

# North Star Montessori News

"Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and it is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment."

Maria Montessori



Thank You for participating in **Scholastic Book Orders**. Our school earned an extra 2000 points which will be used for 15 new books for our classroom libraries. Your support makes **North Star Shine** with young readers!



## January/February Fun

In **Science** we will learn about magnets and magnetism, winter, hibernation, snow, ice, snowflakes and melting/freezing temperatures. We will celebrate **Groundhog's Day** on February 2nd and find out if we will have six more weeks of winter. We will read *Panda Bear, Panda Bear What Do You Hear* by **Bill Martin Jr.**, in Spanish and English (on our felt story board) which focuses on many wild animals. We will do movement activities at circle including scarves, yoga, beanbags, rhythm sticks, and dance. In the **Everyday Living Area** we will do pin hole punching, baking, measuring, liquid pouring, and construct a fish mosaic as a group art project.

## North Star Fundraisers

Little Cesar Pizza fundraiser is due **January 24th**. The kits will be ready for pick up on February 1st. In plenty of time for all of you Superbowl fans! Thank you for helping to make a difference. All proceeds will go towards new materials and furthering the growth of North Star Montessori. [Thank you for your support!](#)

## Themes in Learning

In January we will learn about **China**. We have many new works on our Word cultures and Geography shelf to share with the children. We will count from 1-10 in Chinese, learn about pandas and do panda bear art mosaics and finally round our studies with a **Chinese New Year Celebration on Monday January 23rd**. Check our [website calendar](#) for more info and party specifics at [www.northstarmontessorijackson.com](http://www.northstarmontessorijackson.com)

## Mark your Calendars

Visit our website; [www.NorthStarMontessoriJackson.com](http://www.NorthStarMontessoriJackson.com) to use our Calendar page. **Party information, Breaks, school closings, and other important dates are listed**. New information will be updated as it becomes available.



## Conferences

North Star Montessori will hold parent/teacher conferences on **January 30th and 31st**. A sign-up will be available at the sign-in center. We would like to take this opportunity to share some of the things your child has enjoyed doing at school and to create a dialogue between home and preschool/kindergarten.

## Valentines Day

We will celebrate on **Tuesday, February 14th**. Children will hand out valentines throughout the morning. **We would like to make shoebox valentines holders**. Please bring in a shoebox for your child by **Tuesday, February 7th** to decorate. **Class name lists will be sent via email in February**. Children can choose to just sign their own names if they cannot read their friends names yet (most 3 and 4 yr. olds) A sign-up will be available at the sign-in center for party treats and volunteer opportunities in February.

## Reminder

Please review our illness policy in the handbook and do not send your child to school if they have any flu symptoms.

## School closings

North Star Montessori follows JPS Schedule. When JPS schools close for snow/bad weather North Star Montessori closes as well. Tune in to your local stations for closings or call JPS Hotline at 841-2175.

**No school February 17 and 20th for President's day and Winter Break.**

## Children at Work

