

February Newsletter

February Fun!

With the sun shining and the kids laughing, love was spread through the air at SMACS all month long! During the month of February, all classes learned the Heart shape and **Pink** color in both languages.

Since Valentine's Day is in February, this month's theme was "Valentine's". The kids made crafts and one of a kind valentine gifts for their Valentine.. They also kept busy making cupcakes and Jell-O on their free time.



K-2 advanced to the number 6 and letter Jj. Reviewing past numbers and letters throughout the month, they learn using arts & crafts, music and singing as learning tools.

K-3 reviewed past numbers 1-13 and learned the number 14. Progressed to tracing the letters Ss, Tt, Uu & Vv, and practiced past letters Aa-Qq. The themes were "Love for My Family" and "Dental Health."

K-4 wrote and learned letters Uu, Vv, Ww, Xx, Yy & Zz. Reviewed letters Aa- Vv. Reviewed and counted Numbers 1-17 and learned numbers 18, 19 & 20. The theme was "In the City, In the Country." This month's stories were "My Farm," "Subway," "Moo in the Morning." The class advanced to phonics vowels: A,E,I,O,U; working with Long vowel sounds.

In Bible both K-2 & K-3 was read the story about Samuel and Eli. K-4 was read the stories about "Miracle at Sea," "Baby Moses," "Young Samuel," & "Moses and Aaron."

All classes had Armenian story time. The kids also learned about Kindness, Love for the Family, Vartanants, Paregentan, Transportation and Dental Health.

February Birthdays



Natalie Garanian K-4

Luis Arsen

Garcia-Zapatero K-4



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Mad Science

This year SMACS is offering Mad Science After-School Program to our Pre-K students. It will be held after-school once a week, on Tuesdays beginning March 1st.

Mad Science transforms laboratory science into fun, interactive learning experiences for kids. The kids will enjoy captivating demonstrations, perform simple science experiments and discover how science can help us to better understand the world around us. From air, our animal friends and butterflies, to water, weather and worms, Mad Science preschool science programs are designed to captivate the curious nature of young children.

Upcoming Events

February 22nd Monday-
Open Early Registration for
2016-2017. \$525 Registration
Fee if paid in FULL by March
31st. Following March 31st
Registration fee will be \$575.

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March 1st- Mad Science after
school program begins!

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March 8th-Tuesday- Colgate
Bright Smiles, Bright Futures will be
giving dental tips. Please have
permission form signed and turned
in if you would like your child to
participate.

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March 18th Friday-Pre-School
Easter Celebration 10am

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March 21st- Easter Vacation Begins

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March 29th -Tuesday-
School Resumes

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May 23rd-Monday- Kidspace Field
Trip. Details to follow

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Friendly Reminders

- Pre-School Sub Committee has been formed. This is a subcommittee branching off the PTF to focus on creating fundraisers to help pre-school raise money for pre-school needs. Such as supplies, activities, entertainment, and anything else needed. If you would like to join please see Mrs. Lucy for further information.

- We are still collecting Box Tops. Thank you for sending them in.

- We are still collecting recyclables. This program is helping our classes significantly. Our teachers are able to purchase supplies and "surprises" for the class. Please continue to bring them in.

- Thank you to all parents that help contribute to our class. All of your time and generosity is appreciated.

- Flu and cold season is still in effect. Please keep your child at home to rest if he/she has any cold or flu symptoms.

- Please DO NOT PARK in the center lane. This lane needs to be kept open for traffic and emergencies



Welcome New Student Vaughn Galstyan!

The SMACS Preschool
family would like to
welcome our new
student Vaughn to Mrs.
Lara's K-2 class!





St. Vartanants Day

Vartan Mamigonian is the Christian general who victoriously led the Armenian troops (the Vartanants) against the Persians, at the Battle of Avarayr on May 26, 451 A.D to preserve Christianity. To this day we celebrate his courage. On February 4th 2016, the Pre-School put on an amazing show for all family and friends.



They sang songs in tribute to Katch Vartan while wearing their handmade armors pretending to be little Katch Vartans! The kids were taught the importance of Katch Vartan and to always remember his significance. Pictures Below



Paregentan

The first Sunday of Lent is called Poon Paregentan or The Sunday of Good Living. It is the day before the 40-day period of abstinence and fasting begins. The last opportunity for the faithful to eat and drink abundantly, which symbolizes the spirit of innocent joyfulness during man's days in Eden. Paregentan festivities on this day, with food, dancing and drinking, are common among Armenians. Along with good food came as well lots of games, and parties. After dinner the youngsters of the town would disguise themselves with a variety of costumes and masks and color their faces with flour or charcoal. And until now we celebrate this tradition by creating fun costumes and silly masks!!





SMACS hosted In-N-Out to all students and family. For sure they know "what a hamburger is all about!" With the In-N-Out truck parked at the entrance making burgers the kids and parents excitingly waiting to have a fun lunch together. It was definitely a pleasurable lunch with all the kids and parents together. Pictures below



Valentine's Day Celebration!

We all know what love is, but there is no love like the love between parent and child. This year on February 12th Pre-School had a mini Valentine's Day Party in the Chapel and they invited their Valentine to join the celebration. Some of their Valentines were moms, dads, grandparents & even aunts!! Snacks & drinks were served and games were played! We had two special guests, both grandparents of pre-school kids. They sang, played instruments and took the kids all over the world on their adventure through their imagination. Each kid made a special craft for their Valentine to cherish forever! Thank you to our Pre-School Teachers and HomeRoom Moms for putting together this splendid party!! Pictures Below



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Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice!

Nothing is better than a fresh cup of Orange Juice, unless it is freshly handpicked from your backyard and juiced by your best friend!! The kids took a mini field trip to the garden on campus and pick fresh oranges from the tree. Then squeezed them into refreshing orange juice for the whole class! Teaching our kids to eat healthy will lead them to knowing it's about feeling great, having more energy, and improving your strength.





OPEN HOUSE!

On February 18th, SMACS held their 36th open house. The chapel was full with new family members and of course our returning families. The school presented a video with some highlights and fun activities throughout the year and the chapel was displayed with the students' science projects.

Our Pre-School classes were decorated with bright colors and beautiful smiles!! Mrs. Lucy, our Pre-School Director, Mrs. Lara & Mrs. Lucy in K-2, Mrs. Dalita & Mrs. Silva in K-3a, Mrs. Seta & Mrs. Nicky in K-3b, and Ms. Diana in K-4 ready to answer any questions parents had. The classrooms each had their own theme, from Transportation to Hibernation. With the help of all the little artists and engineers the classrooms were ready to welcome new and returning students for the 2016-2017 school year. The teachers displayed the curriculum that will be taught and informed parents what is ahead for the upcoming year. Pictures below...



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