

# Rockledge Montessori News



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February 3rd

Chinese New Year Begins  
Year of the Rabbit

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February 14th

Rojo for Valentine's Day

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Monday, February 21st

Presidents' Day  
Teacher In-Service Day  
No 3-6 or VPK Class  
After Care for Full Day Only

Toddler Program as usual

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## Be Our Valentine!



### Administrator's Notes

We want to thank all our parents and grandparents for a great start to the new year! As the children get back into the routine of their work, they are also learning about the importance of having a dream, cultural celebrations and ways to share and care about others.

Has your child come home encouraging you to recycle? All year they have been learning to take good care of the earth by recycling and not wasting resources. They will continue learning about taking good care of the environment, indoors and out. The children will also be enjoying planting, watering, and watching their spring gardens begin to grow inside.

We have already collected 145 Boxtops from all classes combined. Thank you for supporting this program!

Happy Valentine's Day to you and your family from the staff of Rockledge Montessori!

*Cindy Maslin, Administrator*



Addisen works with Amélie on a Broad Stairs extension

"Children become like the things they love."  
Maria Montessori



## A Recipe for Winter Fun

### COMING UP IN MARCH

- REGISTRATION for 2011/2012 School Year
- MARCH 13—Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 15—3-6/VPK Classes—Parent Participation Night
- March 17th—Wear Verde for St. Patrick's
- March 28—April 1 SPRING BREAK WEEK NO SCHOOL for 3-6 or VPK Classes

### All Natural Play Dough Recipe

Measure & Mix Together:

- 1 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 Tb. Vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup water
- Mix & kneed into a soft dough. Add food coloring to desired color. Gather some cookie cutters, plastic knives, small rolling pins on a tray.
- Enjoy playing with your child on a cold or rainy weekend!



Mrs. Fraleigh's VPK Class makes snow!



## Mrs. Fraleigh's 3-6 & VPK Classes



Mrs. Fraleigh's class sets bird feeders around the school for our bird friends, a Yellow-Bellied Finch and pair of Morning Doves



### Rojo Day—A Valentine Celebration of Sharing

On Monday the 14th, we will have Rojo (Red) Day. Please send your child wearing something red on this day. If you would like to bring something for our special snack, teachers will have sign up sheets at drop-off and pickup. No goodie or candy bags please! Valentine cards are welcome; *please have your child sign but not address them.* Morning only class will need 23 signed and unaddressed cards; VPK Only students bring 13 for the afternoon class. Children in both Morning and VPK will need a total of 27.

During February, we will be learning about China, Chinese New Year, and parts of the panda bear. We will also be starting seeds indoors for our spring garden, and learning to make our own play dough to use and share with the rest of the school. We hope you will enjoy the recipe at home with your child.



Chloe writes and illustrates her first story; Kent sits in the igloo made from recycled cartons



Don't forget - With each order of Scholastic Books, our class earns points for free books!



## Mrs. Smith's Two Year Class

We welcome Riley, Ben and Malia to our class from the One Year Class as they turn two. We will celebrate Pink & Red Day on February 14th. Please bring 10 Valentine cards unaddressed and wear something red or pink. We will have a special Valentine snack for the children. Parents who would like to bring something may sign up in the classroom.

Our class will plant a tomato plant during February and start some flower seeds. We are learning to care for our school's outdoor environment. You may see us helping water the flowers in the courtyard as it warms up. The children have also been enjoying their new slide on the playground.



Jules and her matching work; Riley explores cause and effect. Both work on eye-hand coordination and problem-solving

## Ms. Blakely's One Year Class



Malia & Micah enjoy tasting and fingerpainting with whipped cream!



Chance, Micah and Ben inspect the "Snow-Girl" made by After Care

Riley moved up to the Two year class in January. In February, Ben and Malia will move up. Happy Birthday to our new Twos!

The children enjoyed our winter craft projects, spooning ice cubes and cotton balls, and tasting orange juice snow cones during January.

This month we will be focusing on family and friends, the color red, number two, and the heart shape. Please have your child wear something red for Valentine's Day. We will celebrate with a fun Valentine snack!