

Dear Families:

Welcome to friendly month of the year! We are celebrating Valentine's Day at Villa by sharing Friendship cards among friends. We are excited to let you know that the Open House on Jan 26th was a big success! Thank you all for supporting the event. We will begin processing applications for next school year very soon.

Chinese New Year celebrations will be held on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:10 am for AM and full day programs, 1:10 PM for full day and PM program. Yoga classes are going great! I am excited to share that we are considering to introduce soccer at Villa! Clark's mom is a sculptor and a soccer player. She is happy to teach soccer skills in a fun manner to Villa children. We are planning to take small groups of children in different sessions to learn the lessons. When we finalize the schedule details, we will send you more information along with waiver forms.

**Sharing day explained:** Each month children are exposed to different curricular material based on themes and sequence of lessons planned for them. When children bring materials to share, they are encouraged to bring items related to the theme in focus for that month. For eg: February focuses on continents of the world [Asia] and different food groups.



Children may bring books, art and crafts or objects related to the theme that you and your child created together. We have AM, PM and SD programs; AM children bring an item related to the AM topic, PM children bring item related to PM topic and the Full Day students will bring an item related to either Am or Pm program topic. If you have questions please reach us and we will explain with examples. Here is the sharing theme in detail for the next few weeks.

**Eg: sharing themes for Feb:**

Feb 1st: AM/PM/ SD- bring something related to Asia

Feb 8th: AM - North America, PM - Fruits from My Food Plate. SD - choose from AM or PM topics.

Feb 15th: AM - South America, PM - Grains from My Food Plate. SD - choose from AM or PM topics.

March 1st: AM- Antarctica, PM - Vegetables from My Food Plate. SD - choose from AM or PM topics.

**Thank You corner!** A big thank you goes to Elaine, Serena, Angela, and Jennie's parents who are presenting Chinese New Year activities. We thank Serena's family for Montessori material, Zenergy chimes and a monetary gift, Daniel's family for monetary donation, Rasheed's family for monetary gift all honoring their child's birthday celebration at Villa! Aanya's family donated *Human Body* book to Villa classrooms for her birthday and children loved the book very much! Thank you, Aanya!

**Important Reminders:**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>** – Tuition Due

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** - Chinese New Year celebrations. 9:10 am and 1:10 pm.

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – **PICTURE DAY! PM program children will come to school from 9 am – noon.** Sorry for this inconvenience. Photographer will take



the whole school picture at 9:10am. We don't want to miss out anyone in the school picture.

**Sibling pictures:** If sibling of Villa students like to be pictured together, please bring sibling to Villa for pictures either at 8:45 am to 9:00 am or 11:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Thank you! Note: The photo order form has more details on how to dress your child for picture day, please return this form to your child's class teacher before Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** - Friendship card exchange day (optional). No friend's name will be written on the cards. Only your child's name will be on the cards. Room 1: If your child is participating in card exchange, the Am children will bring 30 cards, Pm children will bring 20 cards, and full day students will bring 34 cards. Room 2: Children bring 15 cards. Thank you!

**Feb 18 – 22-** Midyear recess. School will be closed.



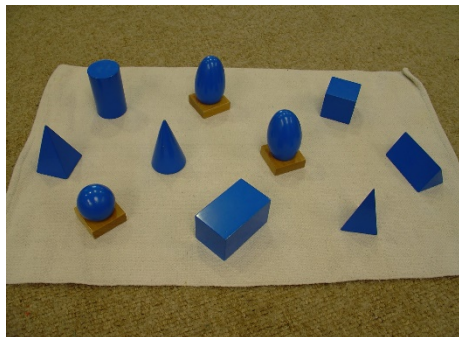
Upcoming events:

March 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuition Due

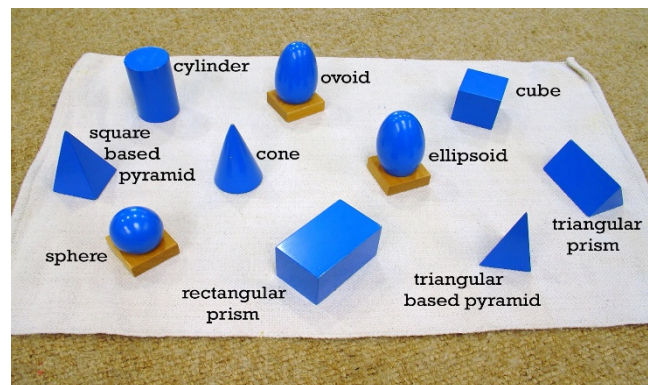
March 18<sup>th</sup> – Staff learning day. No school.



### **Close up on Montessori Sensorial Job Geometric Solids & bases**



A sensorial exploration of shapes. The job contain 10 geometric solids including cube, cylinder, cone, rectangular prism, triangular prism, sphere, ovoid, ellipsoid, square based pyramid and triangular based pyramid. The children will learn the names of geometric shapes and develop the mathematical concepts & the ability to observe and make judgements.



#### **Guessing game:**

1. Hide the geometric shapes in the room.
2. Say the name of a shape and have your child to go and find it

#### **Blindfold game:**

1. Put the geometric shapes inside of a mystery bag
2. Ask your child to reach inside the mystery bag without looking. Ask the child “
3. Can you find me a \_\_\_\_\_?”



#### **Matching game:**

Play a matching game by asking your child to look around the room and find the matching shapes.

Spring will be early this year! Read aloud to your child every day and listen in to their stories from school!

Wishing you all a wonderful February! Smiles!



Yours Kindly,  
Team Villa!