

Creative Montessori School

February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I don't know what the groundhog saw this morning, but it looks like more snow is on its way! Keep an eye on what Fayette County does, and hopefully we'll see you all tomorrow morning.

We've got lots of fun things planned at school for February: we'll be studying about nutrition and food groups, and will be exploring our sense of taste. Plus we'll also learn some practical skills, like loading the dishwasher and making our own toast! We'll also be talking about birds and their habitats, and setting up some feeders to see what birds we can attract to our school yard. And of course we'll continue our individual studies in language and math. Have a great month!

Susan

Google Reviews

I hope you've all had a chance to admire our beautiful new website at www.creativemontessorischool.org. Casey assures me that the very best way to boost the visibility of our school is for everyone to write us a glowing Google review to post. Please take a minute to do this for us, we really appreciate it! If you need help to post a review, see Lori Haley or Erin Smith—they've both put up nice reviews already!

Fundraising Update

Kroger cards: We got ANOTHER check in the mail this month from Kroger, so thank you again to everyone using Kroger cards! Hyun Cho's family made the biggest donation this month: \$49.50!! Last month's winner was Ella Field's family with \$36. Check the bulletin board to see everyone's monthly results, and best wishes for continued happy shopping at Kroger! We are still wondering what kind of prize we need to offer our biggest donors at the end of the year—maybe a rebate on tuition?

Chili Supper/Silent Auction: We've got our date for the supper set—**April 11**—so now we are ready to start soliciting donations for our silent auction, planning our children's craft project, and deciding what foods we'll need, and how much of them. I like the idea of having an "International Night," instead of just chili. We'll have a short organizational meeting on **Monday, Feb. 10 from 7:00 to 8:00**. Come sign up for the committees you'd like to be on and avoid being stuck on something you don't!

Valentines Day

The stores are filled with red and pink hearts, and the children are already talking about Valentine's Day. We'll be making some cards at school, but if you or your child would like to bring cards or treats from home, that's fine. Please be sure to include enough for all 17 children, and we prefer that you don't address the cards individually. Please give everything to a teacher on the morning of Feb. 14th, and we'll have a special circle time that day when we pass out our valentines. Thank you!

Explorium Field Trip

Our annual winter field trip to the Lexington Explorium is scheduled for **Wed., Feb. 26**. We will start our school day as usual at 9:00 a.m., and will leave for the museum at 9:15. We won't be back at school until 12:30 that day. The cost for the trip is \$5.50 per child or adult, and we will collect the money in advance so we can write one check when we arrive at the museum. (If you have a museum pass, please let us know.) We will need five or six volunteers to accompany us on this trip, and will ask each one to transport and supervise up to three children (including your own) while we're at the museum. Sign-ups are on the bulletin board—please let us know if you have any questions!

Open House

Our January Open House was a bust because of the snowstorm which hit that morning, so we've scheduled another one for **Saturday, Feb. 22**. Please pick up some posters to help us advertise this event, and we'll hope for a pleasant day this time! Also, if you'd like to sign up to come to school for an hour that day to help host, let me know!

February calendar

- Feb. 10 Parent Meeting, 7-8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18 Daniel Liew will be five years old
- Feb. 22 Open House, 10:00 to 2:00
- Feb. 26 Field trip to the Lexington Explorium