

News from the Office

FEBRUARY IS A SHORT AND SWEET MONTH, AND YOU WILL FIND OUR NEWSLETTER THIS MONTH TO BE ALSO.

IT'S BEEN SIMPLY INCREDIBLE HOW IN THREE SHORT WEEKS OUR TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CONDUCT OVER 130 PHONE CONFERENCE CALLS WITH ALMOST 100% OF OUR FAMILIES BEING AVAILABLE TO TALK DURING THE SCHOOL DAY. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH BASE WITH YOU DURING THIS IMPORTANT MID-YEAR MARK.

WE CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY IS A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENTLY HERE AT CORNERSTONE. NO NEED TO PURCHASE VALENTINE CARDS OR TREATS. DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY WE OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO SPEND A FEW "PRECIOUS MOMENTS" IN THE CLASSROOM WITH YOUR 'SWEETIES'. THIS IS A SPECIAL TIME FOR FAMILIES TO VISIT YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM TO SPEND SOME "PRECIOUS MOMENTS" WITH YOUR CHILD IN HIS/HER CLASSROOM. EACH CLASSROOM DEVELOPS THEIR OWN UNIQUE "PRECIOUS MOMENTS", SO PLEASE REFER TO THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION PROVIDED BY YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.

AS A RESULT OF THE INTEREST EXPRESSED AT OUR RECENT WORKSHOP, "TAMING POWER STRUGGLES," WE HAVE SET UP AN ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP WITH BETSY HOKE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH FROM 9:00 AM-3:30 PM. PLEASE REFER TO THE FLYERS FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING FEES AND CHILDCARE.

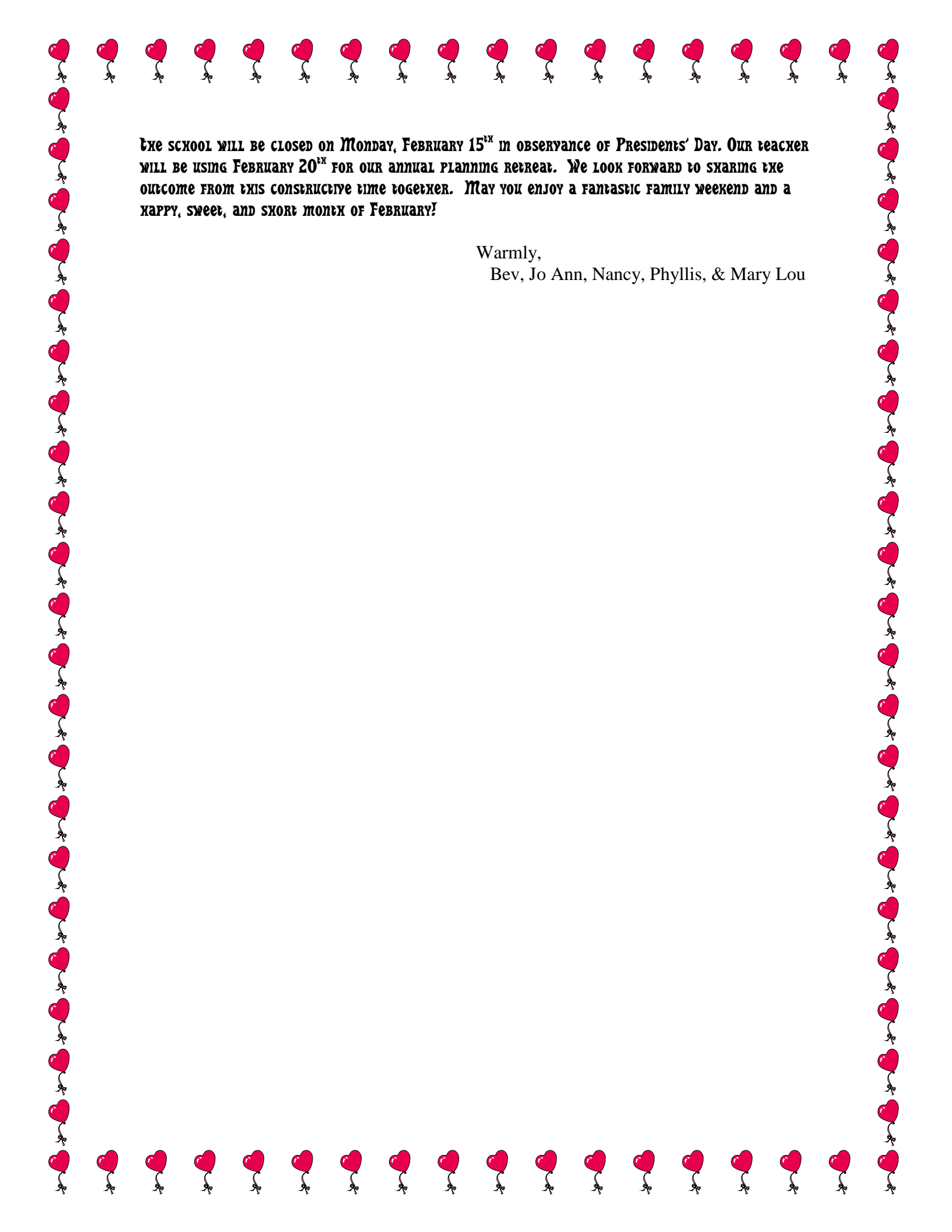
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR LAST SCHEDULED WORKSHOP OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR ON SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH. WE WILL EXPLORE "LEARNING STYLES" WITH PATTI TEMPLIN - MORE INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING AS THAT DATE APPROACHES. WE HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

