

# Armand Bayou Montessori School

## Newsletter January 2022

### **A note from the staff...**

We hope you enjoyed the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year to all of you! We look forward to a very special new year.

### **Mark Your Calendars**

**Monday, January 3**

School Resumes

**Heritage Week- Monday, January 24-  
Thursday, January 27**

### **Infant and Toddler Room News:**

Welcome to 2022! We are looking forward to a great new year. We are very happy to see our students. We want to welcome Ayzel Khan and her family to our infant room. We will begin the year reviewing the ground rules. Some of the things we will practice are walking feet, inside voices, rolling rugs and restoring the work to the shelves.

This month we will focus on fish, the life cycle of fish and the different kinds of fish. We will also do some fish painting.

Thank you for being such wonderful parents. All of you are a pleasure to work with and we love seeing how much you love your children and are so eager to learn what you can do to help with their development and changing needs.

We welcome all our returning friends to the Infant/Toddler environments and we are very happy to have our new families in our classroom.

The math shelves in our environment give the children activities that help them with pre-math skills. In both the infant and toddler environments, pre-math materials include stacking/nesting, 1:1 correspondence, shape and color sorting, and shape puzzles.

We have a very active group of babies. They are enjoying exploring their environment and the work, continuing to learn more Spanish, and having fun on the deck outside. They keep us joyfully busy!

The toddlers are becoming very independent. They know how to set their place at the table, and are learning to share and help each other. The older toddlers spend time doing work that will prepare them for their transition to the early childhood program. They are rolling their rugs, carrying their work correctly, restoring the environment and engaging in more challenging work such as threading small beads. We are giving our younger children the special attention they need in order to learn how to do the work properly as they explore it.

**Please bring a labeled jacket for your child each day so that he/she can go to the playground with us.**

### **Early Childhood News:**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We will start the year off with a study on vertebrates and invertebrates which will lead us into an in-depth look at fish. We will also explore the Solar System with a brief look at each of the planets. A study on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will take place.

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Our favorite part of this month is our Heritage Week from January 24-January 27. Volunteer families will give 5-10 minute presentations about their cultures to the children. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your child's teacher for more information. This is a very rich and fun week for the children; we encourage your participation.

\* Please talk to your child about the importance of following classroom rules and being respectful to others.

**Kindergarten Field Trips:**

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**Elementary News:**

We would like to express our gratitude to all our Elementary families for the generous and thoughtful words, gifts, and deeds over the holidays. We feel very fortunate to have such

a supportive and appreciative classroom community.

The lower elementary will start the year with lessons on the origins of life on our planet. They will also start the study of birds and mammals. Upper Elementary will continue the study of hominids (4<sup>th</sup>) and great civilizations (5<sup>th</sup>).

During the last week of January, our class will participate in the annual ABMS school-wide Heritage Week. This is a week that we celebrate and learn more about different cultural backgrounds of all our ABMS families. We'd love to have you and your child share your cultural background with a short 10 to 15 minute presentation so please let us know if you are interested.

**Important Dates in January for Elementary**

**Mon, Jan. 3** – Student Holiday/Child Care only

**Tue, Jan. 4** – Regular Class resumes

**Mon, Jan 17** - MLK Jr. Day - ABMS Closed

**Jan 24-27** – Heritage Week

**Elementary Field Trips:**

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