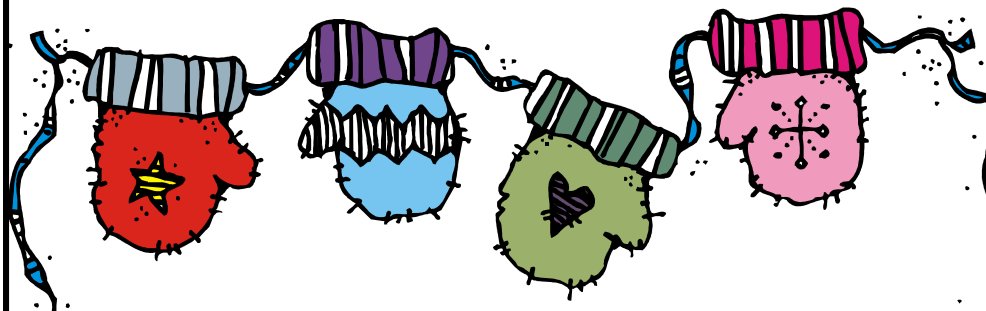


Virtue of the Month - Gentleness

Country of the Month - China



Parent/Teacher Conferences

We are always available and open to talk with parents about your child's progress but we hold conferences in January and June to set aside time to meet with parents individually. Sign ups will be located in your child's classroom; please look for times and sign your child's name next to the 15 minute time slot that is best suitable for you. Each teacher has prepared a progress report card describing your child's growth, strengths, and weaknesses. It is best if your child is not present during your conference to ensure open conversation and less interruptions. We will schedule another conference if you need more time or if a different day or time than what is available is needed.

Martin Luther King Day

In observation of Martin Luther King Jr.'s day we will be closed on Monday January 16th. During this week we will read two special children's books describing the life and many accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King. The books that will be read are Martin's Dream by Jane Kurtz and Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport.

Chinese New Years Celebration

On Monday January 23rd we plan to gather in our playground for a traditional dragon dance as we come together to celebrate Chinese New Years. If your child has authentic Chinese

attire we ask you to please have them wear it on this special day. In Chinese tradition, each year is dedicated to a special animal and *2012 is the year of the Dragon!* We have selected 2 children's books which explain the preparation for Chinese New Years, the Lion Dancer by Kate Waters and Bringing in the New Year by Grace Lin.

Karate for Character

To add to the Chinese celebration, our very own Karate class will perform on Thursday January 26th at 3:00pm. This optional program helps our little dragons to focus as they learn respect and self control.



100 Days of School

It's hard to believe 100 days will have come and gone but January 25th marks the 100th day of this school year! We think it is only appropriate to celebrate this day with "A Pajama Day"!

Please remember all children must wear close toe shoes on this day. We have selected some fun children's books: The Night Before the 100th Day of School by Natasha Wing and 100th Day Worries by Margery Cuyler. On this day we will focus on 100 items and review our past 100 days of school.

A Note From Our Director

2011 has come to an end and we are left with wonderful memories of laughter and of many accomplishments from our students. As we prepare and plan for a new year I know 2012 will be another year of excitement, educational growth and great memories.

December was a fun month and I would like to thank all our parents for their involvement and participation in our December events. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who took time from their busy schedules to do holiday story time readings for our children and to those who joined the Challengers to the Senior Residents Inn. We can't forget our visit from Santa and we were happy Mrs. Claus was available to join us this year, it was a special time for all! A special thank you to all our parents for all the wonderful gifts and for thinking of our AMA staff during the holidays, it was truly appreciated! May 2012 bring all our families much laughter, love and blessings!

-Ms. Arilda

WELCOME IN THE
NEW YEAR!



