



February



2017



Lincoln

Holiday: School will be closed on Monday, February 20th
In honor of President's Day



Washington



Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to all our wonderful spellers!

1st Grade

- 1st Place - Logan Raines
- 2nd Place - Austin Ferreira
- 3rd Place - Dhriti Verma

2nd Grade

- 1st Place - Riley Ehlert
- 2nd Place - Heena Patel
- 3rd Place - Paulina Georgoulis

3rd Grade

- 1st Place - Addison Hitchcock
- 2nd Place - Temour Samatov
- 3rd Place - Gisella Segura

4th Grade

- 1st Place - Roman Adomitis
- 2nd Place - Christ Stephens
- 3rd Place - Ryan Hardwick

5th Grade

- 1st Place - Aaron Kun
- 2nd Place - Aiden Hinnebusch
- 3rd Place - Jacob Hardwick

6th Grade

- 1st Place - Sam Duong
- 2nd Place - Oralis Ward
- 3rd Place - Ray Stein Alvarado

Great Job Students!

SAY CHEESE!



SCIENCE FAIR - Friday, 3rd

Transition Kindergarten - 6th 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 & 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the winners. Science Fair 1st 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 - Tuesday, 14th

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 Friday, 10th, to mail their Valentines.

A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE!



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 22nd! Good Luck Students!

SPORTS DAY TEAMS - ELEMENTARY

All new students in the elementary school including the TK & Kindergartners will be assigned a sports team. Team shirts must be purchased for \$5.00. Last year the students had a blast as they represented their teams in relays as well as in individual events on Sports Day. Students learn the value of good sportsmanship and friendly rivalry as they compete for their respective teams. This year Sports Day is going to be on Thursday, June 8th. Practices will commence shortly, so get ready to have loads of fun!

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS - FEBRUARY 1st - 24th

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 2nd grader, who passed away 7 years ago due to this illness. Thank you for your compassionate support.

SCHOOL PICTURES - Thursday, 16th and Friday, 17th

- Thursday, 16th** - Preschool Individual pictures and All Class group pictures
- Friday, 17th** - Elementary (TK - 6th Grade) Individual pictures



Classroom # 1 – Ladybugs

With Valentine's Day around the corner, our little lady bugs will learn the importance of friendship & caring through games and activities. February brings a celebration of two important presidents, Lincoln & Washington. For geography, our Ladybugs will take a tour of Africa to learn fun facts and learn where to locate it on the map. For Science, we will learn the parts of an amphibian. We are excited to introduce money and learn to recognize its value after which playing 'store' to buy and sell items using money will be a fun project in class.

Class # 2 – Dragonflies

Love is in the air with Valentine's Day right around the corner! Our Dragonflies will celebrate kindness and friendship with fun arts and crafts. Our young ones will be introduced to the great works of our presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as we talk about Presidents' Day! 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! A wonderful Valentine's Day to all our parents and children!

Classroom # 3 – Honey Bees

The Honeybees have an interesting month as we start off with history; reading about President Abraham Lincoln & George Washington and making projects of these two special leaders. In geography we will learn about the continent of Africa and all the different animals that live in the jungle. The Honey Bees will go on a short nature walk for science to discover the different leaves as we observe the size, colors, and shapes. We will celebrate Valentine's Day by having a snack party & passing out Valentine cards to express our true friendship and kindness to one another. Happy Valentine's Day!

Classroom # 4- Butterflies

February has arrived with much love and learning! Be on the lookout, the Butterflies are sending some very special messages your way as we celebrate the gift of love; we can't wait to take a walk to the mailing center. It's also a month of kindness, paying it forward is the name of the game as we learn to count our pennies for our Pennies to Patients Drive. 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

February brings lots of love for learning new things. We are busy getting ready for our Science Fair, poetry writing (with our future poets) as they learn to write Haikus, Cinquains and more. Language lessons are on subject- verb agreement, types of sentences, and literature reading. Math: fractions, problem solving & measurement: (inches and centimeters). Cultural Arts lessons: CNC on clothing, parts of a leaf & Bird. Geography lessons: Continent of N America for 1st grade and Asia for 2nd grade. Happy Hearts Day everyone!

Classroom # 6 – Ms. Sue

We are getting ready for our big Science Fair; our first public speaking debut for our little Kindergarteners. February is poetry month and our young poets will refine their writing and printing as they compose original poetry following all the rules of Haiku's and Cinquains etc. Our learning journey continues with more math exercises in fractions and multiplication for first graders and dynamic addition and subtraction for Kinder. We will focus on the 50 states and Asia for geography. Grammar concepts, composition & comprehension for Language.

Classroom # 7 – Ms. Blossom

We feel the love in the air... Kids are ready to express their thoughts and feelings in creating their own poems. In grammar; 3rd graders will learn the subject-verb agreement, homographs and contractions, 2nd Kids will hone their skills in making friendly letters using descriptive writing. In Math, they will continue to master multiplication and division with remainders. We will also continue the fundamental needs of man: transportation/food, igneous activities of the Earth/continent of Asia, fruits/leaves, parts of mollusk, annelid and cnidaria/bird facts. Whew!

Classroom # 8 – Ms. Terri

We have an exciting month planned starting with our Science Fair that we have all practiced for. We will be learning about our past presidents and as this month is Black History month, famous Black Americans and their contributions. Next we will be learning all about fruits and their health benefits. For geography, we are traveling to Asia and learning about the people, customs, and famous landmarks. We will also be discovering Asian animals and their habitats. This month we will discuss love and friendship. We will be having a Valentine card exchange in class on Tuesday, 14th; friendship cards & healthy snacks are welcome! A very Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Classroom # 9- Ms. Ernamarie

The gleeful month of February brings us Valentine's Day, Presidents Birthdays and the shortest month of the year. Our promising poets are ready to show their creative writing prowess as they participate in this year's Poetry Contest. Our future scientists continue to explore more topics and more experiments to perform after the exciting Science Fair. skeletal system for zoology and circumference for geometry will keep our students busier this month.