



CH1 February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy February! You are invited to our delicious and healthy Family & Friendship Breakfast on **February 14th from 8:10 to 9:00** a.m. in our classroom.

Please write the date in your agenda!



Mrs. Fleming will contact you soon with the item you can bring to share with the class that morning. This is also Library Lovers Book Donation Day. Your generosity will be truly appreciated!! If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Sra. Villafuerte by phone or e-mail:

- ☺ 919-8559511 ext. 415
- ☺ E-mail cvillafuerte@cemcs.org

Thank you for your priceless help!

Thank you so much to each of our families in CH1 for making our "Children Teach Parents" night a memorable event. A big THANK YOU to all the parents who have donated materials to our class from our wish list, volunteered their time in our classroom making materials, helping with recess, shaking hands in the morning, cleaning the classroom, and reading with our children among others: The Fleming, Davis, Perry, Phelps, Moore, Cawthorne, and Payne. If I forgot to include your name please let me know so we can thank you on our next newsletter. Big thanks to our room parents Mrs. Collazo & Mrs. Ruto for their hard work!

Happy birthday to our February friends:

Amelia, Camila, Eva Grace, Mackayla, and Emma



Important Dates

- Feb 3: Early Release/ Open House 1 -4 p.m.
- Feb 8 : PFA Executive meeting 8:30 a.m.
- Feb 14: Family Friendship Breakfast 8:10-9 am
- Feb 15: Spring Picture Day
- Feb 20: School Closed
- March 1: Immersion Families Supper Club 6-7:30 p.m.

We are in need of ...

- Pencils (Mirado only please)
- Erasers
- Ziploc bags (sandwich and snack size)

This month we will be learning...

We continue learning and practicing new Spanish vocabulary like numbers 1-100, counting by 2's, 5's, 10's, class objects, body parts, opposites, words that rhyme, feelings, etc. We continue working a lot in letter sounds-association, writing words/sentences with movable alphabet, and reading. Children keep practicing cursive. We have started the writing process. We will work with parts of the speech (noun, verb, articles) in both languages. We will start working with patterns, sort by attributes and graphs.

In our Cultural studies, we will continue our studies on: South America, and their flags. We will continue working on vertebrates, their parts, habitats, coverings and life cycle, and invertebrates.

Announcements

On February 1, Kindergarteners started taking home "Homework Folders". Our students are really excited about their books and we hope they enjoy reading it to the family. The reading books are sent 3 times a week to read and keep at home. Thanks for checking off the reading log. The work booklet is only one page a day please! It has also a sheet for you to check off daily. If you have any difficulty completing the homework, please write a note and send it back to school.

Things to remember:

Snack and flower parent week: (We have 10 vases)

- Kim Phelps (January 30)
- Kim Phelps (February 6)
- Anita Maniktala (Feb 13)
- Crystal Marquina (Feb 21)
- Adriana Villareal (Feb 27)

We need a volunteer! (March 5)

Friday folders and Laundry:

- Kim Phelps (February 3)
- Carol Hatchet (Feb 10)
- Cathy Cawthorne (Feb 17)
- Adriana Villareal (Feb 24)
- Cathy Cawthorne (March 2)

Clean-up helper

We need a volunteer! (March 2) Around 1p.m.

From Sra. Villafuerte & Sra. Gonzalez



Family and Friendship Day Breakfast CH1



This is a special time for you to be with your Casa student of CH1. We begin promptly at 8:05 a.m. and we will end promptly at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14. Please bring the food in your own platters and servers (labeled, please). We need all food to be finger foods. Please cut up all fruit except grapes, strawberries, and bananas. Please cut bagels length-wise unless you bring the mini bagels. If you bring small individual quiches, please heat them up before coming to school.

If for any reason, you are not able to provide what we asked for, please let us know and we'll help you with something easier. If you think of something you would like to bring (special recipe), but do not see it on the sign-up sheet, please check with Sra. Villafuerte or Sra. Gonzalez. (A few years ago some parents got creative and brought in a waffle maker and made fresh waffles for us, others brought in foods related to their cultural background.) Please feel free to bring any special item. We look forward to see you!

Please bring the highlighted items that you got on the 2-3-12 Friday folder.

.....2 gallons of apple juice (100% fruit juice) *

.....Coffee (also cream and sugar)

.....Paper plates, cups for coffee, cups for juice, forks, spoons, napkins *

.....Bagels or biscuits cut lengthwise (cream cheese aside)

.....Apples (cut up) and grapes

.....Water, oranges

.....Individual egg quiches or egg casserole

.....Bananas and strawberries

.....Cheese cubes

..... 2 gallons of orange juice (100% fruit juice) *

.....Small muffins (homemade if possible)

..... Waffles with syrup

..... Cold cuts

*This items can be send on Monday February the 15th to store in the class

**If by any chance you cannot attend the breakfast, we encourage you to tell us in advance and if possible send the items with your child to school that day. If you have any decorations you would like to share with us, they are welcome! Thanks!

VALENTINE'S DAY AT CASA

We do give Valentine cards to one another in our class. Valentine cards need to be hand-made by your child at home (**please no characters or cartoons**). Your child needs to bring one for each student (we have 27 friends!) Your child needs to write his/her name but not the name of the one receiving it in order to distribute them in a timely manner. **DO NOT** buy Valentine's to be distributed at school. Please **DO NOT** send your child with any candy, gum, cookies, cakes, or cupcakes. Please keep all special erasers, pencils, toys, and stickers, etc at home. Thank you.

We do focus on giving to others during this month. February can be a very cold month in North Carolina. There are those in our city who don't have enough to eat. **We ask that you encourage your child to bring canned food to our class.** We will have a box in which to place the items. Our upper elementary students collect and weigh all the items and take them to the Food Bank. Thank you for helping your child focus on giving and not just on receiving during this month. Together, we make a big difference in the lives of those who are hungry. Thank you.

If you have any questions concerning the making of Valentine cards, the Family and Friendship Breakfast, or the food drive, please contact me. Thank you.

Sra. Villafuerte & Sra. Gonzalez

If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, we'll promise not to believe everything he/she says happens at home.