



# Growing Minds



## Montessori School

### February

February ushered in the study of Fruits and Vegetables, Healthy Living, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day. Our theme for the month was Fruits and Vegetables and the children absolutely loved the beautiful different activities our moms of the month arranged. The children also looked forward to the celebration of Valentine's Day. In preparation for our Valentine's Day party the students made Valentine Bear card holders and brought in treats and cards to share with their friends. Our little friends had a very special day full of love and friendship and were very excited to carry their Valentines home in the bears.



Together, in class, we made a "friendship fruit bowl" where the children took turns mixing the different berries and enjoying the special treat with their friends. Every day of the month, we talked about a different friendship tip at circle time to show how important it is to love and care for our friends. We put up the tips on the wall and practiced them throughout the day!

Our art projects for the month also focused on Valentine's Day. We made heart rainbows, bookmarks, and tissue paper hearts. We also had a heart grading work and did some heart stringing in honor of Valentine's Day.



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# Thank you

Our parent meeting was such a success and went amazingly well. A special thanks to all the parents for being a part of the planning and volunteering to make our graduation ceremony a memorable day for our children!

Special thanks to Mrs. Yazima for personalizing green bags for our new students!



As a small token of love and appreciation, the Explorer students received monkeys and the Pioneer class got bears from the teachers.

Thank You for all of the wonderful gifts and love we received from our students on Valentine's Day! We hope you liked the "handprint flower pots" that were personalized and made with so much love!

In celebration of President's Day, we talked about some of the notable presidents in our history and read books about the life of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We poked out their silhouettes and made pennies and quarters.



Neal working with Mom



Aarish working with Mom

The moms of the month made a fruit and vegetable mobile that was beautiful and a wonderful keepsake for the children. We also talked about practicing healthy living by discussing the food pyramid and planned healthy menus and meals. The children sorted out pictures of fruits and vegetables and glued them on their fruit and vegetable baskets.



Rishi making fruit basket with Mom



Moonish with Mommy!!!



**School Expansion!** We are very excited about our expansion plan and planning to move the Pioneer class to another classroom that will be built at the church location. We are in the process of obtaining final approvals from the county to commence the remodeling. We look forward to all the opportunities having both classes in the same location will provide our students. We do, however, need your help and support to plan a fundraiser to meet the costs of some of the re-modeling that needs to be done. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with ideas to share at a parent meeting (to be scheduled after Spring Break).



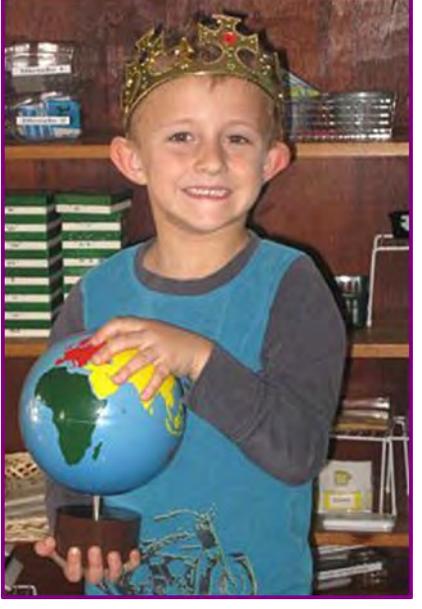
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Benjamin Maxwell turned 4



Zahra Shahid turned 7



Zalan Iso turned 6