



February 2010



Happy Valentine's Day - February 14th
Gung Hay Fat Choy! - February 14th



Holidays: School will be closed on Monday February 15th.



Spelling Bee Winners

Congratulations to all our wonderful spellers!

1st Grade

- 1st Place - Amanda Varela
- 2nd Place - Justin Quan
- 3rd Place - Clarabelle Sullivan

2nd Grade

- 1st Place - Kristen Lu
- 2nd Place - Kalen Batanga
- 3rd Place - Alice Zhang

3rd Grade

- 1st Place - Samantha Estrada
- 2nd Place - Thomas Chau
- 3rd Place - Alexandria Perez

4th Grade

- 1st Place - Eric Quan
- 2nd Place - Hannah Pan
- 3rd Place - Sydney Chang

5th Grade

- 1st Place - Ellen Quan
- 2nd Place - Ian Castro
- 3rd Place - Kyle Chaung

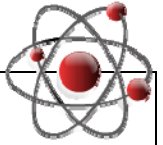
6th Grade

- 1st Place - Kara Chuang
- 2nd Place - Dominic Ayvazian
- 3rd Place - Emilee Reichenbach



SCIENCE FAIR – Friday, 5th Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Our students have been very busy in the month of January choosing partners, picking out experiments, and getting ready for the Science Fair. It is your turn to take a good look at 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 participants will receive ribbons; 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons will be awarded to the winners. In addition 1st place winners will also receive a Science medallion. Judging will take place in the morning so students, please make sure you are in school on time and ready to roll!



JASMINE MACIAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Kara Chuang, a 6th grader, who was this year's recipient of the above prestigious award for setting a good example in school. Kara received a \$ 500.00 tuition scholarship for the month of February. Thanks for being such a great role model Kara, keep it up!

POETRY MONTH

Elementary students get your creative minds in gear... enter Oneonta Montessori's annual Poetry Contest with your best Couplet, Cinquain, Haiku, Limerick or freestyle Poems. The judges will choose poems that have good content, flow, and abide by the rules. The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 25th.



CHINESE NEW YEAR – Fri. Feb 12th

Gung Hay Fat Choy, it's the year of the Tiger!!! Children born under this sign are forthright, sensitive, and possess great courage. On Friday the 12th, let's start the celebration by wearing traditional Chinese outfits or the lucky color red. Chinese food, music, parties, and yummy treats will be the fare on this very special day. Watch for the Pot Luck sign ups in all the classrooms. **Valentine Cards:** Students may bring Valentine cards to be distributed to their friends on Friday, 12th as well.

School Pictures February 18th and 19th

It's time to break out those pearly whites!! Elementary students don't forget, for Thursday's class picture; girls wear the Jumper uniform, (*not PE pants/shorts*), with white polo shirt and Boys wear pants with white polo shirt.

All Class Pictures & Preschool Individual Pictures	-	Thursday, February 18th
Elementary Individual Pictures (<i>free dress</i>)	-	Friday, February 19th

School pictures are keepsakes, so don't be absent!

Classroom # 1 – Ladybugs

February is the shortest month, but very busy for the Ladybugs. For art, they will decorate pretty Valentine holders for friendship cards and treats. In celebration of Chinese New Year the class will work on a very special project to represent this special holiday. We can't wait to taste all the different yummy Chinese foods for our Gung hay Fat Choy party! We are so excited about visiting the library and reading about Abraham Lincoln and our first president, George Washington.

Class # 2 – Fireflies

It's February, let's celebrate!!! President's Day, Chinese New Year and Valentines Day will keep us very busy this month. It's also Black History month and between Chinese lantern's, Valentine hearts, letters and great presidents, we will definitely have to make time to honor the many notable African Americans who have helped to shape our country. Our Social Studies themes give us a wonderful opportunity to learn about the beauty and diversity of Asian and African cultures. Who knows what bill has the image of President Lincoln? Recognizing and counting coins and bills will also be a big focus this month so keep all your spare change out, the fireflies are seeing \$\$\$\$\$

Classroom # 3 – Honey Bees

Love is in the air! For Geography we will learn about the green continent of Africa & for History, 2 very famous presidents; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will look for their faces on our currency. This will lead us to our Math job as we learn the names of the coins; penny, nickel, dime and quarter. Chinese lanterns and Valentine hearts will be crafted to decorate our classroom. Chinese attire or anything red is a must to celebrate Chinese New Year on the 12th.

Classroom # 4- Butterflies

February is an exciting and busy month. We will celebrate Chinese New Year on February 12th with beautiful crafts and a yummy celebration. Don't worry, we didn't forget Valentine's Day...hearts, love and sweet treats will fill this month's activities. This month the Butterflies will also be introduced to the value of coins. Parts of an amphibian will also be a very interesting part of our studies. We will be celebrating two of our famous President's birthdays

Classroom # 5 – Ms. Vangie

Our learning journey continues with more Math exercises in fractions, multiplication and word problem solving. Reading, Grammar concepts and creative writing will be our focus for Language. The continent of Asia for 2nd graders and the 50 states for 1st graders will be our main topic for Geography. We will also begin the month with the Science Fair; our Young Scientists are already busy performing their experiments & are anxious to show off!

Classroom # 6 – Ms Dorothy

February is the time to celebrate Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day! We will continue our studies in Geography with the continent of North America, in Botany, the flower and the Parts of a leaf. For Zoology, more work on animals around us. In Language, we will work on more grammar concepts, composition, and comprehension exercises. Happy Chinese New Year and

Classroom # 8 – Ms Dushy

The month of love is finally here! We begin with the Science Fair and want to thank all our parents for going over the scripts at home. February is also Poetry month and our young poets will refine their writing and printing skills as they compose original poetry following all the rules. Our History lesson will be on our two great Presidents Washington and Lincoln. Asia will be the focus for Geography as we get ready to celebrate Chinese New Year. We will learn about the land and the diversity of the Asian Culture. For Math we will learn to regroup and carry over.

Classroom # 7 – Amie

Gung Hay Fat Choy! The year of the tiger is here! It is also the month of hearts. There is a lot to celebrate this month. First: the Science Fair; our young scientists are eager to show you their experiments. Next: the lives and legacy of our past presidents. The children have also started with their CAT 6 practice; children please try not to be absent during our practice days, Wednesdays. Be ready for our yearly poetry contest; haikus, couplets, cinquains should keep us very busy!!

Classroom # 9- Ms Ernamarie & Ms Mary Ann

One of the busiest months of the year is here! The lovely month of February will keep our students busy with writing assignments emphasizing more on poetry. A wide range of high interest stories will reinforce skills of our readers. Fifth and Sixth grade Zoology focus will be on human body systems and a detailed study of vertebrates. Fractions, decimals and percentages will also challenge our learner's mathematical minds!