



CHINESE 中文 . ENGLISH 英文 . SPANISH 西班牙文

MAY 2014

LANGUAGE IMMERSION PRESCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Teacher Appreciation Week is a week long celebration in the United States. It is observed the first full week in May. This year it is May 5th – 9th. **“Teacher Appreciation Day”** is the Tuesday that falls during that week May 6th for 2014. If you would like to show your child’s teachers that they are appreciated just shower them with May flowers that your child picked out of a garden or you can buy them too.

Chinese Curriculum

The children have been enjoying their circle times with all the Chinese teachers. In April the children at Beyond Montessori started to learn a Chinese song about a fish, they will continue to learn the rest of the song this month. In May the children will be learning about the frog, land and water. Also the class will be introduced to two new Asian snacks; ginger honey Tofu and Tofu seaweed. These snacks are special because they are made from soy beans. During circle time soy beans will be demonstrated and implemented to our practical life area. The living Mandarin will be the next lesson the children will be learning and they will reviewing the previous lessons. The Chinese phonics and the blending sounds will be associated together. We have also started implementing sewing in the Chinese class. Sewing is a fun and rewarding activity to reinforce the Chinese characters. The children have been working on embroidering a fish. Some children are able to sew

by themselves with a little bit of instructions and others are accompanied by a staff member step by step to learn the technique.

English Curriculum

The English classes have been moving along well. The children still continue to work on their individual levels of phonics and word blends. Ms. Amber who is our English teacher will be collaborating with Ms. Caren our Spanish teacher on recognizing the importance of families. The children will be discussing family relationships and learning the different terminologies that may be used.

Spanish Curriculum

Our Spanish teacher will be talking to the children about Cinco de Mayo. We will be celebrating it on Monday, May 5th. Cinco De Mayo originated in Mexican America mostly western and southwestern states. It is a celebration of Mexican heritage and pride.

Culture Curriculum

The children are learning about one of the greatest and most influential artists of the 20th century, Pablo Ruiz Y Picasso also known Pablo Picasso. He was a Spanish painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist, stage designer, poet, playwright who spent most of his adult life in France. Picasso was known for co-founding the Cubist movement, invention of constructed sculpture and co – inventor of the concept of collages.

Special Event

Mothers come and join us for our first Beyond Montessori **“Mother’s Tea”, Friday, May 9th 4:00pm.** The children will be singing and showing their appreciation to you. The children are very excited. We hope to see you there.

Cooking Project

- On May 14th we will be making “Ginger Silk Tofu Dessert”.
- On May 28th we will be making “Tofu Seaweed Cold Dish”.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Open House - Saturday, May 3rd, 2014. 11am - 3pm “Art Day” Children will get to experience different types of art media.
- Open House - Saturday, May 17th, 2014. 11 am - 3 pm “Parents and Kids Olympic Day”
- In-House Field Trip: Dentist Visit - Thursday, May 22nd, 2014. 10 am – 11 am “Children Dental Health Check-Ups and Habits” ((We will be sending out permission slips for the Dentist to look at your child's teeth.))
- No School - Beyond Montessori will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014 to celebrate Memorial Day.