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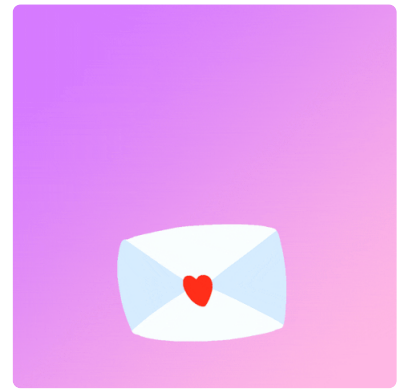
HAPPY 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL FROM A FEW OF OUR ELDEST PRE-K2 STUDENTS!

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A Note from Our Principal Team:

Dear Families,

Happy February! The new year is off to a wonderful start, and we're excited for what's to come. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we're looking forward to celebrating love, friendship, and kindness with your little ones through fun and meaningful activities! As always, it is an honor to work with and watch your children grow. Thank you for choosing our preschool for your family.



Sincerely,

Jessica Eason, Principal
Jennifer Tanner, Assistant Principal
Yasmeen Washington, Office Admin



FEBRUARY SCHOOL EVENTS & HAPPENINGS:

Black History Month

February is Black History Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of African Americans throughout history. In our classrooms, we'll be exploring stories of inspiring people, both near and far, through books, activities, and conversations that help our students appreciate their impact on the world.

Valentine's Flower-Grams for Sale

Buy a Valentine Bundle to have delivered to your students and favorite teachers on Valentines Day during snack time celebrations. Bundles for sale from February 5th-12th. Bundle Price is \$5 each (cash) for three flowers adorned with a valentine-themed sweet treat and a personalized message from you. See the front desk team for details or to make your purchases.

Valentine's Day

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 14th. Children are invited to bring in valentines to share with their classmates and will participate in Valentine-themed activities throughout the day. Please remember, that we are a NUT-FREE school! For the health and safety of all of the children in our care, we ask that you please refrain from sending in any peanut or tree nut products, including snack and candy items, for regular daily consumption and holiday celebrations.

We appreciate your extra close attention to this policy. Lastly, please keep an eye out for notes and sign up sheets provided by your child's teachers pertaining to classroom specific celebrations.

Inclement Weather Decisions:

Chesterbrook Academy does not follow the closure patterns of the local public school system as we don't have to contend with district-wide busing issues like they do. Our goal is to be open as many days as possible to support our working parents. However, if we must close or delay opening because of unsafe commuter conditions, you will receive a notification via Links 2 Home (Email & Text) as soon as the decision is made and communicated to us by executive leaders. Our website will also be updated to reflect this change in operating schedule. Please keep an eye out for such notices throughout the remainder of the winter.

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.

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!



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sun., February 2 – Groundhog Day

Fri., February 7 - Spirit Day: Super Bowl/Favorite Football Jersey or Team Apparel Day

February 5-12 - Flower-Grams for Sale (\$5.00 cash)

Fri., February 14 - Spirit Day: Valentine Colors, Prints and Patterns

Fri., February 14 – Valentine's Day Card Exchanges and Classroom Celebrations

Mon., February 17 – School CLOSED for Professional Development Day/President's Day Holiday

Fri., February 21 - Spirit Day: Pajama Day

Fri., February 31 – End-of-Month Folders Go Home

Save the Date: Family Reports and optional Parent-Teacher Conferences will be available March 3-10. A sign up sheet for conference interest can be found at the front desk starting on February 19th. If you do not feel that a conference is necessary, a copy of all parent reports will be sent

home in students cubbies by March 10th. Please let the Leadership Team know if you have any questions on Winter progress reports and conferences.

