



Dear Daisy Families,

We had a fun February, highlighted by our educational visit from the Oakland Fire Department!

You may have noticed construction in the big yard! The kids have a (safe) front row seat to all the action as we build a wonderful and much needed shade structure.

We are also looking forward to the field trip to Little Farm at the end of March! Please be sure to fill out a permission slip so your child can attend, and let us know if you can chaperone. More details below in the Announcements section.

We'd also like to welcome our newest Galaxy Room teachers Ms Vo and Ms Kay. Vo has an associate teacher's permit and Kay is a part time teacher's aide and full time student.

Finally, a big thanks to all our families for pitching in for the monthly tasks - we could not be such a great school if it weren't for your support. Thanks also to the families who made our Valentine's celebration so much fun!

Have a wonderful week,
Daisy Staff, Teachers and Room Parents

Announcements:

Field Trip to Little Farm

Our Spring field trip will be at the Little Farm in Tilden Park (Star Room is going to Robert's Park in the Redwood Regional Park). Dates are:

- Galaxy Room - Tuesday March 24
- Cloud Room - Wednesday March 25
- Rainbow Room - Thursday March 26
- Star Room - Friday March 27 at Robert's Park. Please note that parking is \$5.00

1. Please fill out a **permission slip**, which can be found on the sign in/out clipboards, or on your classroom door.
2. We also need **chaperones/drivers** - its a fun way to fulfill your monthly task if you can join us. Please indicate on your permission slip if you are able to help.
3. The children can bring celery or lettuce **ONLY** to feed the animals at Little Farm. We will visit with the animals, play at the playground and have a picnic lunch.
4. Star Room children will explore the amazing playground and wooded area at Roberts, and have a picnic lunch there.
5. Please arrive by 9:00am on the day of your field trip. Each child must also bring their carseat. We will be back at Daisy by 1:00pm.

Transitional Kindergarten - Fall 2015

We are so happy to announce that the Transition Kindergarten has enrolled enough children for Fall 2015! We still have some openings, so please spread the word among friends, neighbors, and your communities. See Fey for information about the program, fees and schedules.

Newsletter Writer Needed

Sue Chen is passing the torch to the next parent interested in writing the monthly Daisy newsletter. Its a fun and easy way to fulfill your monthly task. We use online software with templates, so its easy to set up, write and send. Fulfill your monthly tasks from your desk at work! Email Sue if you are interested.

Classes at Bananas

Our families may be interested in these parenting classes offered at Bananas in Oakland:

1. Increasing Parent Engagement and Strengthening Parent/Provider Relationships (2-part series)

Saturday April 4 9:30-12:30pm and Saturday April 11 9:30-12:30pm

2. Acquisition of Speech and Language in Young Children (2-part series)

Wednesday April 22 7-9pm and Wednesday April 29 7-9pm

More info at www.bananasbunch.org or 510-658-7353

REMINDER:

Daisy will be closed the week of April 6 for Spring Break.

Classroom News

Galaxy Room

February was a lovely month in Galaxy Room with many fun activities. On February 6, the Native America Health Care Center visited us and showed us all how to care for our teeth. We learned about food that is good for our teeth and food that is bad for our teeth. This is really important since some of us are starting to lose our baby teeth. After the Tooth Fairy visits us, we will grow new teeth that must last a very long time!

On February 11, the Oakland Fire Department visited the school, and we learned about fire safety. The fire fighters gave us red fire helmets and coloring books. We also got to climb on the fire truck. It is very big! The highlight of the month was Valentine's Day, which led to a lot of creativity. In preparation for the big day, we made special cards and hearts for our families. We also had a Valentine's Day celebration in our class. We exchanged cards with our classmates and feasted on delicious and healthy Valentine's Day treats, including a beautiful fruit salad and homemade banana bread. Thanks to all our families for helping us celebrate!

In February, we also welcomed a new Galaxy Ranger when Olivia joined us. We hope that Olivia and her family are enjoying the experience in our Galaxy!

Now, spring is in the air, and we're getting ready by decorating the room and making spring treats (like lemonade). We're getting excited about going to The Little Farm in Tilden Park on March 24. The Little Farm features animals ranging from cows to rabbits, and we'll get to feed them celery and lettuce. Please sign up on the clipboard, and let Melissa know if you can drive or chaperone. Right now, we don't have enough drivers, so we need help from our families!



RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

This month we had tons of fun and learning, as always. One of our favorite experiences has been our big red worm project. All children got a dixie cup with their name on it. Each contained a few red worms to take home and release in suitable dirt - a potted plant, a garden, etc. It's a science experiment, a nature lesson, and a very tactile experience, all rolled into one!

