

## **Newsletter**

## **A Note from Our Principal**

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season. We can't wait to spend 2022 with you and your children. I would like to thank all of you for your generosity over the holidays. The teachers, administrative team, and I truly appreciate all the gifts and notes we received! These thoughts of appreciation mean so much to us. As always, thank you for choosing our school for your children.

I hope the New Year is filled with much happiness, joy and good health for you and your loved ones!

Sincerely, Ms. Kristen Suh

### **Winter Weather**

The winter season is here. Please be sure to dress your child accordingly, including hats and gloves. Also, be sure that your child has extra clothes available in their cubby for the winter weather (this is a great time to check sizes too... some of them are growing up too fast ③).

### **Our Parent Portal – Alma**

Looking for account statements for taxes or FSA? Do you have a different email address or phone number that needs to be updated? Need to add or remove an emergency contact? You can do this at any time in Alma. If you need help logging in or accessing the system, please let us know. If you need to reset your password, I can help you!

## **Parent Referral Bonus**

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

### **Important Dates:**

January 10- Amazing Athletes DEMO (Beginner 2-PreK2)

January 17- Amazing Athletes Begins!

January 14 – National Hat Day!! Wear your favorite hat to school!!!

January 22- Open House for prospective families

January 31 – End of the Month Folders go home

# Meaningful Ways to Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. With Your Preschooler

January is a great time to reflect on the important work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Although we explore diversity and inclusion all year, we have many activities planned this month to celebrate his life specifically. We'll be reading books, making arts and crafts, discussing the importance of acceptance and belonging, and much more.



Continue the fun at home by participating in some of our ideas below.

### 1. Perform an Act of Service

Honor the work of Martin Luther King Jr. by spreading kindness and compassion. Some ideas include donating winter accessories to your local homeless shelter, baking cookies for a neighbor, or making cards for loved ones needing a smile.

# 2. Read About His Accomplishments

Books are a great way to learn about Martin Luther King, Jr. and the theme of equality in a way your child can understand. Age-appropriate titles include, "Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King, Jr." by Jean Marzollo, "The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr." by Johnny Ray Moore, and "I am

Martin Luther King, Jr." by Brand Meltzer. After reading, ask your child to discuss their own hopes and dreams.

# 3. Host a Birthday Party

Children love and can relate to birthday parties, so host one to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.! Ask your child to help you bake a birthday cake, talk about kindness, sing songs, make decorations, and watch snippets of the "I Have a Dream Speech."

# 4. Help Your Child Understand and Respect Differences

Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that everyone, no matter skin color, should be treated equally. Reinforce this message at home by reading some of our favorite stories: "Whoever You Are" by Mem Fox, "The Colors of Us" by Karen Katz, and "All Are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold.

Happy New Year!!!!