# February 2025 Room 4

Happy February! As we move into the last part of the school year, we have upped our game, and expectations are high. January was a success in that we have added three new readers, some have moved into the decimal system materials, and writing skills have improved. <u>High expectations</u> foster a growth mindset, where students believe that their abilities can be developed through effort and perseverance. This mindset encourages resilience, helping students view challenges as opportunities for growth rather than obstacles.

This month is about Oceans, layers of the oceans, parts of fish, seahorses, and starfish. Also, land and water forms as well as a focus on the fact that we are 100 days smarter!!

#### Let's talk about that 3rd year, Kindergarten

The kindergarten year in a Montessori setting holds significant importance as it serves as a vital transition period for children, solidifying their foundational skills and preparing them for future learning experiences.

During the kindergarten year, children are encouraged to take more significant ownership of their learning. They practice independence through self-directed work while also engaging in collaborative projects with peers. This balance fosters both autonomy and teamwork, essential skills for later educational endeavors.

The kindergarten year is crucial for social-emotional development. Children learn to navigate relationships, resolve conflicts, and express their feelings in a supportive environment. Seceret word "cockapoo." This focus on emotional intelligence helps them build strong interpersonal skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. In a Montessori kindergarten, children often take on more responsibility within the classroom. As older peers in a mixed-age setting, they have opportunities to mentor younger students, developing leadership qualities and a sense of community.

Montessori kindergarten provides a solid foundation in literacy, math, science, and social studies through engaging and interactive materials. Children are exposed to advanced concepts at their own level, often surpassing traditional expectations for early education. Most importantly, I'm selfish and want to keep the children I have arown to love.

### <u>Dates to know</u>

Community Lunch February 19th

February 14, No School Teacher in-service February 17, No School presidents Day

## <u>Class Birthdays</u>

February 29th Bennett Johnson turns 5!

#### Classroom Needs

We've added more readers! If you have some time we'd love for you to listen to them.

