

## **February Curriculum**

To: All Parents in the Primary Program

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RE: February Curriculum

*The great gift of an education is not the accumulation of facts and statistics but the lighting of the fire of learning, discovery and joy. It is the gift that Montessori children have the privilege and pleasure of opening and using for a lifetime.*

We start the month with the arrival of our chicken eggs from Quiver Farm. An incubator will be in the kitchen and each child will have a chance to rotate the eggs and hold a new born chick once it is hatched. We will celebrate being together for a 100 days and ring in the Chinese New Year. We will begin our study of Africa with country of Morocco. Dads will have a chance to visit their child's classroom on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. It is the perfect opportunity to see Montessori motion and spend some one on one time with your child.

The following work will be presented in your child's class:

### **Practical Life**

Button Sewing

Locks and Keys

### **Sensorial**

Shiny/Dull Sorting

### **Geography**

Continent of Africa

Country of Morocco

Presidents-Lincoln and Washington

### **Science**

Life Cycle of a Chicken

Shadows-light reflection

### **Math**

100 Days of School

Heart Counting

### **Language**

Sound of the Week

February Calendar

### **Music**

February is a busy month filled with special events and celebrations! Our friends in the primary classes will begin the month by adding the note "Fa" to our singing scale. So far our scale consists of "Do Re Mi Fa". Our young musicians can practice using good singing posture and singing this scale in class at any time using the work in class which is well established. To enhance the excitement of the chick hatching project we will be singing songs about chickens and roosters and moving our bodies to the traditional "Chicken Dance". Our friends have been learning how to quiet their bodies to listen to sounds. We will be listening to traditional Chinese music and discerning what instrument families the sounds belong to. Valentine's Day is also this month, which is a great time to sing about love. This month our friends will be exploring instrument families which are percussion, string and wind. We will also be learning a traditional song from Morocco!

### **Spanish**

Parts of the Body

### **Yoga**

Animal poses

## **Kindergarten Exit Skills**

### Estimation-Geometric Solids

Let's hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow and spring arrives 6 weeks early. Valentine's Day will be celebrated in school on February 12<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful day to show appreciation for those we love. If your child would like to bring in Valentines for their classmates please have them write their name only on the card. This helps make sure every child receives one.