

## Virtue: Kindness

### **Virtues**

Why do we teach monthly Virtues? Character building is important to us and we want to help build a foundation of being a good person. We do this by focusing on a virtue word each month that will help develop their understanding of the virtue and strengthen morals for our students to carry into future years.

### Happy Groundhog Day!



### **Groundhog Day**

On Wednesday February 2nd, we will read special books we have selected to explain Groundhog

Day. Did you know that a groundhog can whistle when it is alarmed? Our students will learn all about this fascinating critter who is known for predicting a long or short winter. We will have fun dancing and playing with our shadows.

### **Child Related Research**

Our school has been selected along with other schools to conduct a consumer product safety test. On Wednesday February 2, we will be visited at 9:30am by a research team of 2. Not all students will be asked to participate and it is only for those between 3 ½ and 4 year olds. Under close supervision a child will be asked to open bottles with safety caps. You will be informed if your child participated in the testing. If you do not want your child to participate please inform Ms Arilda.

### **Chinese New Year's Celebration**

On Thursday, February 3rd at 9:30am we will have our annual Chinese New Year Dragon Parade as we celebrate the year of the "Rabbit". The day will continue as we learn about the culture with Chinese stories, music and art. We are encouraging our students that have traditional

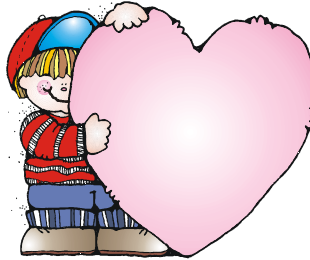
Chinese attire to please wear it on this day, all other students please wear "red" **this is a free dress day!**



### **Happy Valentines Day!**

Class Valentines parties will be on Monday, February 14th. **This is a free dress day!** You do not need a class name list; just sign your child's name in the

"From" section or on the back of each valentine card and the teacher will do the rest. Look for the party sign up list in your child's classroom and be prepared for a bag of goodies to come home with your child! *Happy Valentines to all our little sweethearts!*



### **Closed on Presidents Day**

We will be closed on Friday, February 18th and Monday, the 21st in observance of Presidents Days. During this week we will be discussing the role of the President of the United States and specific presidents such as George Washington & Abraham Lincoln.

### **Dentist Visit**

We are celebrating "National Children's Dental Health Month". We will be visited by a dentist from the Anaheim Hills Pediatric Dental Office on Wednesday, February 23rd at 9:30am. Our students will learn proper dental care and receive a tooth brush.

### **Challengers Learning Chinese**

We are excited to announce that this month we will begin a program to teach the kindergarten children the Mandarin dialect of the Chinese language!

### **Ready for Kindergarten?**

We are inviting all our parents who have a child going into kindergarten next

year to join us on Wednesday February 23rd from 5 - 6:00pm. Ms. Tamara (who has a California Teaching Credential) and Ms. Arilda will talk about the kindergarten "Challengers" classroom. They will discuss the expectations, achievements of the children, and will be available to answer all your questions. You will also have the opportunity to meet and talk to parents of those currently enrolled who will share their experiences and the benefits of staying at AMA. **Space is limited, the class holds a maximum of 24 children.** Contracts are available now, please see Ms. Arilda if you wish to secure placement before the meeting.

### **Extended Care**

Effective March 1, 2011, our extended care rate will now be prorated at \$9/hour. The current rate of \$7/hour has remained the same for the past 11 years and we need to make this adjustment to support the flexibility this program offers. Please see Ms. Arilda if you have any questions.

### **Ennis**

By now you should have received this newsletter and your tuition statement for February by email. Thank you for helping us to go green!



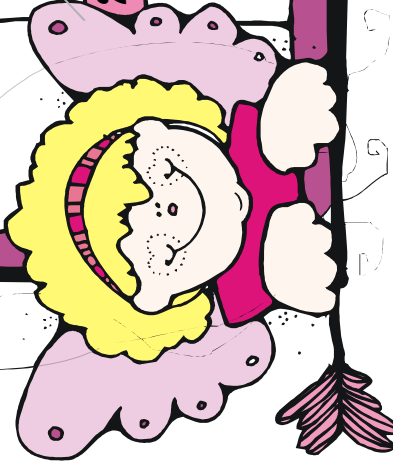
### **From Our Director**

As we enter the month of February I want to take this time to say how much I appreciate all our families for allowing us the opportunity to be a part of your child's life. Each child is a special individual and an important part of our school.

Ryan Aniri from our Challengers class has said it all; as he was picked up to go home Ryan turned to his mom & said "I want to be the last one to be picked up." This brought so much joy to hear and it was another confirmation that our students are happy & comfortable at AmeriMont Academy. Thank you!

# February

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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|  |  | 1<br>Sabriha Singh Eagles  | 2<br>Groundhog Day!<br>Dentist Visit<br> | 3<br>Chinese New Year Celebration | 4<br>Share Day                           | 11<br>Isabella Lynch Liberties                             | 12<br>Grace Lynch Patriots<br>Share Day<br>Matthew Simmons Firecrackers |
|  |  | 8  | 9   | 10                                | 17                                       | 18<br>School Closed<br>In observance of Lincoln's Birthday | 19<br>Christian Rosales Patriots  |
|  |  | 15<br>Valentine's Party<br> | 16  | 24<br>Ms. Laurent's Birthday      | 25<br>Share Day<br>Zoe Kane Firecrackers |  |   |
|  |  | 22<br>School Closed<br>In observance of Washington's Birthday  | 23<br>Dentist Visit<br>5-6pm Kindergarten Info Night  |                                   |  |  |   |
|  |  | 28<br>                    |   |                                   |  |  |   |