



February



Children's House 3 February Newsletter

Dear Children's House 3 Parents,

We really enjoyed having most of you here for our "Children Teach Parents Showcase" last January 25. The children were really excited about having you do some of the great things they are able to in class. We all had a wonderful time.

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and we wish to take a moment to tell you about Casa traditions. We will call it "Friendship Day" in our class this year, and we will have a Family and Friendship Breakfast to celebrate this occasion in our class on February 14 from 8:10 to 9:00am. We are including below a list of food for you to bring. We are trying to maintain as many sugar-free options as possible in our menu of choices. In case you are uncertain about any special recipe you wish to bring and you do not see it listed in the suggested options, please do not hesitate to check with Sra. Cepeda or Sra. Tunstall.

At Casa, we do allow the children to give out cards on Valentine's Day. The school-wide rule is that the cards need to be handmade. It can be as simple as a small piece of paper on which your child has drawn a little heart and signs his or her name. If your child decides to make cards, please make sure s/he makes enough cards for every peer in the class. It will be helpful to have your child start on the cards in advance in order to avoid frustration or to have to rush through them. We currently have 28 children in our class. Cards will not need to be addressed to each child in the class.

Please do not send any candy, gum or cookies to share that day. We will have a paper bag for the children to take home what they get for "Friendship Day". They will not be allowed to open the bag at school.



Listed below you may find a list of suggested types of food. Please select from the list by following your last name initial.

If for any reason you find it difficult to provide the menu items corresponding to your last name, please see us for help. We might suggest food items that might suit you. A few years ago, some parents got creative and brought in a waffle maker and made fresh waffles, others brought in foods related to their cultural background. We look forward to seeing you!

A: cereal (cheerios), bowls*

C: bagels, biscuits

D: orange juice(100% fruit juice)*

E: cold cuts

G: bread, butter, cream cheese

I: fruit (oranges, grapes, strawberries, bananas)

J: 1 gallon 2% milk*

K: pancakes

L: paper plates, cups, utensils*

M: cheese (cubes, sticks)

R: vegetables (carrots-celery) and ranch dip

S: water (1 case 24 bottles)*

T: individual egg quiches, egg casserole

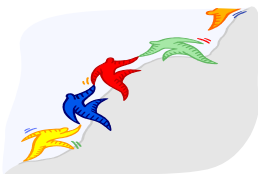
V: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cream, sugar (for adults)

W: muffins or waffles with syrup

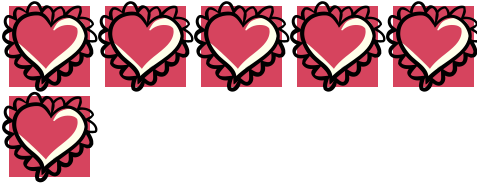
Y: apple juice (100% fruit juice)*

*These items can be sent on February 13 to be stored 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.



We do focus on giving to others during this month. February can be a very cold month in North Carolina and there are those in our city who don't have enough to eat. We ask that you encourage your child to bring canned food and toiletries to our class. We will have a box in which to place the items. Our upper elementary students will collect and weigh all the items and take them to the Food Bank. Thank you for helping your child 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.



We really appreciate all the help and support that we receive from you. Thanks to the parents that have fulfilled our wish list. It was highly needed. Ziploc bags in all sizes are still needed as well as index cards. We also thank the parents who have donated their time to help us put books together, to supervise our recess or to read to the class.

SNACK

To our snack volunteers, thank you so much for having continued bringing two different groups of healthy food with the dressings, cups, spoons and other “extras” needed for each snack!

The snack volunteers for February:

Jan 30- Feb 3: Thomas Family

Feb. 6-10 : Gerdts Family

Feb. 13-17: Elliott Family

Feb. 20-24: Diaz Family

Feb. 26-Mar 1: Vaughn Family

Special Birthday Wishes to all of our February Birthdays!!



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LAUNDRY AND FRIDAY FOLDERS

Jan 30- Feb 3: Elliott Family

Feb. 6-10 : Elliott Family

Feb. 13-17: Elliott Family

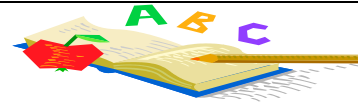
Feb. 20-24: Elliot Family

Feb. 26-Mar 1: Elliott Family

We are still missing volunteers for the weeks of March 9, May 4, 11, 18, and June 1

Academics

In Geography and Culture we have been talking about South America and we will be focusing on Colombia. In Science we have been learning about vertebrates, their habitats, coverings and life cycles, and we will be learning about invertebrates.



In Language we will continue to work on letter-sound recognition, movable alphabet and sentence building. We have started our writing process.

We have also started learning about parts of speech (noun, verb, articles) both in English & Spanish.

In math we will continue counting to 30, adding, making patterns, sorting by attributes, and building graphs.

Reading Books and Homework Folders

Beginning February 1, your child in Kindergarten will bring home a monthly “Homework Booklet”. Only one page a day please! Write your initials on the space provided to show you saw the homework. We are also sending 3 new books in Spanish every week to read and be kept at home. Our students are really excited about their books and we hope they enjoy reading it to the family.



IMPORTANT DATES

- February 3: Open House - 1:00-4:00 pm.
Casa Community
Early Release- 12:00
- February 8: Public Tour 9:00 am.
- February 6-17: School Wide Canned Food Drive
- February 8: PFA Executive Meeting, 8:30 am.
- February 14: Casa Family Fun Event: Family & Friendship Breakfast @ 8:10 am in
your child's classroom (see class newsletter for more details).
Library Lovers Book Donation Day
- February 16: **Strategic** Planning Committee Meeting
- February 20: SCHOOL CLOSED- PRESIDENTS' DAY
- February 24: Science Extravaganza
Board Meeting
- February 28: Faculty Meeting
- February 29: Public Tour 9:00 am.