💖 FUN VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES 💖

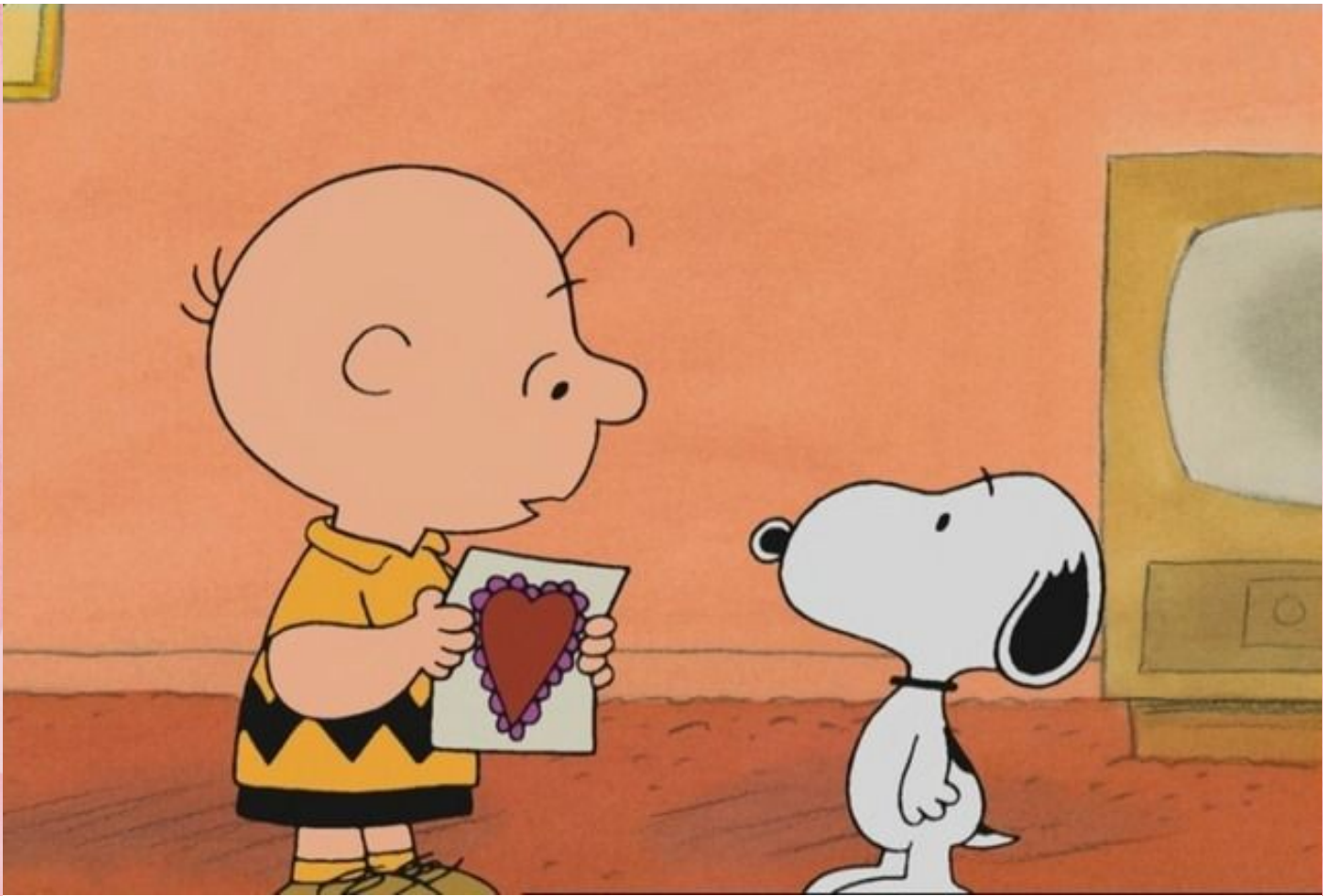
Make Amazing Cards!

These are some seriously creative, fun cards -- and tutorials to go along with them. Get crafty!



🎬 Watch a Cute & Funny Kids' Movies on Valentine's Day 🧑‍🎨

Valentine's Day gets a lot of attention from adults-but it's so easy for kids to get in on the fun, too.