Another February favorite was when Jasper's mom came to read books to us in the big yard! Thank you, Coclough! There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for March - we hope you sign up! Please check our classroom wish list, as well.



CLOUD ROOM NEWS

Our Valentine's Day celebration was so much fun! The kids enjoyed opening their bags and checking out all the cool valentines our families worked so hard on - thanks for taking the time! We also celebrated the Lunar New Year by making red paper lanterns - you can see them hanging in the classroom. Our kids continue to love baking (and eating!). This month we made chocolate covered pretzels and strawberries (thanks families for bringing in the supplies!), banana bread, pumpkin waffles and fruit smoothies (made with strawberries, apples, and orange juice). Have you see our awesome arts and crafts? We worked on watercolor paintings with hearts cut from newspaper and red card stock. If you have craft ideas or would like to lead a fun craft in the classroom, please let Annie or Lilly know - what a great way to fulfill a monthly task! This month, the kids also enjoyed face paintings. We are also welcoming a new friend

named Max to Cloud Room, and Star Room transfers Jace and Evan have moved up as well. Welcome!



STAR ROOM

February was a very busy month for the star room. We had a visit from the Oakland fire department, a dental hygiene presentation from the Native American health center, and a Valentine's card exchange. Thank you parents for contributing to our Valentine's Day celebration. The cupid (fruit) kabobs were a big hit! Erica Mohan (Arthur's mom) helped children make lanterns for Chinese New Year. The craft for the month was caterpillars, which we made using egg cartons and pouch tops. The biggest excitement of the month was getting a new classroom pet, Nemo, the goldfish. In March we will welcome Nico, Taylor and

Emi to star room. Thank you parents for your support!



KINDERBOOST NEWS

Thank you to all the families that contributed to the purchase of our treasured wood tree!! And a thank you to Theodore for the set of wood rulers!!

In the Kinderboost classroom, we have been learning many different things about animals:

Animals that hatch from eggs such as birds, reptiles, insects; how do other animals camouflage?; how do animals protect themselves with bright colors?

We are continuing to explore things like magnetic and non-magnetic properties; balance and balancing; and are looking more closely at birds' beaks, feet and talons and the functions. Why is there such a variety of beak shapes, feet shapes? It was a special treat having Merle, the parakeet, come visit the classroom a few times too!

Kinderboost Wish List Items:

- White cardstock paper 65 lb. 250 sheets = 2 packages (\$16.00 each)
- Construction paper 2 packages of each = green, blue, white, grey, light blue, bright green, tan (Discount School Supply or Lakeshore Learning)
- Feathers - natural colors (not dyed). If someone wants to donate \$20 I will order the feathers needed and can give you the receipt.

Books from Amazon (\$10 or less)

- Flashlight by Lizi Boyd
- Who's There? by Heather Zschock
- Moonlight Animals by Elizabeth Golding

From Lakeshore Learning:

- Item # LL570 Engineer a Coaster Activity Kit \$49.99 (Awesome)
- Item # RR757 Magnetic Forces Exploration Kit \$19.99
- CLEAR tape (not invisible) for our tape dispensers. 5-10 rolls.

Items that Vickie has already purchased and would like someone to buy:

- \$20.00 vintage wood truck from the Oakland White Elephant Sale (They adore this truck.)
- \$10.00 sunprint paper. Blaze and others want to investigate shadows. (Some of the cardstock mentioned above is for shadow puppets!)

Upcoming Dates for Kinderboost:

- May 15 (Friday): Kinderboost Conferences and all school conferences. Sign-up time sheet forthcoming,
- May 18 (Monday): Last day of Kinderboost for the Monday/Tuesday Group. If parents would like to drop off food for snacks for the children that would be great.
- May 19 (Tuesday): Last day of Kinderboost for the Wednesday/Thursday Group. If parents would like to drop off food for snacks for the children that would be great. A sign-up sheet will be sent

out for each date. Please note: this is for the children only.

- May 21 (Thursday): Kinderboost Graduation Party from 5-6 pm in the Kinderboost Classroom. Families and grandparents are welcome!!! 13 students are graduating: Owseli, Joshua, Dominic, Abigail, Emma, Jacoby, Micah, Theodore, Elena, Julian, Blaze, Nia, and Gillian. This will be a potluck party! An online sign-in sheet will be sent out to parents so you can sign up for food to bring.





MARCH EVENTS

- 24 Galaxy Room Field Trip
- 25 Cloud Room Field Trip
- 26 Rainbow Room Field Trip
- 27 Star Room Field Trip

UPCOMING: DAISY CLOSED WEEK OF **APRIL 6** FOR SPRING BREAK