bring Valentine's Day cards.)

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Number of students in each class, including your child:  
Toddler 1= 13 ~ Toddler 2= 14 ~ Primary 1= 33 ~ Primary 2= 25  
Lower Elem: 19 ~ Upper Elem: 21

### Parent-Teacher Conferences for Primary & Elementary: Monday, February 16th

Make plans to meet with your child's teacher on this school closure day to track your child's academic success and goals for the future. Sign-up sheets will be made available one week prior. Please find alternate childcare during your child's conference so that teachers may speak freely and confidentially.

### Pre-registration for Currently Enrolled Students Begins: Tuesday, February 17th

Pre-registration for returning students for the upcoming school year will begin on Tuesday, February 17th. Please return your emailed packets and the registration fee(s) promptly if you would like to reserve a space for your child for the 2026-2027 school year. Registration will open to the waitlist on March 2nd.

### Annual Open House: Sunday, March 1st, 2 -4 pm

Currently enrolled families, as well as the public, are welcome to stop in for information and tour the school. If your child is transitioning to another class for the 26-27 school year, this would be a great time to meet your child's new teacher!