 **MONTHLY SCHOOL MENU** 

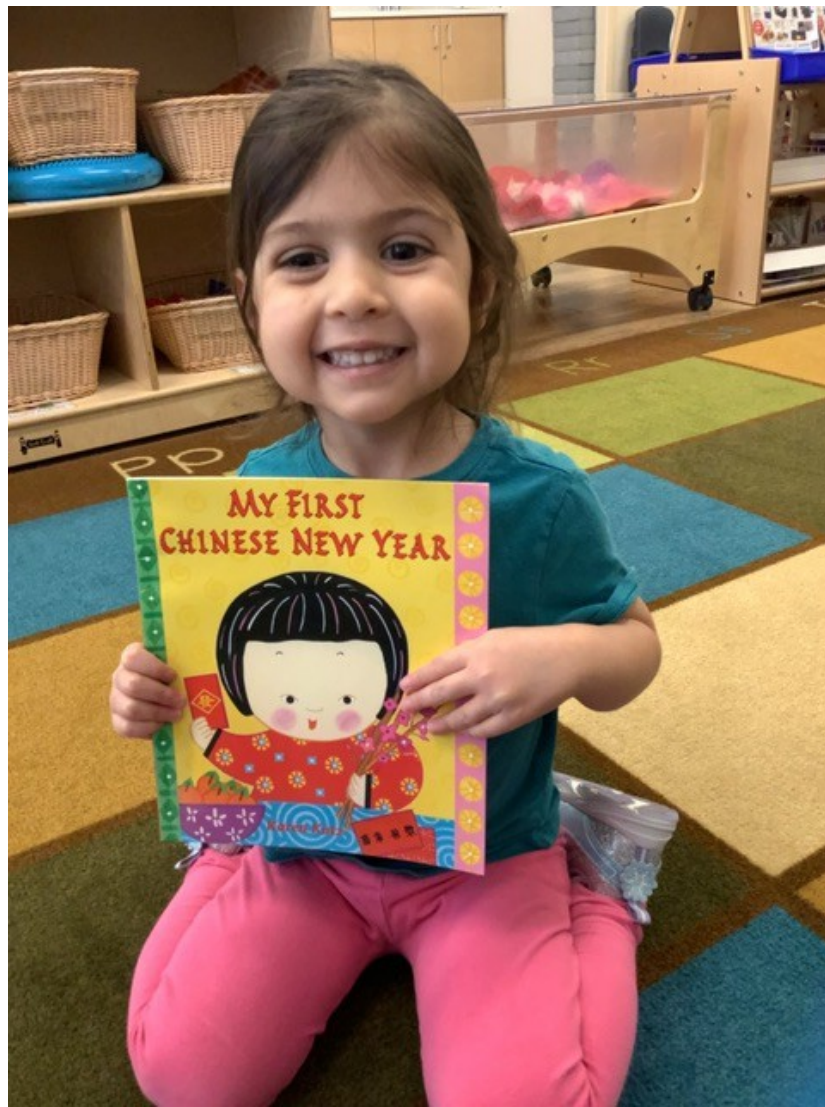


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“HOW DO YOU SPELL LOVE?’ ASKED PIGLET. ‘YOU DON’T SPELL IT, YOU FEEL IT,’ SAID POOH.” — A.A. MILNE



MONTHLY BLOG SPOT: 5 BOOKS TO READ WITH CHILDREN IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is a time to celebrate Black Americans and their important role in U.S. history. In our schools, children learn about Black culture and heritage through books, activities, and discussions. While we talk about and celebrate diversity all year, February is a special time to honor Black history and learn more about its significance.



Here are five great books for children about Black history and celebrating what makes us unique and special. They are sure to inspire, teach, and engage.

***Dream Big, Little One* by Vashti Harrison (ages 1+)**

This book introduces young readers to Black women who changed the world. It encourages children to dream big like Mae Jemison, be brave like Maya Angelou, and be creative like Alma Woodsey Thomas. It is a perfect bedtime story to inspire big dreams!

***Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox (ages 2+)**

This story celebrates the many kinds of children and ways of life all over the world. Readers will learn that, though others may look, speak, and live differently, they all share the same feelings and

experiences. They will discover that we all are a lot alike.

***Just Like Your Daddy* by Tiffany Parker (ages 3+)**

This expressive story is filled with an abundance of affirmations that are meant to uplift and empower children. It also shines a bright light on fathers and depicts the strong and special relationship between a Black father and son.

***Last Stop on Market Street* by [Matt de la Peña](#) and [Christian Robinson](#) (ages 3+)**

In this heartwarming story, a young boy and his grandmother take a bus ride through their neighborhood. On their journey, they encounter all sorts of people and opportunities to look on the bright side. The book teaches how to see the beauty in everyday life and reminds us to appreciate every person.

***The Year We Learned to Fly* by Jacqueline Woodson (ages 4+)**

The Year We Learned to Fly is about a brother and sister who face challenges. When they feel stuck, their grandmother teaches them to use their imagination to "fly" and escape. Children will learn how creativity can help them through challenging times and how the wisdom of older generations can guide them.





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