



Newsletter: Jan 12 - 16, 2026

Director's Corner

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I hope you had a wonderful Christmas. During our staff Christmas party, we were asked about a memorable gift we have received. One staff member said she was given “honey & money” for a secret Santa; another said it was homemade porridge a friend delivered to her house when she was sick. For me, it was a quilt handmade by all 30 kindergarteners I had in my first year of teaching. I still have the quilt. What is the most memorable/meaningful gift you have received? I hope thinking of that gift brings good memories of the person(s) who thought of you. May 2026 be a year we give ourselves time to pause, to reflect, and to remember.

1. Theme of the Week

Theme: Letter L. Show & Tell will be held on Friday. Please have your child bring an item that begins with the letter L. Encourage your child to share a few details about the item they chose by answering one of the 5W1H questions: What, When, Who, Where, Why, or How.

2. Parent/Teacher Conferences

Please sign up with your child's teacher for Parent-teacher conferences.

- 1/12 (M), 13 (T), 14 (W): Ducklings
- 1/15 (Th), 16 (F), 20 (T): Bunnies
- 1/21 (W), 22 (Th), 23 (F): Dolphins
- 1/26 (M), 27 (T), 28 (W): Colts
- 1/29 (Th), 30 (F), 2/2 (M): Owls
- 2/3 (T), 4 (W), 5 (Th): Alligators
- 2/9 (M), 10 (T), 11 (W): Bears



- 2/12 (Th), 13 (F), 17 (T): Penguins
- 2/18 (W), 19 (Th), 20 (F): Lemurs

3. School Closed on 1/19/2026 (Mon) for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

4. January Birthday 🎉

Zyra Mar, Samuel Choi, and Aleena Bai will be turning 5 years old this month. **Emma Boey, Gemma Lee, Ian Situ, Ivan Yu, Kayden Li, Kora Reguera, Larkin Wu, Leilani Chun, and Shuqi Feng** will be turning 4 years old. **Adrian Wu, Altan Ng, and Ezekiel Tse** will be turning 3 years old. Happy Birthday to all of our birthday friends! 🎉🎈

We would also like to wish a very happy birthday to **Ms. Karen, Ms. Kristina, Ms. Lin, and Mr. Nathan** who are celebrating birthdays in January as well!

We will only have one birthday celebration each month in the classroom. Each teacher will decide on a day and communicate with the families in his/her class. Remember: NO goodie bags and only store bought treats in its original packaging. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

5. Mark Your Calendars

2025-2026 School Year (You can view the calendar on our [website](#))

We will notify you ASAP when change is necessary. (updated: 8/29/2025)

1/12 - 2/20/2026 (M-F)	Parent/Teacher Conference 1/12 (M), 13 (T), 14 (W): Ducklings 1/15 (Th), 16 (F), 20 (T): Bunnies 1/21 (W), 22 (Th), 23 (F): Dolphins 1/26 (M), 27 (T), 28 (W): Colts 1/29 (Th), 30 (F), 2/2 (M): Owls 2/3 (T), 4 (W), 5 (Th): Alligators 2/9 (M), 10 (T), 11 (W): Bears 2/12 (Th), 13 (F), 17 (T): Penguins 2/18 (W), 19 (Th), 20 (F): Lemurs
1/19/2026 (Mon)	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (school closed)
1/23/2026 (Fri)	Snow Day
1/25/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
2/6/2026 (Fri)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
2/8/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Bunnies & Alligators)
2/11/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Workshop 3: 2/11/2026 (W) Beyond the Screen: Finding Letters & Numbers All Around Us by Duane and Amy
2/16/2026 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (school closed)
3/5/2026 (Thurs) 5-6pm	Workshop 4: Meals without screens By Carrie & Kristina
3/7/2026 (Sat)	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm



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3/11/2026 (Wed)	Spring Picture Day for Bunnies, Colts & Dolphins
3/12/2026 (Thu)	Spring Picture for Ducklings, Alligators & Owls
3/13/2026 (Fri)	Spring Picture for Bears, Lemurs & Penguins
3/22/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	***Cap & gown pictures for kindergarten bound children
3/26 - 27/2026 (Th & F)	Family Day (Owls, Bears, Penguins, Alligators, Lemurs)
4/2/2026 (Thu)	Staff Development and In-Service (school closed)
4/3/2026 (Fri)	Easter Egg Hunt on Campus
4/12/2026 (Sun) 9:00am	Good Friday (school closed)
4/15/2026 (Wed) 5-6pm	Church Singing @ English Worship (Bears & Lemurs)
4/24/2026 (Fri)	Workshop 5: Do You Spend More Screen Time or Green Time with Your Child? By Daniel & Winnie X.
5/3/2026 (Sun) 1-3pm	Field Trip (Happy Hollow)
5/8/2026 (Fri)	Family Day (Ducklings, Colts, Dolphins, Bunnies)
5/11-15/2026 (Mon-Fri)	Mother's Day Activity 3:30 - 5:00pm
5/15/2026 (Fri)	Teacher Appreciation Week
5/18 - 6/26/2026 (M-F)	4:30pm Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)
5/25/2026 (Mon)	Parent/Teacher Conference
5/30/2026 (Sat)	(Class specific dates to be determined)
6/12/2026 (Fri)	Memorial Day (school closed)
6/14/2026 (Sun) 10:30am	Saturday Parent/Staff Work Day 1:00 – 4:00pm
6/19/2026 (Fri)	Father's Day Activity 3:30 – 5:00pm
6/28/2026 (Sun)	Church Singing @ Cantonese Worship (Colts & Dolphins)
7/3/2026 (Fri)	Juneteenth (school closed)
7/21-24/2026 (Tue-Fri)	Family Day for Incoming New Families 1:00 - 3:00pm
8/12 – 14/2026 (Wed-Fri)	Independence Day Substitute (school closed)
	Preschool Promotion Program 10:30 – 11:30am
	Tuesday 7/21 Owls
	Wednesday 7/22 Penguins
	Thursday 7/23 Bears
	Friday 7/24 Lemurs
	School Cleaning Days/Staff Work Days (school closed)