



February 2012

Director's notes:

February brings Valentines, Presidents and Ground Hogs day along with Montessori Ed. Week and fall registration. Anyone who plans to attend the Miniapple program in September of 2012 will need to complete a new registration form (both parent signatures). You will find one at the sign-in table or stop by the office. All of February is **half price registration**; \$25.00 instead of \$50.00. Children are in the kindergarten program if their 5th birthday is before the school year begins (September). Kindergarten tuition is 10% off the preschool rate!

We have a Children's House field trip to the Children's Museum on Wednesday, February 8th. The cost is \$9.00 per child and checks should be made out to MIM. Parents planning to join us should meet us at the museum by 9:45AM.

On Tuesday, February 14th we will have an all school pizza lunch and each class will have a **valentine exchange**. Your child is welcome to wear pink, red and white and to bring valentines for their classmates. Please help your child to sign their name but do not address them.

National Montessori Education Week is February 30 – March 3. We will have special activities all week. Be sure to watch your child's classroom board for more information! **Tax time** is coming closer. Please leave a note for Deb if you need a receipt for 2011.



Name Label Program Order Form

We have partnered with **SIGN*A*RAMA** to offer you a name label program. If you are interested in ordering labels, feel free to make a copy of the form on the last page of this newsletter or there are copies at the sign in table.

Summer Registration needs to be completed by February 29th. There is no summer registration fee.

Deb

Reminder for all families: class starts at 8:30 AM. Late arrivals are disruptive to the classroom and should be kept to a minimum. Thank you for your cooperation.

Box Tops for Education:

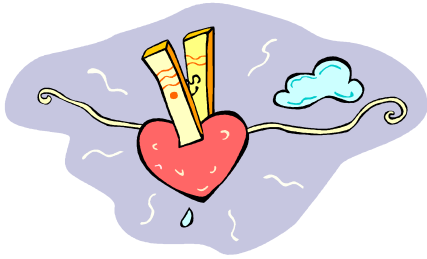
Congratulations to Mathew H. our January book winner! Thank you for saving your Box Tops! Write your child's name on the back for our monthly drawing for a new book.



Infant Update

Happy February to all! Hope everyone is enjoying the Spring like weather! Happy Valentine's Day to all! We would like to welcome 3 new friends to our room who joined us in January—Siena, Nora and Anika—please help them to feel welcome!! Reminder: PLEASE PLEASE label all of your babies lunch items and bottles—it will help us to keep track of everything! Thanks!

Mary, Priscilla, Hanh & Jessica



Toddler Happenings

Happy Valentine's Day! Valentine's Day is a good excuse to show everyone how much we love them. We will be talking about the many people in our lives who we love. Please bring in an address and stamp of someone your toddler loves and we will send a special valentine! All the information for our Valentine's Day party will be posted on the bulletin board outside of our classroom. Make sure you watch the bulletin board and sign up for the pizza party on February 14th. If you'd like to send in valentines, please feel free to do so. Sign each valentine with your child's name, but please don't address them. Both classes have 15 toddlers enrolled.

We will be changing our food works to food works from Brazil: Banana slicing, clementine peeling and orange juicing.

Have a great month. Remember to check your child's bin for size and weather appropriate clothing. Thanks for making sure your child has snow pants, boots, mittens and hats every day because we will continue to go outside as often as we can.

Happy 2nd Birthday to Gracyella and Svea! We wish Emmett, Sydney B. and Mallory good luck in preschool and would like to welcome Kieran who is moving up from the infant room and Sydney C. who is new to Miniapple.

Ms. Debbie and Ms. Ashley
&
Ms. Sara and Ms. Maria

Children's House News

The Children's Houses have moved their studies to South America and the country of Brazil. Oranges, bananas and clementine are all part of our daily works. We appreciate all the food donations. We are also learning about the flag of Brazil and its people.

CH1 Happy February! This month is filled with lots of fun activities for Montessori Education Week and Valentine's Day. We will travel to Brazil for our Passport on a Plate.

Our author will be Laura Numeroff and we will study the Human Body in the science area.

Please check the Parent Info board for sign ups and information for the month.

Ms. Kiehne & Ms. Breanna



CH2 – Happy February! It's been a great winter and we have enjoyed it! This month we are studying the country of Brazil with new food works like banana slicing, peeling a mandarin and orange juicing. So far everyone is enjoying the practical life area and also discovering new facts, animals and artifacts from Brazil. This month we will have a small celebration for Valentine's Day with a pizza party and also will be celebrating Maria Montessori the last week of February. Art is boasting all kinds of seasonal works and Science will be about the Human Body. Have a great month!

Ms. Marie & Ms. Betsy



CH3 –Happy Valentine’s Day! The weather has been beautiful and we have been able to go outside daily. Please check your child’s green bag for wet items that need to go home to dry so they will be ready to wear the following day.

In science, we have been learning all about ocean life. Our new food works are slicing bananas, tangerine peeling and orange juicing.

We will have a valentine pizza fiesta on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Feel free to bring 20 items to share that day. We will also have a fun scavenger hunt in the morning.

Ms. Monica & Ms. Kathy



CH4 – In addition to our studies in South America, we will be learning about the human body. Nutrition and the five senses will be a big part of this science unit. We have incorporated several sewing activities in our classroom and would gladly accept donations of embroidery thread, fabric, buttons, and loom loops for these practical life works.

Thank you in advance!

Ms. Prarthana and Ms. Maggie

Dates to Remember:

February 1–March 31: Early Registration (1/2 price)

February 8: CH Field Trip to Children’s Museum

February 20: CLOSED staff in-service

February 29: Summer Registration Due

Feb. 27–March 2: National Montessori Education Week

March 1: Afternoon of Presentations (sign up)

MIM will offer Scholastic Books monthly. You will find the order forms in your child’s cubby mid-month. You may fill out the paper copy and put it in the tuition box with your payment to “Scholastic” or order on line using the following directions

Online Ordering Information

Go to www.Scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: GTXP8



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Miniapple International Montessori **Name Label Program**

Label Styles

Super QTY: _____



1" by 1.75" laminated label
qty=40 per sheet

Standard QTY: _____



1/4" by 1.75" laminated label
qty=80 per sheet

Economy QTY: _____



1/8" by 1" throw away label,
used one color
qty=150 per sheet

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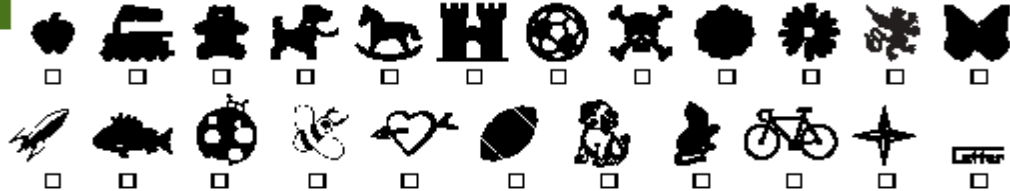
- Comics
 Times
 Harlow
 Challenge
 Chkoma Script
 Impact II

Colors

Main Color: _____ Border Color: _____ Text/Icon Color: _____



Icon



Circle your preference for style, font and color. Labels are \$ 25/sheet.

CHILD'S NAME (PLS PRINT) _____

NAME _____

PHONE _____

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