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# Newsletter

## Language Area

We will be making crafts and projects that use this month's sounds. The Chinese sounds will be 日 (r), 丁 (dz), 土 (ts) and 声 (shr). We will continue reading the Chinese poem 放鞭炮 (Fang Bien Pao). We are also working on 荷花 荷花幾月月開 (He Hua He Hua Ji Yue Kai). In the English classroom, the sounds of the month are Nn, Kk, Yy, Ll and pink spelling cards. The English poem will be Solar System in Motion.

“The essence of independence is to be able to do something for one's self.”  
-Maria Montessori

## Art and Music

The English classroom's songs are Make New Friends and Keep The Old, Little Snowflake and The Planet Song - 8 Planets of the Solar System. For art, we will make solar system crafts, penguin and snowflake crafts, and Chinese New Year crafts. The Chinese class will learn 恭喜恭喜. (Gong Xi Gong Xi) and 舞龍舞獅 (Wu Long Wu Shi).

## Science and Geography

This month's science topic is the solar system. We will also learn about volcanoes and mountains. We will study the parts of a volcano, and we will make a small erupting volcano in the classroom. In geography, we will learn about Antarctica and the life cycle of penguins.

### Calendar

1/1 School Closed for New Years

1/15 School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/ 17 Bake Cookies and Decorate with Planets of the Solar System



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## Practical Life Area

We will work on how to use spoons and tongs, and we will practice with pouring materials. We will continue with pushing in chairs, putting work away in the right place, lacing and bow frames, buttoning jackets, polishing shoes, sifting, lading, washing babies, and I Spy.

## Math Area

Younger children will continue with quantities of each number. They will do this while learning how to trace numbers and recognize written numbers. They will also use the unit color beads frame. Older children will be working on place value and addition. They will also continue with carrying over and borrowing units of tens, hundreds and thousands. We will also work with subtraction boards.



## Toddler

The toddlers will use the spindle box 1-5. The songs will be the same as the preschool songs with the addition of the "Hello, Hello" song. The students will practice using the eye dropper for water transfer and will practice transferring objects with tweezers. They will also work with the broom and dust pan.

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."

-John Dewey

