

First Congregational Learning Center

Director's Notes:

Save the Date:

FCLC Fourth Annual Art Show

Artwork will be on display Friday, February 22nd

New this year-

On Saturday, February 23rd artwork will be on display from 10:00 am-11:00am
then at 11:00am there will be a live auction for eight of the pieces.

(Auction is open to parents and church members)



Infant News (Room 204)

February is a time of love and friendship. Our theme for this month is: sharing is caring. The infants will continue to work on social and emotional skills through music and play. Parents can practice at home by sitting your child on the floor facing you holding their hands and moving gently back and forth singing row, row, row, your boat.

The infant room will also be working on our verbal communication with coos and babbling for those who have not begun words yet. At home while you have your child on the changing table, encourage them to repeat sounds you are making or if they start making sounds repeat it back to them.



Toddler News (Room 202):

In the toddler classroom our language is starting to blossom and some of us are even transforming words into multi-word phrases. This month we are focusing our language on manners, using kind words and gentle touches. A good idea at home with your toddler would be to remember to ask for those "pleases" and "thank yous" and if they can't use their words yet, they can sign it or do both, just like we do in class.

We are planning to explore Chinese New Year happening on February 5th, the year of the Pig, through an art experience by creating a Chinese dragon kite with painting, gluing and sprinkling glitter. Also, as we prepare for this month's Art Show, we will be listening to our teachers read aloud about different artists and will have opportunities to experiment and engage our senses with various art materials.

Young Preschool News (Room 203):

We are so excited for the month of February and to see what new interests the children develop. This month we will continue working on letter sounds (phonics), respectful communication and group dynamics, and a special focus will be placed on art/artists as we prepare for the upcoming art show.

As always we would like to encourage parents to check out the white board on our classroom door for activities to expand learning at home. These activities usually correspond with one of the goals that we are moving towards and create a holistic learning experience for the children. With this being said we would like to thank you for practicing what street you live on and ask that you please continue to move forward with this since it really is a wonderful way for our classroom to learn about their community, place in the world, and most importantly a way to keep them safe.



Preschool News (Room 205):

February fun is upon us as the Preschoolers discuss the legend of Groundhog Day, and the year of the pig, with a dragon parade for Chinese New Year. Next, we'll express our feelings of friendship with a card exchange at our Valentine's Day party. To help your child foster their skills in letter recognition, eye-hand coordination and hand strength, allow them to write their name on the valentine day cards to their friends. The preschoolers will then get a chance to explore their creative side as we prepare for the art show. We will study artists and their techniques. We will turn our room into an art gallery and showcase all of our efforts into the exploration of color, line and design. We will finish the month with a unit on dental health and a special visit from our music teacher and hygienist, Ms. Peggy. Working in our journals, playing games that help teach counting and fair play will also continue throughout the weeks.