



February 2017

Important Dates

Feb 3 – Dental exam
Feb 10 – Library field trip
Feb 16 – Flower
Arrangement
Feb 20 – President's Day
(No school)
Feb 24 – Award Assembly

Award Recognition

Congratulations to our
January students of the
month!

Kinder – Clinton&Elie
1st grade – Devan
2nd grade – Mira
3rd grade – Max&Ocean
4/5th grade – Sofia

Jing Si Aphorism

“A smile is the most
harmonious language.”
-Master Cheng Yen

Happy Chinese New Year!



What a rainy month we had! We are grateful for plentiful rain to make up for the dry spell. We look forward to a refreshing **February**.

On **January 20th**, we had our annual Chinese New Year Celebration at the preschool. Our Chinese-language teachers, Ms. Peggy and Ms. Wang, worked together to choreograph and organize our students' performances. The students did a stellar job on stage!. We are grateful to parents for taking time off their busy schedules to drive their students to the preschool on a rainy day. We would also like to thank the preschool for allowing us to share the space with them for their performance. We are always happy to bring our two communities together.

Our students recapped our events in January in our revamped newsletter. We hope to share more student work and updates with you!

Chinese New Year Celebration

By Ryan, 4th grader



1st and 2nd graders perform their song.

The Chinese New Year Celebration happens annually at either the Tzu Chi Preschool or the Tzu Chi Elementary School. This year it happened at the preschool. The teachers that helped with the celebration were Ms. Peggy, Ms. Wang, volunteers, and people at the preschool. "It went just as we planned," said Ms. Peggy.

When the day came for the performance (Friday, Jan.20), the room was crowded with parents watching their children perform. Ms. Peggy estimated about 115 students and 230 parents came for the one hour performance starting at 3:00 P.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M.

The Chinese New Year celebration was a huge success with people crowding the room watching students performing their songs. Also, they had people doing a very nice dragon dance and a people dressed up in costumes as the fortune gods. "It was pretty good," said Evan, a fourth grader.



Students are dressed up and ready to perform.

Library Walking Field Trip



Students create ocean waves using a parachute.

Student News Continued...

4/5th grade Book Project

By Evan, 4th grader



Students' book projects.

The fourth and fifth graders just finished a book named *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. As a final activity, we are working on a shoe box project based on a setting in the book. The book is about 3 borrowers--Pod, Homily, and Arrietty--who borrow things and eventually get help from the boy. The borrowers are little people who borrow things and the boy is a human. The problem is that they are seen by humans and their lives are threatened.

We were separated into three teams to work on the project. We collected items from our houses such as beds, dolls, legos, and much more to recreate a room in Arrietty, Pod, and Homily's house. We had to make sure the items we brought were small, because the Borrowers are tiny. We learned that working as a team is better than working by yourself, I also learned that working on a team teaches you how to work together and get things done.

Kindergarten Math

By Lotus, 4th grader

You might be surprised to learn about our school's kinder cuties. Mrs. Cornford is our Kindergarten teacher. She is currently teaching a group of 8 kindergarteners.

In class they are doing worksheets with Mrs. Cornford learning all kinds of shapes. They are coloring different shapes in pictures. They are also learning to label. They have journals that they call math journals. They write everything they learn in their math journals.

They are also doing a Cheerio project where they count the days of school. They count by tens, ones, fives, and twos. Once they reach the 100th day of school, they will have a big party. They also have something they are going to make for the whole school. They want it to be a secret, so if I told you it would not be much of a secret would it? Those Kindergarteners are never going to get old of those projects!



Kindergarten students are ready to learn.

Creative Corner

Submission

Student Council is accepting submissions for our creative corner. We will take short stories, poems, song lyrics, skits, and more! Each submission may only be half a page long maximum. Make sure an adult proofreads your work before you submit! We will be taking up to three entries per month.

My Dad

By Jazlyn, 2nd grader

My dad is my hero. My desk wouldn't close because something was stuck in there. My dad pulled it and a journal was stuck in there so he took it out and we put it back in the right place. Finally it was perfectly fine. When he was done, I was happy!



The second grade writing bulletin.

A Poem

By Ryan, 2nd grader



You made a mess with webs,
Now go to bed and shush.
I made a bed for you,
It's soft and sticky and lush.
Close your eyes my darling,
Let your cares drift away.
Go to sleep, my sweetheart,
Tomorrow is a brand-new day.

Sun Vs. Moon

By Ocean, 3rd grader



It was said that in the Pacific Northwest, the sun was kept in a basket until 4:00 A.M. Raven was the one who released the sun to the sky and puts Sun back in the basket at 6:00 P.M. Then a mad man came out and shouted at Moon: "YOU ARE SO DARK THAT WE CAN'T SEE YOU." Moon was angry, but he was put back in the Moon Box just in time. Sun took over and stopped the mad man. That is when the people saw what happened and made a calendar called a sun stone and did it by looking at how Sun was replaced by Moon and Moon was replaced by Sun.