

January 23rd, 2009

FRIDAY NEWS



Important Dates

- Tuesday Jan. 27th-Open House for prospective students 9am-11am
- Friday Jan. 30th-Last day of Food drive
- Monday Feb 2nd- Happy Groundhog Day
- Saturday Feb. 14th- Happy Valentine's Day
- Monday Feb. 16th- Presidents Day
- Sunday March 2nd- Parade Schools. Open house for prospective students- 1pm-4pm
- Saturday March 7th- International Festival at CDS
- Monday March 16th- Friday March 20th- NO SCHOOL: Spring Break

CDS CARES FOOD DRIVE

We wanted to remind everyone that the CDS cares food drive will continue until the end of the month. In these hard economic times the Food bank needs all the help it can get. More than 35 million people nation wide face the every day challenge of wondering where their next meal is going to come from! Here are some more startling facts about hunger: 1) 35% of those seeking emergency food had to choose between paying rent and buying food. 2)" Nearly every one of us is just two paychecks away from financial crisis." -Richard Goebel, St. Paul Food Bank

Here are some of the most needed foods:

Meat group

- Canned meat: Spam, ham, meat-spread, beef stew, chicken
- Canned fish: Tuna, salmon,

sardines

Milk group

- Evaporated milk
- Canned cheese
- Powdered milk

Pudding, custard

Breads & Cereals

- Baking mix, muffin mix
- Dry cereal
- Oatmeal, grits
- Rice, rice cakes
- Spaghetti

Cornmeal, cornmeal mix

Fruits & Vegetables

- Canned fruit: Citrus sections, oranges, pineapple, applesauce, apricots
- Canned juices: Tomato, orange, pineapple, grape

- Canned vegetables

- Canned soups

Dried fruits: Raisins, apricots, prunes

Other items

- Macaroni & Cheese
 - Spaghetti sauce
 - Boxed juice
 - Peanut butter
 - Canned nuts
 - Jams, jellies
 - Ketchup, mustard
- Sugar, flour

If you would like donate any food items they can be left on the fountain in The Great Hall. We thank you for your help.

Do you know someone who might be interested in CDS. Bring to one of the Open Houses (Tuesday Jan. 27th 9am-11am & Sunday March 2nd 1pm-4pm) and you may win 1/2 off next years tuition!

Just for fun..



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"Grandma, this chili you made isn't chilly at all."

COKE REWARDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Do you drink Coke or Coke products? If you do you can help the school get things like paper, Art supplies, educational tools, and athletic equipment. All you have to do is go to :

www.mycokerewards.com,
find The Country Day School

under participating schools, and put the coke reward points from the cap of your Coke bottle or from the box for you 12 pack in the points reward space. Remember that every little bit helps.

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

We are in the processes of forming a committee for The International Festival scheduled for Saturday March 7th. If you are interested in helping let the front desk know or e-mail us at cds@country-day.com.

SUMMER CAMP

You can now register for summer camp 2009 at Country Day Camp by visiting www.campcnds.com and clicking on the link to register today. If you have any questions please call the front office at (256) 837-5266

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

CDS students are encouraged to leave their cell phones at home. If parents request that students have their phones at school, they may NOT be used to call out or text message during class time. If students do not adhere to this policy, they will be asked to place their phones in their locker or leave them at home. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





J is for Jurassic!



Reminders:

- Spring Progress reports will be going home on Friday, January 30.
- The 100th day of school is February 5.
- We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 13th.

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EXPLORERS NEWS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Only 9 more school days until the 100th day of school! Some of the Explorers still have their hearts set on the 100th day being our last day of school. This week we talked about Martin Luther King, Jr. We even watched the swearing in of our new President during the Inauguration ceremony. We inaugurated our Primary President, Julius the Lemur. We celebrated with a cupcake party of red, white, and blue.

Although the original plan was to work on the letter *li* this week, we decided to talk about the letter *Jj* to go along with the Jurassic period. The Explorers' favorite dinosaurs lived in the Jurassic period. We practiced our handwriting and made our word list. We also practiced sound spelling words that begin with *Jj*.

The children were very excited about one of the words on our word list: **jewel**. With this, we did some "sticker writing." Each student had four jewel stickers. They wrote two sentences using the stickers in place of the word "jewel." Then they drew a picture of something with jewels (e.g. earrings, castles, and birds). The goal of this activity was to work on writing with lowercase letters,

spaces in between their words, and using a period at the end of the sentence.

We have been practicing our star words all week. To continuously recognize these words, we point them out in reading and writing. We also circle any star words found in our morning messages. We continued to practice counting by fives. Please keep practicing counting by fives at home. We also practiced sorting, counting, and graphing Jelly beans. We also measured with them. We will be using our first rulers to measure next week!

The Explorers also have been busy working as paleontologists. We have two fossils in the classroom that the students have been working at chipping out of the rock all week. We will talk about the fossils at the beginning of next week to wrap up our Dinosaur project.

Next week, we will learn the letter *li* and review the vowels, Ee and Aa. We will also talk about Chinese New Year on Monday. We will continue working on our star words and writing in our journal.

This week in the studio the Explorers and Globetrotters worked on a cut paper house project. Each student created a unique cut paper collage using their knowledge of shapes. We also worked on gluing and cutting techniques to create our paper houses. Everyone did a wonderful job this week

We wanted to make all our parents aware that there is a stomach virus going around in the Primary classrooms and we are doing everything we can to stop it from spreading. You can help at home too by encouraging your child to wash their hands thoroughly. Singing the song "Happy Birthday" one time through is considered to be a thorough washing.



Inauguration Day!



Explorer paleontologists are busy digging!



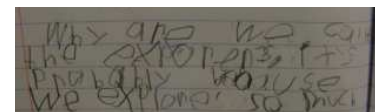
Jenson's Show and Tell



Brody and Avani working on their "Scribble Dinosaurs"



Jj word list



I cannot believe we are so close to 100 days! I am very excited to start our new Projects—Rainforests, Oceans, Outer space, and much more!

Mrs. Rojahn