

# January and February Newsletter

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

We wish you the best this New Year! We are very excited to be back to school. We missed you very much. It brings us joy to see you all once again. This is our favorite time of the year! The children are so happy to be back to work after a long rest.

IS YOUR CHILD RETURNING IN THE FALL? We are enrolling existing students in January and will open the enrollment to new students in February. Please know there is a waiting list and we expect to be full shortly after opening enrollment to new students. If your child is returning for the 2019/2020 school year in the fall, please submit an application found at [www.flowersmontessori.com](http://www.flowersmontessori.com) . Flowers Montessori is also enrolling for the 2019 summer camp program. Please print the application and return it with the enrollment fee to ensure a spot for your child. Applications will not be accepted without the enrollment fee.

Parents interested in the VPK program must contact the Early Learning Coalition. Flowers Montessori School has limited space available and enrollment with VPK status will be accepted first come – first serve. The VPK program is a voluntary program with a parental commitment to attend school regularly. If your family will be traveling or has irregular attendance please do not chose this voluntary program. You can go to the site found below for information which includes when and how to enroll your child in the VPK program. Once enrolled and accepted please print and deliver the certificate provided to Flowers Montessori office. <http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/vpk.aspx>

## ***Tuition payments are due the first of each month.***

Please place all payments, due on the first of each month, in the locked black tuition box by the sign-in sheet near the student entrance. If you have any questions regarding statements please contact Michael Kreeger at [mkreeger@ufl.edu](mailto:mkreeger@ufl.edu) or cell: **352-283-9198**. Please leave a detailed message by email or cell and he will process your request as soon as possible.

## **SAFETY FIRST!!! PLEASE CLOSE ALL GATES ALWAYS!!!!**

Thank you so much for keeping both gates closed at all times for safety. You rock!!

## **Sign in and Out – State of Florida Required**

Please **sign your child in and out daily**. VPK students must sign twice; once for the State of Florida required signatures and once for attendance sheets. The state requires that VPK parents sign or print a LEGIBLE signature. This is for state audits.

## COMMUNICATION BOARD

Please remember to communicate with us. We are here for you. Please use the communication board located by the back hall near the student entrance. Using the board is the best possible way to communicate with the staff. Staff needs to be attentive to the children at all times on the yard and conversations could distract staff from needed attention to the children. Our first priority is your child and their safety. We love you!

## VALENTINE DAY CARD EXCHANGE

We are having a Valentine card exchange for children only on February 14 at 8:30 AM. Please bring 24 valentines to share. PLEASE SIGN ONLY YOUR CHILDS NAME ON THE CARD, do not address the card to another student. This will allow children of all ages to participate easily. Please do not add candy or sugary treats. Look for a sign-up sheet to bring in special valentine healthy snacks. We ask that you follow our **NO SUGAR**, or candy policy. Thank you.

## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

It is time to enroll your student for our summer camp. Summer Camp is a golden opportunity for your child to experience the Montessori Method all year long. Summer camp runs from **June 3 through July 26**. We look forward to fun events, water activities and using the Montessori Materials all summer! The application is found at [www.flowersmontessori.com](http://www.flowersmontessori.com)

**THE COLD AND FLU SEASON IS HERE.** The health department stipulates that a child must **stay home 24 hours after their last fever or vomiting**, and also requires that your child is able to happily attend to the activities required of school during the day. Please consider the other children and staff, if your child is ill we recommend rest, liquids and care at home. If your child is ill and needs to stay home, **please call our school** at 352-376-4700. We care about them and wish them the best of health.

## TAX INFORMATION

Your 2018 year end statement which includes our tax ID number will be included with your February tuition statement. If you have questions regarding statements please call Michael Kreeger. 352-283-9198 or Email: [mkreeger@ufl.edu](mailto:mkreeger@ufl.edu)

Sending light and love! Team Flowers

## Dates to Remember

Jan. 18	School Closed/TWD
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 30	Parents Open House 9 am – 10 am
February 14	Card Exchange
February 18	School Closed/President's day
March 22	School Closed/TWD
April 1 – 5	Spring Break Holiday
April 26	Flowers Art Show Adult only evening event 7 – 9
May 10	Mothers Day Luncheon
May 24	End of Year Concert Last Day of School
June 3 – July 26	Summer camp