

Healdsburg Montessori School Newsletter

February 2022

Dates to Remember:

February 14th and 16th

February 18th – 21st

February 17th

February 22nd or 25th

March 16th and 17th

March 21st – 25th

Pajama or Cozy dress Day

Presidents 4-day weekend – NO SCHOOL

Fall 2022 Schedule Request form due

Share Day

Conference for 2nd year students and children attending kindergarten in the Fall

Spring Break

Curriculum:

Language/Mathematics

In language we will be reviewing the third family of sounds (k,l,o,v,d,g). We will be blending all three families of sounds together to make three letter words. The older children will be working on memorizing their sight words (and, the, to, etc.) which help connect words for reading full sentences. In mathematics, we will be reviewing our tens, both in symbol and quantity. We will be constructing combinations of ten, an early form of addition ($1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$, etc.).

Cultural

We will be studying the continent of Asia this month. If any parents or grandparents have anything to share with our class about the cultures, traditions and holidays of Asia, please let us know. If you have any traditional clothing, jewelry, or memorabilia and would like to share them with the children during a circle time, we'd love to have you.

Life Science

In zoology, we will be learning about mammals and what differentiates them from other types of animals. We will also take a close look at the horse as a mammal and study the different parts of its body. In geography we will learn about volcanoes and mountains around the world.

Word of the month:

Equality (n): the state or instance of being equal, especially, the state of enjoying equal rights as political, economic, and social.

Valentine's Day:

On Monday, February 14th we will celebrate Valentine's Day by doing a "Circle of Love." We will discuss what love means and the children will be given an opportunity to stand up and tell us who they love and why. The students will have the opportunity to make cards for family and friends throughout the week, a Valentine making station. Therefore, we are asking that students DO NOT bring in Valentine cards or treats from home for their friends.

Share Day:

Share day is either on Tuesday, 22nd or Friday, 25th. Please remember that if your child attends both days, to select just one day. We do not have enough time for everyone to have multiple turns. The children may bring something that relates to the curriculum, a book with their favorite page marked, something special to them (not a toy or stuffed animal) or something that they made. If you are not sure of an item, please feel free to ask. Sometimes a toy may be appropriate if it relates to the curriculum.

Random Acts of Kindness Week at HMS, February 14th – 17th:

Random Acts of Kindness Week focuses on the spirit of hope and goodness. It is a springboard for action, a time to be open, to act upon thoughts of generosity that arise spontaneously from your heart. A kind act is "random" when it is unexpected - done simply out of the will to extend goodness, person to person, without expecting anything in return. Join in the "kindness revolution" today and make a positive difference on this planet that we all call home.

Fall Schedule Request Form:

Schedule request forms will be handed out this week. These forms are due back by February 17th. Please note that requests are honored on a first received basis. If you have any questions regarding schedules, Miss Julie is happy to speak with you.

Conferences:

Conferences will be on March 16th and 17th and possibly another day. These conferences are for students that were with us last year and for students that will be going to Kindergarten in the fall. If your child just started this year and had a first-year conference in November, we will do another one with you if they will be going to kindergarten in the Fall. We most likely will continue to do our conferences via zoom. A sign-up sheet will be posted the last week of February. We will email the families that may sign up for a conference once the sign-up sheet is posted, just to confirm. For any new students that started late this school year, we will schedule a conference in April for them.

Federal Tax Credit on Tuition:

You may be eligible for a "Dependent Care Tax Credit" of up to \$3,000 per child or \$6,000 for two or more. HMS is a qualified care-provider, our EIN is 87-1360876 (New Tax ID number). Email us if you need help totaling your 2021 payments.

Health Reminders:

Please be mindful of keeping all sick children home and informing us immediately of symptoms or anything that relates to COVID. Please help us to maintain a healthy school environment by adhering to our Wellness Policy. If your child has any COVID symptoms they will need a

negative antigen test to return. We have some tests on hand if you need one. Even with a negative antigen test, we ask that children are still symptom free for 48 hours before returning.