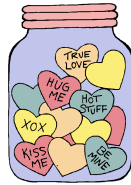
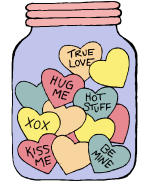


Cathedral House Monthly

February 2008



A Rainbow of My Own: February



Dates to Know:

- 2/1 Superbowl Friday**
- 2/5 Mardi Gras Parade 4:00**
- 2/7 Chinese New Year**
- 2/14 Class Parties**
- 2/14 & 2/28 Arts Alive**
- 2/29 Go Texan Day**

Reaching for Red

During the month of February, red will be seen everywhere we look. We will be reaching for red beads during the Mardi Gras parade. Red is in the roses, hearts and cards sent to love ones. Red is a color seen while celebrating the Chinese New Year. Red may even be the color of our cowboy boots. How many other places will we discover red? Let the search begin!



Having snack with friends



Rolling our rugs

January Fun
in Pictures



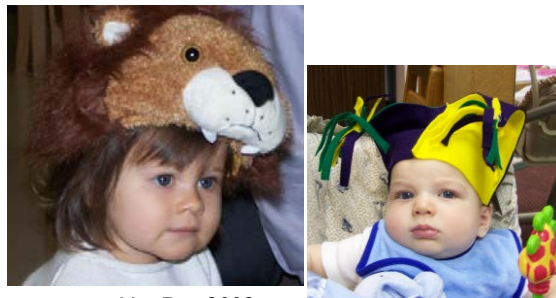
A visit from Ms. Wendy



Ringin' the Church Bells



Playing outside



Hat Day 2008



Auction time is approaching! Mark your calendars:

Friday April 25th at the Hotel Icon

This month we will be:

- Starting our Wine Drive
- Collecting Teacher comments
- Collecting Family ads



Be sure to check you folders this month for continuing Auction Updates.

Questions? Ask Jolie (Ian and Ryan's Mom) jolie@treebeards.com

Or Sarah (Jonathan and Mason's Mom) sarah@worththeweight.com

Raffle tickets are on sale now

Drawing to be held following the Mardi Gras Parade Feb. 5th

1st prize - One Free Night at the Hotel Icon

2nd Prize - \$50 Gift Certificate to Brennan's with cookbook included

3rd - 2 Tim McGraw Rodeo Tickets

Tickets - 1/\$5 - 5/\$20 - 10/\$40 can be purchased at the front desk

(You need not be present to win)

Valentines Day

Movement I through Kindergarten will be posting sign-up sheets for a special lunch to be held on February 14th to celebrate Valentine's Day. Please watch for these menus and choose an item to share.

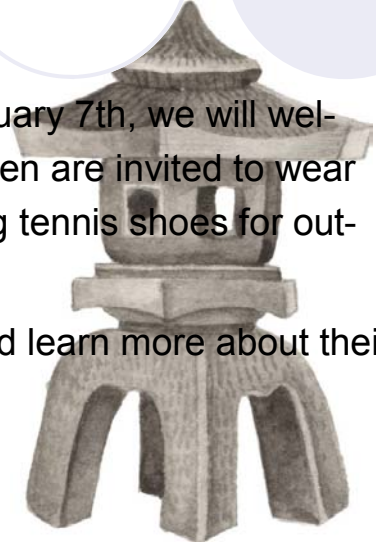
Many classes will also choose to exchange Valentine cards. Your child can sign their card leaving the envelope blank. This allows for easier delivering by your child.



Are the following dates on your calendar?

Chinese New Year will be celebrated on Thursday February 7th, we will welcome in the Year of the Rat. As with our tradition, children are invited to wear their pajamas to school and keep them on all day! (bring tennis shoes for outside time)

As part of the day we will celebrate the Asian culture and learn more about their special celebrations.



The Time: 4:00 pm

The Date: Tuesday Feb. 5th

The place: The Fountain Courtyard and our Playground

The Event: Our Annual Mardi Gras Parade - Masks will be worn and Beads will be flying - Wait in the Church courtyard for the parade to arrive, follow back to our playground to catch the beads thrown by Kindergarten and Primary.

All Parents are encouraged to attend this fun family event which kicks off our Annual School Auction . Many fun activities will be included for the adults to get in the Auction spirit.

Mardi Gras Parade

Go Texan Day



The City of Houston welcomes in the trail riders and the beginning of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo with Go Texan Day on Friday February 29th.

Please wear your jeans, hats and boots to join in the fun. Don't miss the mini rodeos in our classes. Please leave all lassos and guns at home.



