



# Monte Tavor Newsletter

A Spanish Immersion experience for children for all ages.

January and February activities

## Art

January and February consisted mostly about art and crafts projects among the older toddler/preschool age groups. Abstract art was appreciated while using cotton balls and swabs, strings, sponges, cars, playdough, modeling clay, glue, water colors, chalk, colored paper, and tissue paper just to name some of the materials that were used. See pages 3-8

## Celebrations

Two of the biggest celebrations in February were Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day. These two festivities inspired children to make dragons and decorate hearts. Children were very busy and entertained during rainy days that they did not notice or seemed un-bothered that they were not outside. Some children needed help

with energy levels, they were given the opportunity to be little helpers by folding hand towels, distributing materials to their peers, setting up activities with their teachers, and organizing toys on the shelves. We noticed they felt better, proud, and were much happier while helping. This seemed to help with the busier bodies and minds in a rainy season.

## Infants

In January and February young infants mostly remained indoors due to the cold weather. They had time to play with endless mouthing toys. They were fascinated and seemed to have to taste everything from toys to furniture. It is always fun to watch busy young infants trying to figure out their world around them. They began noticing what

others were doing and either joined them or started playing together.

Younger infants seemed as their only work was to continue practicing either their rolling, crawling, standing, and walking by holding on to furniture. Some eventually took their first steps.

Older infants 12-18 months began to participate in the circle story time activity during mornings and afternoons. It is fascinating to watch them so engaged looking at the book while sitting during circle time. They seemed very matured for their age. We cannot wait for this group to begin participating in their first paintings, arts and crafts, and sensory water play at the tables and tubs this spring and summer.

Enjoy the pictures!















