



February 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy February days to you. This is always a fun month with the celebration of Valentine's Day in the middle and the opportunity to share our love with others!

The life value of **Patience** will be a focus for us this month. It is important for young children to learn this now for it will be a building block for them in the future.

Our theme for February is **Mozart & Monet**. The children will learn about classical music through listening and reading about famous composers. They will also learn about artists who use water colors, such as Monet, as well as artists that use other mediums to create masterpieces.

We will visit Walker Methodist in Minneapolis Wednesday, February 10 and Friendship Village in Bloomington on February 11 at 10:30 (buses will leave at 10:10). The children will sing and pass out hand-made valentines to the residents. It is a delightful time of sharing love and joy with the elderly and the residential staff. They look forward to our visits! Please join us for a special morning.

You might want to plan a family activity of making valentines for grandparents, neighbors, etc. Have fun and be creative! This helps instill in the young child the joy of giving to others.

Our Children Serving Others (C.S.O.) project will be **Books 4 kids**, a Junior League of Minneapolis project. The mission of Books 4 Kids is to give underserved children books to keep and to provide them with opportunities to come together to read. By providing gently used books for ages 0-14 you are helping promote the importance of literacy and brightening young lives. Thank you for gathering hats and mittens in January which will be given to Mary's Place in Minneapolis.

#### **Reminders**

- Parking lots: please be careful as you arrive and depart due to much ice this winter. Leave areas open so all our young children may be seen. Help each other out by taking turns coming in & watching each other's children in the car
- Remember we are nut free. We may not have peanut butter sandwiches at the Berry Patch. Let your child's teacher know if you are using soy butter (or another alternative) so it won't be mistaken for peanut butter.

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your family. We are reminded of these words from the song, The Magic Penny, "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more!"

Love and blessings to each of you,

*Bernie*