AS WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE WINTER MONTHS, WE ARE ALSO BEGINNING TO PLAN FOR SUMMER CAMP 2010 AND THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE NOTE THAT A "SURVEY OF INTEREST" WILL BE INCLUDED WITH THE NEXT MONTHLY BILLING STATEMENT, ASKING FOR YOUR INTEREST IN RECEIVING INFORMATION ON THESE UPCOMING SESSIONS... WE APPRECIATE YOUR QUICK RETURN ON THESE SURVEYS AS IT HELPS US TO FACILITATE ACCURATE PLANNING OF STAFF AND CLASSROOM PLACEMENTS.

WE ARE IN SEARCH OF A NATIVE SPANISH SPEAKING CLASSROOM ASSISTANT WHO WOULD BE AVAILABLE EARLY SPRING TO JOIN OUR TEACHING STAFF. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND MIGHT BE INTERESTED, PLEASE NUDGE THEM IN OUR DIRECTION! MONTESSORI KNOWLEDGE WOULD ALSO BE A BIG PLUS!

AN UPDATE ON THE SWAMP ANGEL PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION ON MCINTYRE (BETWEEN 44TH AND 50TH) IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN EARLY SPRING AND CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS. THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO TAKE A DRIVE AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND DISCOVER A FEW ALTERNATE ROUTES TO/FROM OUR SCHOOL.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MONTESSORI SERVICES *Small Hands* CATALOG ORDER IN DECEMBER. CORNERSTONE MONTESSORI SCHOOL HAS RECEIVED A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$499.66 TO BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW MONTESSORI MATERIALS FOR THE CLASSROOMS - THIS WILL BE \$100 PER CLASSROOM! WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.



THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY. OUR TEACHER WILL BE USING FEBRUARY 20TH FOR OUR ANNUAL PLANNING RETREAT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE OUTCOME FROM THIS CONSTRUCTIVE TIME TOGETHER. MAY YOU ENJOY A FANTASTIC FAMILY WEEKEND AND A HAPPY, SWEET, AND SHORT MONTH OF FEBRUARY!

Warmly,
Bev, Jo Ann, Nancy, Phyllis, & Mary Lou