

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2017

School Calendar

Feb 1	Tuition Payment Due
Feb 3	Sharing Day
Feb 7	Board of Directors Mtg. at 6:30 PM
Feb 8	School Picture Day
Feb 14	Valentine Exchange
Feb 20-24	Mid-Year Recess - No School



Classroom News

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Mohnhaupt to the Villa Montessori staff as a teacher aide. Mrs. Mohnhaupt has been volunteering at Villa

since last spring.

We also wish to welcome student volunteers, Miss Hatori and Miss Zhu to our school. Both students are working toward their Montessori certificates and have chosen to volunteer at Villa to broaden their Montessori experience.

In addition, you may have noticed one missing face, Mrs. Nair, from Room 2 left Villa at the end of December. We are sad to see Mrs. Nair go and wish her continued success. This is a message from Mrs. Nair:

“Dear Parents,
It is with great regret I wanted to let you know that I won’t be able to continue working at Villa from January onwards due to personal reasons. It was a great experience to be part of Villa and I appreciate all your help and support.
Thank you”

Fall 2017



We are currently making admission plans for our fall classes. We will send out a survey within the next week to ask whether your child(ren) will be

returning to Villa next year. Please be sure to return this form to help us plan for Villa in the fall.

Current students and their siblings have enrollment priority if they notify the school of their intent **by February 28, 2017**. After this date, we cannot guarantee placement.

School Picture Day

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, **Teddy Bear Portraits** will be here at Villa to take individual pictures of the students. Be sure to dress your child(ren) in bright clothing.



If you would like to have your child photographed with a sibling that does not attend Villa, the photographer can do this within the 9AM-2:30PM time period. Please arrange in advance with Mrs. Taam for a time for this.

You will be allowed to view the finished pictures on Portrait Selection Day. We will let you know once this date is determined. **There is no pre-payment for these photographs, and there is no obligation to purchase.**

Your child’s class composite class photo will be also available for purchase at a later date. The photographer does contribute a portion of the sales to the school. 100% of the composite class photo sales goes directly back to Villa.



Science Fair

Villa Montessori’s 1st

will take place at the end of March. The science fair will be a mix of hands-on projects that the children can try in addition

to some science exhibits. We will have a steam engine, thermometers, and more! This is a perfect opportunity for parents to get involved and fulfill their parent participation hours. We will need help setting up, cleaning up and we are interested in your ideas and help to make our vision a reality. Please contact Mrs. Leung for further details. We will let you know the date (a school day) of the science fair once we secure a location to host it from the Church.

Valentine Cards

Valentine’s Day is a U.S. celebration since the mid 19th century that honors St. Valentine on February 14th. During the 20th century, it became a day when people exchange cards and gifts to express their love, friendship, and thoughtfulness.



According to this tradition Villa will have a Valentine exchange on Friday, February 14th. The children may bring Valentine cards with only their name signed. All Valentine cards will be exchanged during the first circle of each session. Please use the chart below as a guideline for headcount in each classroom. Valentine cards may be handmade or purchased at any local grocery, craft or drug store.

Room	AM Program	PM Program
1	27	28
2	14	5



Thank you

To the students and their families for their donations of books and gift cards in honor of birthday celebrations. Your donations will be used to purchase items on the classroom wish list.

Curriculum Update

Room 1 - AM Class

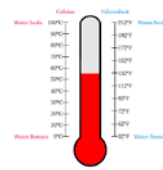
During the month of February, the children in the AM class will work on the landforms: island and lake.



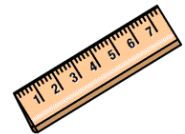
We will begin to talk about the differences and similarities between a globe and a (continent) map and will also introduce the children to the continent of North America. We will discuss the significant places in this continent, the weather, and the country in which we live in and more.

Room 1 - PM Class

During the month of February, the children in the PM class will learn the topic: Measuring. The



children will learn the basics of length, width, height, weight and temperature by measuring. We will create



some fun measurement activities and games for the children to make this as simple and intuitive as possible.

Room 2

In the month of February children in Room 2 will have lessons about continents. We will

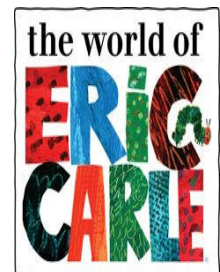


introduce the continents globe to the children and compare the similarities and differences

between land and water using the land and water globe and the continent globe. We will identify the shape and color of each continent on the globe. We will also discuss the animals, people, and weather of each continent.

During February we will celebrate Valentine’s Day by creating art projects relating to Valentine’s Day.

In February we will be reading many of Eric Carle’s books, looking at his illustrations, and learning about the author’s life. If you have any Eric Carle



books at home, please read them with your child or send them with to school with your child for sharing with the class.



Corner

The Villa Montessori Board of Directors, elected by the Villa parents in the fall of each school year, consists of parents of currently enrolled students. The Board has a fiscal responsibility for the operations of the school year and for ensuring the future of Villa Montessori School.

This is a new section of the school's newsletter intended to keep parents informed of the Board's activities and decisions. The Board meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting start time has changed to 6:30 PM to accommodate the Board members' busy schedules.

December 2016 Board Meeting Highlights:

- The School presented a proposal for summer camps in 2017 for the Board's review and approval.
- The Board voted to approve budgeted \$8,000 expenditure for Christmas gifts for the Villa staff.

The Board is currently reviewing Villa's investment portfolio to reallocate investments to match the needs of the school's short, mid-range and long term goals. They will go through the budgetary process for the next academic year to set tuition rates in the next couple of months. Please stay tuned for more information.

You may reach the Board of Directors at:
villa-boardmembers@googlegroups.com



From all of us at Villa,
Happy Valentine's Day

and
Enjoy your
Mid-Year Recess!