

HAPPENINGS

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"Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." - Maria Montessori

Happy 15th Anniversary Cypresswood Montessori School!!!



A Sincere Thank you

Thank you again and again to all those parents who continuously donate stuff to the school. We use it all!

Valentine's Exchange

We will have a quiet little celebration on Wednesday, February 14th during class time. Our exchange is an opportunity for us to tell those people we see every day how important they are to us. Please bring valentine cards for every child in your child's classroom. Write your child's name on each card. Do not write any other children's names, please.

A B C's for Parents

Ask! Who did you play with today? What was fun? What did you talk about at Circle Time? What do you want to do at school tomorrow?

Breakfast! Children who eat a healthy breakfast do better in school. Their brains function better, they have fewer behavior problems and they are more likely to maintain a healthy weight throughout their lives.

Confidence! "You can do this," said in calm, clear, confident tone is one of the most loving and encouraging things you can say to a child.

Decisions! Children need to help make decisions in the family. It teaches them to think and increases their self-worth.

Encourage! Encourage your child's self-sufficiency! "I did it!"

Friends! Teach your child how to be a friend.

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Classroom Happenings:

Toddlers: In the month of January our students were taught about the "Winter Season". They learned that it gets colder as the season advances. Students learned that everyone needs to wear warm clothes during this time to keep themselves warm. The class also talked how snow and ice forms. They looked at ice and learned that ice and snow are white in color. They even felt ice and looked at roof tops covered in ice. They listened to stories read a book on "Snowy Animals" and learned names of many animals that have made their homes in very cold countries where there is snow.

Primary 1: The scenic images of Polar Regions allowed the students appreciate their beauty and the interesting artic animals that survive in this snowy environment. They also had a playful time creating Igloos made out of paper. For the next curriculum we observed Black History month and talked why Peace among people is such a valuable thing. Children were thrilled as they learned about the weather and the four seasons. The class had Senriched time learning about different types of houses and the value of a HOME as a shelter.



Faith is coloring her house project!!!

Primary 2: Africa is a big continent, it is rich in nature, lot of dessert and among the famous one is Sahara Dessert. This is where animals live and it's an oasis for them. Polar bears are so interesting they are used to being in snow, on ice and freezing cold water. Penguins, seal, walrus and orcas are some of the animals that live in Polar Regions. The class talked about Martin Luther King Jr. who became the most important person who taught people to have a DREAM of everyone being equal. The class watched a video about him and did some role playing. The weather changes every day, some days are so cold, some days are hot, some days are wet and some days are dry. We wear different clothes according to the weather.



Alex is working on his house project!!!

Primary 3: The class has a new pet and a new plant. Our new pet is actually a marimo (Ma-ree-mo) also called ball moss. It is a fresh water algae that originated in Lake Akan in Japan. They are reversed as "pets" in Japanese homes and offices and are believed to bring good luck and happiness. We named it Marvin. Our new plant is called Tilly-the Tillandsia. It is an epiphyte. It grows without soil. It absorbs moisture and nutrients through the leaves and from the air. Tillandsias are native to Texas. Ms. Kim has set up a work in the class and the children get to spray Tilly 10 times a day per child. Tillandsias can be grown inside with lots of moisture from a spray bottle. With the weather curriculum the class made a tornado bottle to observe a tornado vortex.



Aeris is doing the Tillandsia lesson.