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# Newsletter

## Language Area

This month, students will create crafts and projects that focus on our sounds of the month. In Chinese, we will practice the sounds 日, 世, 7 and 儿, and read the poem 荷花荷花幾月開 and 放鞭炮. In the English classroom, the sounds of the month are **Nn**, **Kk**, **Pp**, and **Ll**. Students will continue blue picture reading and pink spelling cards. The English poem for this month is Solar System in Motion.

“The essence of independence is to be able to do something for oneself.”

— Maria Montessori

## Art and Music

In English music class, students will sing Make New Friends, Keep the Old, Little Snowflake, and The Planet Song - 8 Planets of the Solar System.

Art projects will include solar system crafts, penguin and snowflake crafts, and Chinese New Year activities. In Chinese class, students will learn the greetings 恭喜恭喜 and 新年好.

## Science and Geography

This month's science topic is the solar system. Students will also learn about volcanoes and mountains. In geography, we will explore the continent of Asia.



## Calendar

1/1 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for New Year's Day  
1/19 - **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
1/30 - **Make Chinese Dumplings**



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## Practical Life Area

We will work on learning how to use spoons and tongs, and we will practice pouring activities. Children will also continue developing independence through classroom routines such as pushing in chairs, putting work away in the correct place, lacing and bow frames, polishing shoes, sewing, ladling, washing babies, and playing I Spy.

## Math Area

Younger children will continue exploring quantities of each number while learning to trace and recognize written numerals. They will also work with the unit color bead frame. Older children will focus on place value and addition, strengthening their understanding of numbers and mathematical relationships.

## Sensorial Area

Children will refine their senses through sensorial activities during this sensitive period of development. The senses addressed include visual, tactile, auditory, gustatory, olfactory, thermic, and stereognostic. Sensorial work also prepares children for math, geometry, language, writing, and logical thinking. This month, children will work with constructive blue triangles. This activity helps them explore geometry, understand how triangles form different shapes, and develop concentration, coordination, independence, and problem-solving skills.



“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

— John Dewey

