

# CLEMENT TIMES

February 2010 Issue

Hello Clement Families, I hope your year is running smoothly. February will be a busy month here at Clement. We will be celebrating Presidents birthdays, the Winter Olympics, Valentines Day and even talking about Ground Hogs Day. We enjoyed seeing our returning families at Registration in January and have met many new families that will be joining us in the fall. We are also getting prepared for our parent/teacher conferences in March. We are confident that you will be pleased to see how many new skills and concepts your children have mastered in the last few months. We are looking forward to seeing you during conferences! Working together we can ensure that this will be a fun and productive year.

## Registration

Registration is going well for September, 2010. If you missed our prior registration dates, please drop by the office to secure your child's class for the fall. We are offering a new **5 day Pre-Kindergarten Class** to begin in September. This is an excellent value (\$590/mo) and allows for the opportunity to build pre-kindergarten skills on a daily basis.

## Important Dates

- Winter Break - Clement Closed - February 15 - 19<sup>th</sup>
- Sing-a-longs - Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> - Pink/Red Day  
Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:40 a.m.
- In Service Day - March 17<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) - classes do not meet
- Parent/Teacher Conferences - March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - classes do not meet.

## Valentines Day

Thursday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>

Unless your teacher has advised you otherwise, please have your child bring 12 Valentines to school on these days to pass out to their classmates. Please have your child sign the back of his/her valentines. Please do not write the name of classmates on the front of the envelope, no class list will be sent home. If you plan to send a special treat to school that day, please let your teacher know so that we may plan ahead.

### **A Valentine for the children of Clement**

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 and as we pass your smiling faces in the hall we sincerely hope that joy follows you all the days of your life. We hope you have a wonderful Valentines Day...The Clement Staff

### **February Curriculum - Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten**

Themes: Fantasy & Winter Olympics

Letters: Hh, Vv, Qq; Numeral: 7; Colors: Red and Pink; Shape: Heart;

Preposition: In front of, behind; 5 group classification

### **Jr. Kindergarten News**

The learning and fun continues. We will study letters Rr, Nn, Vv. We will work on phonics and long vowels, math counting to 60, review concepts, counting, seriation, patterning, and 5 part sequencing. Life science will include identifying major structures of common animals. Our themes will be: Valentines, Presidents, and Winter Olympics. The children will enjoy looking for shadows on Groundhog Day, their own Chinese New Year Parade, and Winter Olympic day!

### **Reminders:**

- For the safety of our children, please leave umbrellas and scarves at home. A rain jacket with a hood works well for those rainy days.
- Please do not send your child to school with personal items such as chapstick, lotion or any kind of medication.
- To keep our drive thru traffic moving, please have parent/teacher discussions separate from drop-off. You can contact your teacher to arrange a meeting via e-mail, phone, or send a note to class.
- To ensure the safety of our families, please park off campus for sing-a-longs and walk thru our play-yard.

### **Summer Session**

Clement will be offering a six-week and three week summer program. We will be offering 3 different sessions.

Session I - June 21 - July 30 (6 weeks) MWF or MW

Session II - June 21 - July 9 (3 weeks) MWF or MW

Session III - July 12 - July 30 (3 weeks) MWF or MW

Look for details in the March newsletter.

### **Emergency Procedure Update:**

With the world happenings, especially in Haiti, we are updating our emergency/earthquake procedures. We will remain on campus in the event of an earthquake and/or emergency situation and have provisions for food and water here. In case of an extreme emergency we may have to evacuate Clement, in which case we will transfer all students and adults to Terrell School, located on Pearl Ave.

We would appreciate if you keep your student's file up to date, with current cell phone info and persons who are able to pick up your child from Clement. We are unable to release your child to any other persons than those listed on the forms. Please feel free to add persons you think may be able to help your family in case of such emergency. Thank you.

### **Reading to your Child:**

Parents, please read and continue to read to your child or children. Even as they grow older - find time to read aloud. I have a great resource I would like to share with you - it's called "The Read-Aloud Handbook" by Jim Trelease. It's one of those books you will read again and again and use as a guide with great reading suggestions.

### **Clement School Graduate - Class of 1993**

Anne Chang graduated from Clement in 1993 - today she is a graduate of Emerson College and has published a book! Congratulations, Anne.

If you know or are in touch with graduates I would welcome the opportunity to place updates on what kinds of things our past students are up to.

*Happy New Year!*

*Chinese New Year begins February 14<sup>th</sup> - Year of the Tiger*