NEWBURY OAKS PRESCHOOL



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Fantastic February!



Last month we enjoyed learning about plants, animals, and people who live in cold places. We had fun finding out how the animals survive in their cold habitat. We took surveys to figure out which arctic animal was our class favorite. The children painted with ice and explored arctic environments in the classroom.

Our theme for the month of February is "Healthy Hearts and Bodies". As a school, we are going to be learning how to keep our bodies healthy. We will learn about good hygiene, germs, and the difference between healthy and "other" foods. Please be sure to pack healthy foods in your child's lunch each day and do NOT send candy to school.

We will visit with the Paraiso Family Dental dentist and hygienist and take a tour of the office to see the tools the dentist uses to keep our teeth healthy on February 21. Our classrooms will become doctors' offices, veterinarians' offices, and post offices as well. Children will have the opportunity to work with the special medical equipment a doctor uses to keep us healthy. We will write letters and cards

to our friends and family and send them through our post office.

We will also be creating and sending Valentines. If you would like your child to share Valentines with his/her class, please follow the guidelines in the "Valentines" article. We will also learn how the U.S. Mail works and spend time working in our post offices.

This month we would like to highlight our school's founder and director, Ms. Kristina. Ms. Kristina is a native resident of the Conejo Valley and was raised by educators (Ms. Pat worked for CVUSD prior to opening The Enriching Hour in 1989 and her father is a retired school superintendent who started in LVUSD in 1970). She attended Westlake High School and Pepperdine University where she earned her B.A. in Music Theory and Composition and Percussion Performance. Following college, she earned elementary teaching credential and her Early Childhood Director's Permit.

Ms. Kristina taught third and fourth grade at Woodland Hills Elementary in LAUSD for eight years leading up to the opening of Newbury Oaks in September 2009. In August of 2012 Ms. Pat and Ms. Kristina opened a private, licensed afterschool program

February 2018

Dates to Remember!

- FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH—
 VALENTINE'S DAY
 CELEBRATIONS!
- FEBRUARY 19TH—
 PRESIDENTS' DAY
 SCHOOL CLOSED
- FEBRUARY 21ST —
 FIELD TRIP TO DENTIST
- MARCH 19TH-23RD—
 PARENT TEACHER
 CONFERENCES
- MARCH 30TH & APRIL 2ND
 SPRING BREAK
 SCHOOL CLOSED
- APRIL 25TH—
 TEACHER IN SERVICE
 SCHOOL CLOSED

on the Woodland Hills Elementary campus, Woody's Clubhouse.

Ms. Kristina enjoys travelina with her husband, walking her dogs, and playing the piano when she is not at one of the schools. She is extremely proud to have an outstanding staff of teachers and loving families at Newbury Oaks Preschool.



Valentine's Day Activities

EACH CLASS WILL CELEBRATE WITH ACTIVITIES AND A VALENTINE EXCHANGE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE NEEDED ITEMS FOR THE DAY.

OUR VALENTINE EXCHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, FEB. 13 AND WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14. WE HAVE EXCITING ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOLLOWED BY A VALENTINE CARD EXCHANGE. EACH CHILD MAY BRING IN VALENTINES FOR EACH OF HIS/HER FRIENDS. OUR CLASS SIZES RANGE FROM 10-17 STUDENTS. WE WILL GIVE YOU A FINAL CLASS NUMBER CLOSER TO THE PARTY. WHEN LABELING THE CARDS, JUST WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE FROM PART OF THE CARD, PLEASE LEAVE THE TO PART BLANK SO THE EXCHANGE IS EASIER FOR EACH CHILD.



Baby Boom! Congratulations to...

- Owen and The Pugh Family on their new baby boy!
- <u>Lucca and Maddox</u> and The Bruno Family on their new baby girl!
- <u>Evan</u> and The Camuccio Family on their new baby boy!



CDC's Flu Vaccine Info

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine? A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.

Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick. Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.



Please drop yearbook photos from **school events** in our drop box! website: hjeshare.com <u>school code</u>: newbury

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place the week of March 19th this year. Any parent who would like to schedule a conference will need to complete and ages and stages questionnaire. A flyer for conference requests will come home mid-February. Please do not attempt to engage your child's teacher at length during drop off and pick up times as the teachers are responsible for caring for many children during this transitional time.

Drop Off Times

Please remember to bring your child to school on time. Late drop offs disrupt the daily routines of our students and staff. Children can become uneasy when parents bring them late. If you have a planned activity (Doctor/Dentist appt, car trouble, Kindergarten tour, etc.) please notify the school so we know when to expect your child.

Re-registration

Our annual re-registration process for our current families ends this Friday, February 2. Children who will be moving on to kindergarten are asked to let us know when their last day at Newbury Oaks will be. Children who will continue with us next year (July 2018) are asked to complete the "Class Request" form and pay the re-registration fee by February 2, 2017. Please see Kristina in the office if you have any questions. preschool@newburyoaks.com or 805.376.5500