



CLEMENT TIMES

January-February 2009 Issue

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday vacation with your family and friends. We are very happy to begin another great month of fun and learning with your children. Registration for next year begins this month for returning families and new family registrations are in February.

I would like to thank you all for referring so many new families to our school. Your caring and support help make Clement such a great place to learn.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Shahana Shah
Mrs. Susan Gardner

Important Dates

Registration for Fall 2009!



Tell your friends, neighbors, and family members about Clement School and invite them to register their children here. Encourage them to visit our website and schedule a tour to learn more about us.

Saturday, January 31: Registration – *returning* Clement families 11:00 am.

Saturday, February 7: Registration – *new* families 11:00 am.

January 19: Monday - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
February 16 & 17: Monday/Tuesday – Presidents Day – No School

January Items of Study

Themes: Winter & Weather, Dinosaurs
Holiday: Chinese New Year Shape: Rectangle
Letters: Dd, Uu, Rr Numeral: 6
Colors: White, Silver, Blue Preposition: Near, Far
Math: 3 Size Seriation



February Items of Study

Themes: Fire Safety, Kings & Queens and Fairy Tales
Holiday: Groundhog Day Shape: Heart
Letters: Hh, Qq, Vv Numeral: 7
Colors: Pink, Red Preposition: In Front Of, Behind
Math: 5 Group Classifications

Valentines Day:

Our Valentines Day celebrations will be held February 12 and 13 (Thursday and Friday). Please have your child bring 12 Valentines to school on these days to pass out to his/her classmates. Please have your child sign the back of each card. Please do not write the names of classmates on the front of the cards. Class lists will not be sent home.

*If you would like to send in a special treat to share with your child's class, please let your teacher know so she may plan ahead.

Firefighters:

We are hoping to have our local Pearl Ave. Firefighters stop by for a visit in February! The dates have not been set as yet – this is a highly anticipated event with the firefighters showing us their gear, their rigs and spending time with our students.

Sing-a-Longs

Please join us at 9:40am on January 15, 16, 22 and 23 and sing with your children! February sing-a-long dates are February 12, 13, 19, and 20.

A very big *thank you* to Mrs. Deen who brought her violin to our Grand Holiday Sing-a-Long and joined Mrs. Shah in playing the holiday music. It was delightful! Mrs. Deen plans to return with her violin on January 23.

New Class

We look forward to starting a Monday-Wednesday-Friday new class of young 3 year olds in February. If you have a child at that age, or know of a friend who may be interested, please call the office to sign up!

Hat Day:

Hat day was tons of fun! We saw birthday hats, baseball hats, wizard hats, cowboy hats, princess caps, straw hats.....and even a Dr. Seuss hat. Thank you for sharing your enthusiasm as well as your hats with us!

Lunch Bunch

It's time to sign up for another fun month of Lunch Bunch! The January theme will be "Winter Weather". Activities will include fun art and science experiences, making thermometers, and exploring snow and rain. The dates for January will be Wednesdays and Thursdays January 14, 15, 21, 22, 28 and 29.

In February our theme will be "Games Around the World". The dates for February will be Wednesdays and Thursdays February 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26.



Tuesday-Thursday Door Change

We will be opening our Yellow Door for Mrs. Breen's and Mrs. Prabhakar's classes for drop off and dismissal beginning Tuesday, January 20. This will increase the traffic flow and reduce your wait-time in line.

Coughs and Colds:

It is that time of year....Please do not send your child to school if she/he has had any of the following symptoms:

Sore throat, fever, vomiting in the past 24 hours, a runny nose that is thick and discolored and or extreme coughing fits.

Let us work together to keep all our children and staff healthy! Thank you so much for your consideration.

JR Kindergarten Newsflash



What fun we had in November and December! We were busy making placemats for Meals on Wheels, we had a delicious feast during our Native American Day and we celebrated Veterans Day. Suddenly it was December and we learned about different holiday traditions around the world – Kwanza and Hanukkah among them. We had a lively Holiday Sing-A-Long and Santa even came by for a jolly visit.

In January we will have a Pajama Party (with our teddy bears) to celebrate the letter B and learn about hibernation. January also brings Hat Day, Chinese New Year, and Martin

Luther King Day. We are busy studying the weather and exploring properties of water with ice and water experiments and ice painting. February brings Valentines day and Ground Hog Day.

January Items of Study

Themes: The New Year, Woodland Habitat, Winter Wonderland,
Properties of Water
Phonics: Short vowels
Letters: Hh, Uu, Bb
Colors: White, Silver
Math: Counting to 50, AB, ABB, ABC patterning



February Items of Study

Themes: Shadows (Ground Hog Day), Valentines, Presidents, Fire Safety
Phonics: Long vowels, review all
Letters: Rr, Nn, Vv
Colors: Pink, Red
Math: Counting to 60, review concepts



Reminders

- If someone else is picking up your child at dismissal, please be sure they have photo ID with them so we can verify their identity.
- Please be sure to sign your full first name and full last name in the binder. We are unable to accept your initials as your signature.

Licensing 2009 Update:

Dear Parents, Last Tuesday, we had an unannounced, comprehensive, random site visit from licensing. The updates/changes our analyst needs to see are the following:

1. An Updated "Notification of Parent's Rights" form will be coming home with your child – PLEASE read, keep the top portion for your files, sign and return the bottom half so we may keep our files current. We need the signed forms back in the office by next week (Week of January 19).
2. If your child has any medication on campus – it must be labeled with your child's name, be in original packaging, and have an expiration date printed on the box. If it is a prescription, the prescription label must be affixed to the medication with child's name, Dr. name and expiration date.

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3. All students must be signed in with parent/guardian FULL first name and FULL last name – please. We were cited when parents signed in using only their initials.
 4. The Notice of Site Visit is posted in the main entryway and available for public review.

Thank you for helping us comply with licensing regulations. We assure you that your child's safety and well being is our utmost concern. We appreciate your attention to these matters.

Warmly,
Mrs. Shahana Shah
Mrs. Susan Gardner

A Valentine for our Clement children:

We pledge to provide you with a nurturing environment where you can play and learn. We promise to look you in the eye and listen when you have something to say, to surround you with teachers and staff who believe that teaching takes patience, a positive attitude and a sense of humor. This Valentines Day is destined to be full of red hearts, giggles, love and laughter. As we pass your smiling faces in the hall we sincerely hope that joy follows you all the days of your life. Have a wonderful Valentines Day!

The Clement Staff