



# FEBRUARY



2016

Happy Valentine's Day - February 14<sup>th</sup>



Lincoln



Washington

**Holiday:** School will be closed on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>



## Spelling Bee Winners

*Congratulations to all our wonderful spellers!*

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Paulina Georgoulis
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Heena Patel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Riley Ehlert

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Casey Cornelio
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kathleen Casey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Temour Samatov

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Chris Stephens
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Leo Fiss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ryan Hardwick

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Ariel Ramirez
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Kierstin Hochstim
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Aaron Kun

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Sam Duong
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Laura Cheang
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Oralis Ward

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Kyley Chang
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Isabela Salazar
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Alex Sandoval

*Great Job Students!*

## SCIENCE FAIR – Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>

### Kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Our students have been very busy in the month of January picking out experiments, and getting ready for the Science Fair. It is your turn to witness our young scientists in action! The first session is from **3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** and the second from **4:45 - 5:45 p.m.** Check class schedules posted so that you can be seated on time. All students will receive participation ribbons & 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Science Fair 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will also receive a Science Medallion. *Judging will take place in the morning; students please make sure you are in school on time.*

## VALENTINE'S DAY - Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>

Students may bring Valentine cards & goodies to be distributed to their friends in school. The Butterflies and Dragonflies, students in Classrooms #2 & #4, will be walking to the mail box on Wednesday morning, February 10<sup>th</sup> to mail their Valentines.

## POETRY MONTH

Elementary students get your creative minds in gear... enter your best Couplet, Cinquain, Haiku, Limerick or freestyle Poem in Oneonta Montessori's annual Poetry Contest. The judges will choose poems that have good content, flow, and abide by the structure and rules. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Good Luck Students!

## GONG HAY FAT CHOY (Year of the Monkey) Monday - 8<sup>th</sup>

It's the Chinese Festival marking the start of the new lunar Year. It is celebrated by visits to family and friends, special meals, fireworks and gift giving. Children born under this sign are calm, gentle, creative, persevering and honest. Sign-ups for Lunch parties in all classrooms will be posted shortly. Wishing everyone a happy new yr!

## PENNIES FOR PATIENTS - FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Let's work together to help find a cure for Leukemia, the #1 childhood illness in the USA. The children will have an opportunity to help by collecting spare change to put into the collection boxes in their classrooms. We are participating in memory of our beloved, Jasmine Macias, a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader, who passed away 6 years ago due to this illness. Thank you for your compassionate support.

## FIELD TRIPS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>

Wonder of Dinosaurs      Class # 5 (1<sup>st</sup> graders only), # 6 & # 8.  
 Armory                      Class # 7 only  
 Armory                      Class # 9 and Class # 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> graders only)  
 LA Zoo                        Class # 2 and #4

*More information to follow.*

### **Classroom # 1 – Ladybugs**

Love is in the air with Valentine’s Day right around the corner! Our Ladybugs will celebrate kindness and friendship with fun arts and crafts. We will also work on an exciting Red Monkey activity to welcome this Lunar New Year! Our little ones will be introduced to the great works of our presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will end the month by exploring the continent of Africa and enjoying a delicious cookery activity with African tropical fruits that will delight our senses! Oh, what a lovely month!

### **Class # 2 – Dragonflies**

The month of love has arrived and it’s filled with many exciting days! President’s Day, Lunar New Year and Valentine’s Day will keep us very busy with arts & crafts. Our History lesson will include Black History and our two great Presidents Washington and Lincoln. For Geography, we will start learning about land and water forms; the first lesson will be the difference between a Lake and an Island. For Math, we will learn Money Value with coins and bills. We look forward to our visit to the Post Office when we will get to mail our Valentine letters. Look out for our scrumptious Lunar New Year lunch sign-up.

### **Classroom # 3 – Honey Bees**

“Cupids are in the air as LOVE fills our hearts.” Our sweet honeybees have so much to learn in a short month. We will start this month off decorating hearts by marble painting for Valentine’s Day. We will learn about Lunar New Year by having a celebration with unique crafts and tasting yummy foods for the year of “*The Monkey*.” We will visit our school library to learn about President’s Day along with Black History Month with stories and activities. For Science we will take a nature walk to collect leaves as we learn the difference between them and how to make a leaf collage.

### **Classroom # 4- Butterflies**

February brings much love and learning; from celebrating the Lunar New Year the year of the Red Monkey and Valentine’s Day (Be on the lookout, the Butterflies are sending some very special messages your way as we celebrate the gift of love), to Presidents Day. Do you know which Presidents are featured on US currency? Finding out for ourselves will all be part of the fun as we learn about money. Black History Month is our big theme for February. We are looking forward to learning about and acknowledging the contributions of great African Americans throughout history. Finally, don’t forget about our furry friend, the groundhog; we will look for our shadows right along with him for a fun science activity this month!

### **Classroom # 5 – Ms. Vangie**

As we begin the month of February, our learning journey continues with question sentence, antonyms, compound sentences, friendly letter, future tense, and poetry writing for first grade language lessons. Second grade will do independent literature reading with their assigned book, poetry writing, contractions and homonyms. Math lessons for both grade levels are: fractions, division, measurement- inches and centimeters. Cultural Art lessons for First grade: CNC- Clothing, continent of North America, leaf, and bird. Second grade: CNC: Food, continent of Asia, leaves, and parts of the bird. Happy Lunar New Year!!

### **Classroom # 6 – Ms. Blossom**

February is a month of love, our little poets will write their own poems. In Language; phonetic words and consonant blends, double consonants, and the long “y” sound. First grade: Antonyms, compound sentences, future tense and friendly letter writing. In Math: Dynamic 3-4 digit Addition/1st- Fractions, Division and measurement (inch & cm). In Botany; we will talk about kinds of fruits and its characteristics/parts of a leaf. Blast from the past in Zoology, dinosaurs and its body characteristics /parts of a bird. We will be making festive crafts in celebration of the year of the monkey. We are looking forward to a great and busy month.

### **Classroom # 7 – Ms. Courtney**

This is the time to celebrate friendship and love. February marks the time of year to value friends and family. Our class will be learning how to address an envelope, and send some love through the mail. We will also begin our work study of endangered animals for this year’s open house theme. The students will continue working on their multiplication tables/facts and division. We will also be remembering two significant presidents that shaped our nation.

### **Classroom # 8 – Ms. Sue**

Gong Hat Fat Choy! We start off this special month with many celebrations! We are getting ready for the Science Fair; our first big public speaking debut! Writing and reciting poems are also scheduled for this month and it will be another first! Learning the structure of Haiku's and Cinquains seems lot of fun for all. TK's will continue in adding tens, and single digit subtraction and the KG's will continue practicing and mastering dynamic addition. February is also the Black History Month; we will be honoring notable African Americans for contributions that shaped our country. Also this month we will be remembering two great presidents for our lesson in History. Happy Valentine’s Day!

### **Classroom # 9- Ms. Ernamarie**

Our science wizards welcome the special month of love with their amazing and informative experiments for the science fair. The shortest month of the year is also the best time to display the students' flair for expressive art as they convey their thoughts and feelings on various topics through writing. Our promising poets are ready and eager to work on quatrains, limericks and couplets. Daily class work continues with fractions and decimals for math and adjectives and pronouns for grammar. Our students are busy, indeed!!! Happy Valentine’s Day Everyone!