

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

A Notes From Your Principal

Dear Families,

The year is off to a great start and we're enjoying spending the winter season with you and your children. If you have not already done so, please send an extra set of weather-appropriate clothes for your child. We want everyone to be able to participate in the fun outdoor activities we have planned, so please be sure to provide appropriate outerwear.

As always, working with and watching your children grow is an honor. Thank you for choosing our preschool for your family.

Sincerely,
Kaleigh Lawson

Feb. 2nd
Groundhog Day/ PJ Day

Feb. 9th
Nat'l Pizza Day

Feb. 10th
Lunar New Year

Feb. 13th
Mardi Gras

Feb. 14th
Valentine's Day

Feb. 17th
**Random Acts of
Kindness Day**

Feb. 19th
CLOSED

Feb. 28th
Nat'l Pancake Day

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Did You Know?

Moving to music helps children learn to move their muscles in different ways. Songs with unfamiliar words increase vocabulary!

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Our students will learn about local and influential African Americans through books, learning experiences, and classroom discussions.

Priority Re-Enrollment

Priority re-enrollment starts February 5th! Take advantage of our registration discount and secure your child's spot for next school year. More information will be sent via Links 2 Home.

Family 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!

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th. Children are invited to bring in valentines to share with their classmates and will participate in Valentine-themed activities throughout the day.

Love Our School? Review Us

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp, and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.



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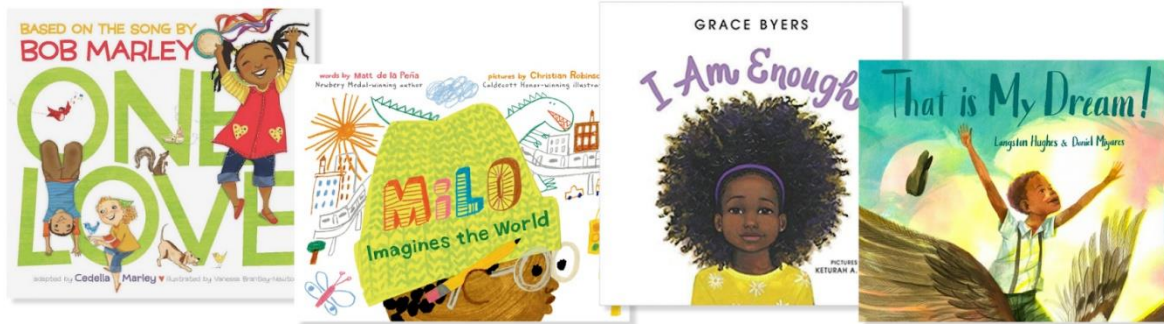
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Four Must-Read Books for Children This Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. In our classrooms, students will learn about local and influential African Americans through engaging books, learning experiences, and thoughtful discussions.

Below are four age-appropriate books to read with your child to continue the celebration and conversation. These stories not only entertain, but also serve as windows into the diverse and inspiring narratives that make Black History Month a time of reflection, learning, and unity.



***One Love* by Cedella Marley (ages 1-3 years)**

Adapted from Bob Marley's hit song, *One Love* reimagines the iconic tune for a new generation of children. The book is filled with colorful pictures and introduces themes of unity, joy, and the beauty of coming together as one. *One Love* is more than a story; it's a shared celebration of positivity and solidarity that will resonate with both you and your child.

***Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Peña (ages 3+ years)**

Milo Imagines the World tells the story of Milo who rides the subway with his sister and imagines a life beyond the train – a world filled with wonders and adventures. He uses his creativity and thinks about the lives of everyone he encounters, including a boy in a suit, a man doing crossword puzzles, and a woman wearing a wedding dress. Milo soon realizes that you can't really know anyone just by looking at their face.

***I Am Enough* by Grace Byers (ages 3+ years)**

This story celebrates the beauty of diversity and empowers children to embrace their individuality, build self-confidence, and recognize their worth. With an important message and vibrant illustrations, *I Am Enough* showcases the importance of navigating life's ups and downs and trying again after failure.

***That is My Dream* by Langston Hughes (ages 4+ years)**

That is My Dream is a picture book adaptation of Hughes' acclaimed poem "Dream Variations". It brings readers on a journey of one African American boy's day, how he is treated differently, and his dream of a more united world. Through vivid illustrations and poetic storytelling, this book sparks meaningful discussions about equality, hope, and diversity.



Links to Learning