Feb. 2nd - Barrett Stephenson will be 2 years old

Feb. 8th - Tessa Peterson will be 3 years old

Feb. 16th - Ava Hicks will be 4 years old

Feb. 19th - Alexander Simms will be 3 years old

Feb. 25th - Caroline Williams will be 4 years old

Not sharing their ages:

Ms. Linda - Nursery II - Feb. 2nd

Ms. Sandra - Primary - Feb. 11th

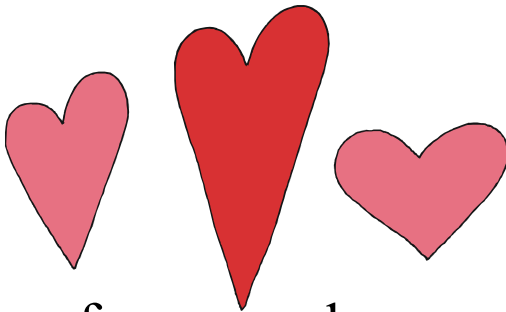
Ms. Sherri - Kindergarten - Feb. 11th

Ms. Kathy - Primary - Feb. 13th

Ms. Andi - Administration - Feb. 14th

Ms. Rosa - Movement II - Feb. 22nd

Ms. Karen - Movement I - Feb. 23rd



News from our classrooms:

Nursery I:

Hello from Nursery I. I would like to introduce myself, my name is Cynthia Alderete. Some of you may remember me from other classrooms. I am very excited to be a part of Nursery I. I came in just in time to enjoy John Hicks, Cole Hetherwick, and Will and Helen Maddux before their move to Nursery II, making room for our new babies Jenna Hershberger, Lincoln Lesser, Jenna McMahon, and Trace Murphree. Help us welcome these new children and families to Cathedral House. Finally, a big thank you to Ms. Aida, Ms. Alicia, and Ms. Vicky for welcoming me to Nursery I.

Nursery II:

Nursery II has blasted off into a new year. We are so excited to see our room freshly painted. This inspired the teachers to do some long over due rearranging. Have you seen all our crawlers, pulling up friends, and beginning walkers? These "big" boys and girls will have lessons on Baby Signs, activities to develop their fine and gross motor skills, play listening games, and practice our tactile discrimination. *We can't wait to show off our new skills!* We welcome to this busy bunch Cole Hetherwick, John Hicks, and Will and Helen Maddux.

News from our classrooms:

Movement I:

We have lots of fun things planned for February. First, we hope to see all our mommies and daddies in the courtyard to watch us march in the Mardi Gras parade. Second, we're looking forward to Chinese New Year, the day we get to wear our comfy pjs to school. Third, will be our Valentine party, and fourth will be Go Texan Day. During the month of January, we learned about the colors black and white, we sang silly songs, and had a visit from the *Penguin* (he was so soft). Many new friends graduated to Movement in January. Annalise, Claire, Isabella, Catherine, Brendan, and Max are now part of our fun class.

Movement II:

This month we talked about the colors black and white. While looking at black and white things, some of our favorites were the animals. Zebra, bears, penguins, and monkeys - what sounds do they make? We read the book *Polar Bear, Polar Bear*, in English and in Spanish. It has been very fun seeing all the color items during show-n-tell time. Entering MII in January were, Maya Madraimov, Charlotte Hardig, and Ben Beauvais. Their smiling faces have brightened our gloomy winter days.

Toddler I:

During the month of January we learned about black and white, studied polar bears and penguins, had new lessons on 1 to 5 counting, animal homes, and plants and animals. Watch for our changing bulletin board. We plan to fill it with our weekly art work. Our focus in the class has been choosing a lesson and when finished, returning the lesson to its home on the shelf. Our Montessori lessons require some concentration which is more difficult for the children during arrivals and departures. Free work (cars, puzzles, kitchen, etc) is available for the children to choose at this time.

Toddler II:

The month of January was definitely rainy and cold as we explored the weather, different temperatures and the clothes we wear. Some of the older children worked on a weather worksheet while the younger children worked with flash cards. In January we also visited the Arctic and learned about the various animals there. Penguins and orcas were a hit in our room! Our color of the month, "Hiding Black and White", was lots of fun. We found that finding black objects in the classroom was a bit of a challenge, but white ones were a breeze! We look forward to "Reaching for Red".

News from our classrooms:

Primary II:

The month of January proved to be a great month. Lots of new things, new rugs, and new friends in our group. Welcome to Anna and Lainey! I am proud of all the work that our group has been doing. For instance:

Lainey - spelling with pictures

Anna - the 50's board

Erik - the Addition Stripboard

Ellie - the calendar

Rebecca - Matching pictures to words

Ryan - 45 Layout

Liam - Sight words, just to name a few!

Primary I:

This month we explored the Arctic. We learned that humans can visit but it is not a very good place for us to live, although there are many animals that do live in the Arctic.



Two of our favorite books were *The Snowball* by Jennifer Ward, and *Way Up In the Arctic* by Jennifer Armstrong. Some of the favorite lessons children chose this month were, clothes pinning mittens and small-medium-large Arctic animals. An interesting fact we learned this month is, the Equator is the warmest spot on Earth, it is closest to the Sun. The Arctic is far from the Equator, that is why it is so cold. Help us welcome Ryan Dorfman and EJ Bogar

to Primary I.



Kindergarten:

We rang in the 2008 with new lessons on telling time, and by welcoming some old friends, Scott Cricks and Julia Rae, to the Kindergarten class. Just as quickly as our Kindergarten family grew by 2, we shrank by 1. Emily Primm began her a new adventure at Challenger Elementary School in Pearland. Although we already miss her, we know she will succeed in this journey of her life. Please read her letter to everyone. Our *Congratulations* to Kindergarten parents Marie Primm and Todd Rae for competing *and* crossing the finish line in the Houston Marathon earlier this month.

I AM GOEN TO MISS EVERYBODY
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SCHOOL ON TUESDAY
I WILL BE BACK TO VIZIT
LOVE EMILY