



Announcements:

March 25 till April 1 Spring Break School Closed.

New soccer program: We are very pleased to have a new soccer program at Daisy on Tuesday afternoons with coach Ricardo Blanco. Fey and Irfan were very impressed with Ricardo's teaching ability and patience with children when he was teaching their son swimming, and they are sure that he will do an equally great job of motivating the Daisy kids to learn soccer and have fun at the same time. So far the kids have been really enjoying the new soccer moves they are learning, as well as working on their teamwork and cooperation skills. Thanks so much to Fey and Irfan for bringing Ricardo to Daisy!

Field trips March 7-10th: As listed on the calendar, we have field trips coming up for all of the classes. There is one slight change in the schedule however, as Rainbow room will now be going on Monday March 7th, and TK will move to Thursday. Otherwise the schedule remains the same with Galaxy on Tuesday, and Cloud on Wednesday. With the exception of TK, all the classrooms will be going up to Redwood Regional Park for a little exploration in the woods, a small hike along the Stream trail, and playing in the Orchard meadow and on the adjacent play structure. Entrance to the park is through the Redwood Gate off of Redwood Rd, and parking is all the way at the end of this road at the Canyon Meadow Staging Area. Walk straight into the meadow by following the signs for the Stream trail. Any parents who are familiar with this area are encouraged to accompany their class if possible.

TK will be doing their own field trip on Thursday March 10th, location still to be determined.

Classroom News

STEAM TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN NEWS

-We celebrated Martin Luther King Jr this month by asking "How are we brave?" and talking about loving and caring for all.

-We also studied volcanos, talking about the different kinds, what pressure is and how it builds, and what magma and lava are. We also made our own volcanos in the classroom!

-The kids have been so excited about magnets - we talked about forces, gravity, magnetic fields, and what it means to

repel or attract. We also did magnetic painting. Math came into play as we tested, sorted and graphed what materials are magnetic what are not.

- New sight words for the month are: brave, volcano, can, if, my, magnet - when you read or talk together, call out the sight words!

Thanks for all our families for buying wish list items - they have made our classroom bright and fun!!





GALAXY ROOM NEWS

Despite all the winter rain, the Galaxy Rangers have kept pretty busy the past few weeks. Art projects included colorful umbrellas and rainbows which helped the kiddos discover different types of weather. The Rangers explored the life of insects through the story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and created their own caterpillars on felt board. They were also excited to make their own paper owls and learn about where these feathered friends live and what they eat - it was a hoot!

The kids worked on recognizing letters in their names, animal alphabets and arranged different shapes to make their own shape tree. When it was too rainy outside to play in the big yard, everyone had a blast with creating obstacle courses with hoops, arrows and footprint mats. In addition to all of the fun and learning, the class worked together to make delicious banana bread for all to enjoy!



RAINBOW ROOM NEWS

It's February and love is in the air in Rainbow room. The kids worked on decorating their Valentine's bags and enjoyed exchanging cards and eating a yummy feast of pizza, veggie and apple sticks and a cookie!

Spring is also in the air in February, thanks to the groundhog seeing his shadow and our lovely California climate, and so Rainbow kids are also doing some gardening. Thanks to the newly weeded garden beds, they were able to plant some seeds

and some potatoes in preparation for making a potato jungle. They love digging and working in the garden. More hands-on cooking and mixing projects this month include making a new batch of Play-doh and a more edible treat of honey cornbread.

Genesis is leading up Spanish lessons every day in Rainbow room now. They have been working on their alphabet and singing the Buenos Dias song. And another new adventure at Daisy is soccer class on Tuesdays. All the kids are enjoying practicing their skills, and especially enjoy doing corner kicks to clean up all the balls. A combined art and literary project this month was making a paper collage of their first initial, and another with the number of their age to decorate the bulletin board (see pictures). And finally, the kids are enjoying the new rug under the bulletin board, as they also learn about geography of the United States.

Thanks to all the parents and staff who contributed to the Daisy Work Day, it was great to see so many families helping to beautify Daisy! Everything is looking great and ready for Spring!



CLOUD ROOM NEWS

Considering that it is the shortest month, Cloud Room packed in lots of activity into February.

We learned about Groundhog Day, and how a groundhog seeing his shadow means six more weeks of winter.

Did you know it is American Heart Month? Cloud Room kids learned that our hearts need food and exercise to stay healthy. We also counted teeth and talked about how to take care of our teeth-- and made bigger-than-life-size mouth models out of marshmallows.

We celebrated Black History Month with artwork. Valentine's Day was eagerly anticipated and celebrated. We ate heart waffles, fruit salad, muffins, and other delicious food. Each kid gave and received Valentines-- giving is lots of fun! We also made heart and flower crafts. We learned that according to the Chinese Lunar calendar, we're now in the year of the monkey.

In honor of President's Day, we talked about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln: Lincoln lived in a log cabin, not a house or apartment-- he seems "very poor" by our standards. In Kinderboost, we connected Lincoln to a hands-on science experiment: which solutions will best clean a penny-- soap, water, oil and/or vinegar?

We talked about fire fighters and fire safety. We learned about "Stop, Drop and Roll" and calling 911 in an emergency.

Many of the favorite books we read this month connected to our activities: Groundhog Gets a Say; Good Enough to Eat; Visit the Dentist; The Shape of My Heart; and The Day it Rained Hearts. We continued to enjoy yoga every Friday, share day on Thursdays and cooking projects each Wednesday.





KINDERBOOST NEWS

Kinderboost Group 1 continues to work on their literacy skills by writing their own names and the numbers from 1 to 30. They have been working on the sounds each letter makes, especially the beginning sounds of words. They have also been tracing and drawing shapes, as well as working on completing puzzles with missing numbers.

Together with the Cloud room kids, Kinderboost has been discussing fire safety, including learning to Stop, Drop and Roll, and to call 9-1-1 in an emergency. Good lessons! The two groups have also been collaborating to discover the best way to clean a penny, and to learn about keeping our hearts healthy for American Heart Month.

Kinderboost Group 2 has been making drums to celebrate the Lunar New Year and also learning all about the letter "E". If any parent of a Kinderboost Group 2 child would like to volunteer to gather information for the newsletter for this group, that would be greatly appreciated! Just let Fey know. Thanks!

