

Newsletter

February 2024

February is a short month, but one that is packed full of learning and experiences. This month we will be honoring black history, celebrating Lunar New Year, friendship, love, and Presidents Day. The children will experience fun and developmentally appropriate learning activities in the classroom that will encourage them to practice their language, critical thinking, math, and social-emotional skills.



Friendship Day

Valentine's Day is a great time to celebrate love and kindness toward people we care about. We like to give children an opportunity to think about what it means to love and care for someone and how to show it. Each class will have activities and crafts to celebrate love, friendship and caring as well as decorate-design bags to take home their valentines. If you would like to send valentines for your child's classroom, please note the following number of children for each classroom:

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| Room 1 | 17 |
| Room 2 | 19 |
| Room 3 | 20 |
| Room 4 | 16 |

Please have your child sign their own name, but do not put a classmate's name on each card. The teachers will distribute the valentines in class.

Summer Program

Our last day of school will be May 31st. We are excited about summer! Summer program forms are due **Friday, February 9th**. Extra packets are on the front table. Please be sure to meet the deadline, as we've had a lot of interest and want to make sure our existing families are accommodated. The following sessions will be offered from June 10th to August 2nd:

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| Session 1: Animal Kingdoms-10-June to 21-Jun | Session 3: Go Splash-8-July to 19-July |
| Session 2: Amazing Artists-24-June to 05-Jul | Session 4: Games/Olympics-24-July to 02-Aug |

2024-2025 School Year Enrollment

Enrollment information and paperwork for the 2024-2025 school year will be available in March. If you'd like an application for a younger sibling please see Ms. Kim. Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 13th.

Children's Clothing

- If your child comes home in Dayspring clothing, please wash it and return it.
- Remember to send a sweatshirt or a jacket each day. If it's not raining and not too cold we like to play outside.
- We need to replenish our supply of extra clothes and shoes. If you have t-shirts, shorts, pants or shoes in the 2T to 5 size range that you would like to donate to the school we would appreciate it.

Room Parents Needed for Room 1

We are looking for one or two Room Parents for Room 1 to help coordinate activities and events. We meet once a month on GoogleMeet with Ms. Maria to give input and support. Please let Ms. Maria know if you would like to volunteer.

Brightwheel Updates

- Brightwheel will send you a direct link to your 2023 statement of tuition paid for your taxes. You can also print it from your Brightwheel account. Here are the [detailed instructions](#).
- Starting March 5, 2024, Brightwheel credit card fees will increase to 2.95% (from 2.9%). Dayspring will continue to pay the fee for bank transfers (ACH).

Health & Safety

We would like to remind our school community of the measures that we are taking to keep students, families, and staff members healthy and safe.

- Children are to be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication before returning to school.

- Children with vomiting or diarrhea are to be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Children with blisters and/or honey-colored crusts should remain home until cleared by a doctor or after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
- Children with purulent eye drainage may attend school once they have started treatment or clearance from a doctor stating they are non-infectious.
- Children with influenza should remain home for at least 5 days after the first symptoms appear (more if fever persists) to ensure complete recovery and avoid transmission to other students as recommended by the Health Department.
- Children with symptoms of or exposure to COVID-19 should remain home for at least five days, and should be tested prior to returning to school to prevent the spread

Baby News

Congratulations to big brother Joel and the Ortiz family on the birth of their new baby brother.

Congratulations to big brother Nate and the Walsh family on the birth of their new baby sister.

Congratulations to big sister Quinn and the Douthit family on the birth of their new baby sister and baby brother.

Event Space Available to Rent

Did you know the Great Hall is available to rent for your next party or special event? The church has several other spaces, too, that can accommodate up to 300 participants for weddings, memorials, meetings, parties, and events. Contact the church office at dcc.events@danvillechurch.org or 925-837-6944 for availability and pricing.

Important Dates:

- Groundhog Day - February 2**
- Lunar New Year Week- February 5-8**
- Lunar New Year Parade- February 8**
- Summer Enrollment Deadline - February 9**
- Friendship Celebration- February 14- Wear red or pink**
- Presidents Day Holiday - February 19 - Dayspring Closed**

Concepts of the Week:

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| Week of January 29 | Groundhog Day, Ll, 19 |
| Week of February 5 | Black History Month, Lunar New Year, Community Helpers, Ee, 20 |
| Week of February 12 | Friendship Celebration, Buildings, Review Ee, 16-20 |
| Week of February 19 | Presidents Day, Neighborhood, Rr, 21 |
| Week of February 26 | Towns, Review Ll, Ee, Rr, 22 |



Snack Menu February 2024

| Week 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday 1 | Friday 2 |
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| | | | | Ritz Crackers Applesauce Milk | Cheerios Raisins Milk |
| Week 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Pretzels Oranges Water | Cracker Mix Milk | Pita Bread Hummus Water | Toast Apple Wedges Milk | Pasta Red Sauce Milk |
| Week 3 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | Graham Crackers Dried Cranberries Water | Bell Peppers Ranch Dip Milk | Cooking Project Pizza Hearts Milk | Mixed Fruit Yogurt Water | Cinnamon Toast Crunch Milk |
| Week 4 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | Presidents Day Holiday Dayspring Closed | Cheesy Nachos Cucumbers Water | Toast Fruit Spread Milk | Pineapple Chunks Crackers Water | Bagels Cream Cheese Water |
| Week 5 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| | Baby Carrots Ranch Dip Water | Whole Grain Fruit Bar Milk | Cheerios Dried Cranberries Milk | Waffles Apple Sauce Milk | |

We serve fresh fruits and vegetables whenever possible. Substitutions may occur based on availability.
Fat free or 1% milk is provided at lunchtime. Children bring their own lunches from home.