

Walnut Montessori–Preschool Academy



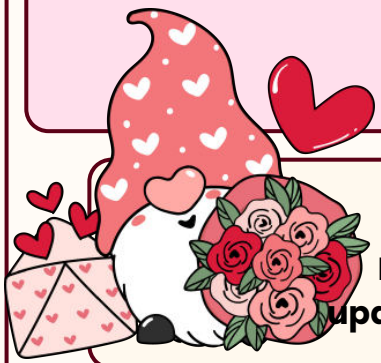
February 2026

It's an Eventful February!

February marks the second half of the school year, and it has been a productive and exciting time. Our students continue to thrive as they grow in their cognitive and social development while exploring a wide range of learning experiences.

It is a joy to welcome each child every day. They inspire us as they strengthen their skills, build friendships, and participate in classroom and playground activities.

Children naturally develop an understanding of right and wrong and look to adults to model kindness, compassion, respect, and appreciation for others. This month's lessons and activities focus on nurturing these important values and helping children practice them in meaningful ways.



Dates to Remember



- February 13: Valentine's Day Celebrations
- February 16: Presidents' Day – School Closed
- February 17: Lunar New Year Celebration
- February 26: Curriculum Night



February Is African American History Month

Throughout February, students will learn about the lives, history, heritage, and contributions of African Americans. We will celebrate the achievements of influential heroes and role models by exploring their journeys and accomplishments.



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Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to stay connected and see updates on classroom activities, special events, and school highlights.

Valentine's Day Snack Party – February 13

Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity for children to show appreciation for their friends and families. We will celebrate with a classroom snack party, and students are encouraged to dress in red, pink, or purple.

Valentine's Day Card Exchange & Goody Bags

Students will exchange Valentine's cards and goody bags on Friday, February 13, 2026. Suggested items include pencils, erasers, small toys, notepads, coloring books, crayons, and other creative materials.
Thank you to our families for your generosity and support. We look forward to a fun and joyful celebration.



Presidents' Day
February 16

Presidents' Day honors the leaders of the United States and commemorates the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. School will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of Presidents' Day.



Curriculum Night
February 26

Is your child entering Advanced Primary, T/K, or Kindergarten in the upcoming school year? Join us for an informative evening to learn more about our Montessori curriculum, enrichment opportunities, and STEAM programs. Discover how our well-balanced approach nurtures academic growth, creativity, independence, and confidence—helping your child thrive in every aspect of learning.

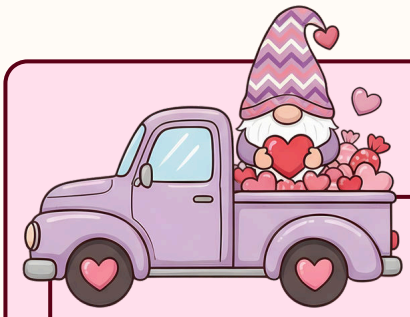


Lunar New Year Celebration – February 17

Lunar New Year, is a special opportunity for students to learn about the traditions and culture of China and other Asian countries.

We will celebrate with special lessons, activities, and a festive lunch. Students are encouraged to wear red or gold to honor this cultural tradition. Thank you for helping make this celebration meaningful and enriching for our students.





February Curriculum



Focus on a Montessori Material

The Knobbed Cylinders

The knobbed cylinders are a classic Montessori material that supports early sensory and motor development. Children work with wooden cylinders of varying heights and diameters, placing them into corresponding openings. This activity strengthens observation skills, fine motor control, concentration, and problem-solving.

Cooking Class

Children will create yogurt parfaits by scooping and layering yogurt, berries, and nut-free granola while exploring simple patterns.

Gardening Class

Students will explore soil and worms to learn how plants grow and understand the role of living things in nature.

AI and Computer Class

Andy the Robot introduces preschoolers to early technology concepts through storytelling, games, and hands-on activities. This playful approach encourages curiosity, creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving.

Sick Policy Reminder

If a child has a fever of 100°F or higher, parents or guardians will be contacted for immediate pickup. Children must be fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medication, for 24 hours before returning to school.

Vaccination Reminder

All children must be up to date on vaccinations in accordance with California State requirements. Please contact the school if you need vaccination information for your child's age group



Looking Back!

With tiny hands and growing minds, the children stay joyfully engaged in their classroom academics

















