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A Note from the Director

A peaceful world requires a timeless, peaceful education, customized and precise for each individual. Maria Montessori, the founder of Montessori education once said, "It is true that we cannot make a genius; we can only give to each child the chance to fulfill his potential possibilities."

As I think about our journey over these past 24 years, it brings a smile to my face when I think about the number of times we have given children the opportunity to fulfill their full potential. This is something that we will continue to strive to do for each and every child coming through our doors. What an amazing journey this has been!

Class Pictures

J. Pamela Photography will be taking our class pictures on Wednesday, March 2nd. Children must be at school no later than 8:30 a.m. in order to be in the picture. All children are included in the class picture, so please dress appropriately. The pictures are then processed and will be on display in our office for purchase.

Spring Break

Spring Break is March 14-18. School will be closed/care will be open. Every child attending that week must register with the front office. There is a fee for the extended day program. Please see Ms. Twyla or Ms. Gina for the charge.

Science Fair

Science Fair is fast approaching. All Kindergarten and Elementary students will be required to submit a science project by the morning of Tuesday, March 29th. During this time the children will present all science projects to the class. We would like to invite everyone

to stop by that evening from 6-7 p.m. to see all the student projects.

Dr. Seuss

Born March 2nd, 1904, Theodore Seuss Geisel, "Dr. Seuss" has entertained children and adults alike with his rhyming text, wacky story lines and made-up words for more than 100 years! To celebrate his life and literary contributions, we will be reading aloud the old favorites "Hop on Pop", "The Cat in the Hat" and "Green Eggs and Ham". We encourage you to do this with your child at home, as well as have your child bring in his or her favorite to share with the class.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings time begins on March 13th. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

St. Patrick's Day

Wear green or you might get pinched on March 17! Why? Because it's St. Patrick's Day of course! March 17, 390 A.D., is the birthday of St. Patrick of Scotland. According to the legend, St. Patrick charmed the snakes of Ireland into the sea and used the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity when he preached. Tell your children to be on the look out for leprechauns, rainbows and four-leaf clovers...and don't forget to wear green!

Pennies for Peace

Our pennies for peace drive has now come to a close and the jar will be picked up next week. A full jar holds around 30,000 pennies. That's \$300. dollars we will be donating to Afghanistan for their schools. Way to go! Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual worthwhile event, promoting the importance of humanitarianism in the lives of our children. To learn more, visit www.penniesforpeace.org.

Box Tops

The last day to turn in box tops for this year is Monday February 28th so please bring in any you have. Thank you to everyone who has participated and made this year a success!

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation goes out to Ms. Leesa who recently completed her CDA (Child Development Associates.) Way to go Ms. Leesa!

Thanks

Thanks to all of the parents who contributed to our Chinese New Year, and Go Texan Day. These events are very special, and you helped to make them memorable for the children!

Thank you Mrs. Olalde for all of the recycled paper you have donated to our school.

Thanks to the Doan family for donating the hand sanitizer. Everyone has benefited from using it.

Tuition Express

For those who have not yet signed up for Tuition Express here is the link.
<http://www.tuitionexpress.com/>

Sixth-Graders Excel at Younger Campuses

Sixth-graders are more successful in an elementary school than they are in middle schools, according to a new study by researchers at Duke University and the University of California, Berkeley.

The bulk of the country's sixth-graders, including most in the Houston area, have been moved into middle schools over the last three decades. This new report shows that students are scoring lower on the standardized test and that the ill effects of grouping sixth-graders with older students last until at least these students reach the ninth grade.

"These findings cast serious doubt on the wisdom of the historic nationwide shift to the grades 6-8 middle school format," Philip Cook, Duke professor of public policy and economics and an author of the paper, said in a prepared statement. "As it turns out, moving sixth grade out of elementary schools appears to have had substantial costs."

News from the classroom of

101:

This coming month we are going to be talking about life cycles of plants and animals. For art we will look at different kind of birds, butterflies, and fish. We will be reading Dr. Seuss books, and listening to Sergei Prokofiev during snack, lunch and nap. We will be talking about the virtue of honesty. Please send in an old T-shirt that we can keep as cover ups for our art projects.

102:

This month we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. We will be focusing our story time and art work on his books. If your child has a favorite Dr. Seuss book, they are welcome to share it with the classroom. We are also going to be growing our own plants in the classroom as we learn about life cycles with plants and animals. Some art will be in the form of Frank Lloyd Wright's work (our artist of the month).

103:

Spring has sprung. This month we will begin learning about a plant life cycle. We will be sprouting several types of beans & hypothesizing about which bean will sprout first. Our Kindergarteners will be visiting 105 with their Science Fair Projects. Fun, fun, fun! We also will be cooking green eggs for Dr. Seuss' birthday. Please have your child bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss book to share with friends. Please stop by 105 on science fair night to cheer. on our Kindergartners.

104:

This month we welcome spring. We have already begun preparing our garden for spring planting. We will germinate bean seeds and learn about parts of the seed and parts of the plant. We will begin sowing seeds in our spring garden behind our classroom. In geography we will be studying Australia and learning all about marsupials such as kangaroos and wombats too! As part of our celebration of Dr. Seuss on March 2nd, we will cook green eggs and ham and spell "Seuss" words with our movable alphabets. Our Kindergarten students will be participating in Science Fair, Tuesday, March 29. .

105:

March is a very busy month for elementary students. We will continue our studies of the Sun and its Family, Simple Machines and Weather. We are working hard on our Science Fair Projects to present on Monday, March 29. Our annual Iowa Basic Skills Testing begins Monday March 21st. Please make sure your student arrives on time after having a nutritious breakfast.

Elementary Dates to Remember:

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March Birthdays

102:

3/5 Neva Olalde

103:

3/8 Grayson Howard

104:

3/1 Elizabeth Zhou

3/13 Rohan Mahesh

3/20 Vee Atkinson

3/22 Christian Matos

105:

3/8 Stephanie Kasperick

3/16 Brandon Doan

Staff:

3/8 Ms. Divita

NO TV???

Have you ever noticed we are a no TV school? Many centers provide TV in the late afternoon to baby-sit their children. We do not. Your children, instead, are a participant rather than an observer. They are playing games, building new structures, reading books, creating with art materials, using their muscles and helping with classroom responsibilities.

Themes:	Life Cycles of plants & animals
Author:	Dr. Seuss
	El: Ann M. Martin
Artist:	Frank Lloyd Wright
Composer:	Sergei Prokofiev
Peacemaker:	Jimmy Carter, Habitat
Continent:	Australia
Character:	Honesty
Misc:	Dr. Seuss B'day