



Sapphire Newsletter

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Dear Sapphire Families:

The annual Pancake Breakfast and Science Fair date has been changed to February 25th. The Science project is optional for Kindergarten students. Whether or not your child displays a science project, it is a great opportunity to get ideas for next year's science fair. Each classroom will have their students' projects on display throughout the morning. All projects are for display purposes only, unless its scientist is present to do a demonstration. It is quite an amazing display of scientific principles!! Be sure to mark your calendar and support your school by enjoying a pancake breakfast.

Friday, Feb 3rd will mark our 100th day in school. We encourage each student to bring **100 small countable items in a Ziploc bag** (such as stickers, coins, small pebbles, etc.) **and 100 small edible items** to put into a 100th Day snack (such as 100 cheerios, 100 pieces of fruit snacks, 100 banana chips, 100 raisins, etc.).

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Our next field trip will take place towards the end of March. We will be going to the Serpentarium in Lodi and have a picnic lunch at a nearby park, weather permitting. Please check your orange folders for the permission slip or download a form from the website. We will spend time in March learning all about reptiles in preparation for our trip.

We need volunteers to care for "Frog hop" during the weekends. Please consider signing up!!!

Kudos:

Thank you to all who volunteered with your donations of supplies, food and time during our celebration of Chinese New Year! It was a great success thanks to all of your support!! Thank you Amanda, Stephanie, Irene, Mariam, and Jaime for bringing in much needed supplies for our classroom!!! They may be enough to last us to the end of the year!

We can be reached at jbullock@cacmp.org or (916) 714-9699 and leave a message.



Curriculum

Gung Hay Fat Choy!! 2012: The Year of the Dragon

On Monday, we enjoyed spending the rainy morning doing activities to honor the start of the Chinese New Year. Students made signs depicting wealth, spring, good luck; made lanterns and banners; made a Japanese origami "fortune teller"; made a dragon puzzle; played word games; and played a Filipino game of knock over the can. Students sat at tables and enjoyed a Chinese Food lunch using chopsticks and forks. We opened our fortunes together and ended the day with some special cookies from Cheribelle and Sofia and passed out lucky red money envelopes!

As we wrap up our study of Asia, we learned several greetings from countries in Asia, so be sure to ask your child to share some of their favorite greetings with you (and which language it is from)!

Thursday: Free Choice Cultural

Friday: 11:45 Dismissal / Minimum Day

Monday: Timelines

Tuesday: Finish Timelines

Wednesday: Winter Senses

Reminders

Sofia Jan 30

Week long Me Museum

Jan 27 11:45 dismissal Minimum Day / Report Cards

Staff Development

Feb 3 100th Day 100th Day of School activities

Feb 25 8:30-12 noon Pancake Breakfast/ Sci Fair

Report Cards will be handed out to adults picking up students. Club M students will have them in their orange folders to ensure safe travel to you, the parent.

Be sure to log any and all parent hours for time you help in the classroom, take home projects, purchase items to donate (submit receipts on a separate transaction \$20 = 1 hour; \$10 = .5 hour, etc.). It all helps you reach your 40 hours per student and we value your support!!

Your Sapphire Team,
Ms. Joann & Ms. Terra