

Jumping Jack Journal

Newsletter for Fullerton Community Nursery School



Director Miss Sally's Message

I was reading last year's newsletter to prepare for this one and I was reminded how sick Miss Micky was last year! If you can believe it, she couldn't speak or move her arms or legs just one year ago after a serious illness. I am so thankful she is back pretty much to her old self after 5 months in hospitals and rehab, and PT and OT, and love and support from her family and friends! Hurray, Micky!



Let's get some other well-deserved thank yous out of the way!

Many thanks go to:

The board of directors for the holiday bonus given to the staff! We appreciate it!

Kris Buker (Morrigan Gp. 1) and Silvia Galvez (Allison, Gp. IV) for picking up the snow for us to enjoy. We all had a blast!

Kristal Melendez (Gp. I), Clare Steedman (Gp. III) and Ninh-Kieu Lee (Emerson, Gp. III) for volunteering their time as this year's President, Vice President, and Treasurer.

Lina Colligan (Gp. II) for handling our See's candy fundraiser. Thanks for all those who ordered also!

Jessica Lynch for ordering all those special scrip orders before the holidays, and keeping that box balanced each week! Thanks also to those who ordered!

Michelle Joyce for tallying up all those receipts and scrip orders.

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Diana Saltzman for keeping track each month of all the tuition!

Rochelle Burcell for keeping the maintenance up around here & washing towels!

Jennifer Kohatsu (Makayla, Group II) for becoming our new secretary and ordering the Scholastic books!

Rosters

We've had a few changes to our rosters! We are now full with Wesley Ward joining Group I. Averie Lam has had to leave Group IV, but we are adding Addison Tabata, whose brother was my student about 10 years ago! Welcome! We are sending you out a new Board of Director/Chairperson roster soon!

Kindergarten

If you have a child entering kindergarten next fall, now is the time to be deciding which school you want them to attend. In Fullerton, there is a window of opportunity to get an inter-district or intra-district transfer if you do not want to attend your home school. The date of this Open enrollment period is Jan. 14- Feb. 20. If this applies to you, you may want to make a phone call to the District office or your home school to get more information- or go to their website <https://www.fullertonsd.org/>

Kindergartners must be 5 yrs. old by Sept.1, 2019 to enroll. Schools are having their open houses NOW so if you want to attend those, call the schools to get the dates. If you are interested in the alternative programs offered at Orangethorpe and Rolling Hills, it's time to call and get visits scheduled. I have posted a list of all Fullerton Elementary School Open Houses on the outside bulletin board. Miss Kelly and I can give you more information at your conferences on kindergartens if you want.



Daddy and Me Breakfast

Don't forget this Saturday, Jan. 26, we are having the Daddy and Me breakfast here at FCNS. The kids have made ties for dad to wear if he wants to! It is from 8:30-10:30 AM. We will have donut holes, croissants, bagels, muffins, and a special fruit salad made by the children. We also have a sign-up sheet on the class windows if you would like to send in a breakfast casserole of some sort! Coffee, water, and orange juice will also be available. This is a free event. If Dad can't come, send in a grandpa, uncle, or if all else fails, mom can come! Siblings are not invited, sorry.

Post Office Field Trip

All classes will be walking (weather permitting) to the Sunny Hills Post office to purchase a stamp and mail home a valentine to their parents. We will not be getting a tour this year (they are no longer doing them). Extra parents are always welcome to come along, however strollers are not! They slow down the walkers and are too big for the small post office to accommodate. We ask that each child bring 55 cents for his/her stamp the day of the trip. The price of a stamp is going up five cents January 27, 2019. The teachers will collect the money at school. Dates are as follows:



Groups I & II: Tues. Feb. 12

Groups III & IV: Friday. Feb. 8



Valentine Exchange

All classes will be having Valentine Exchange parties also next month.. Please send signed, but UNADDRESSED valentines with your child. Putting children's names on the envelopes makes handing them out VERY difficult and slow so we ask that you NOT do that! Thanks.

Group I: 18 valentines Tuesday, Feb.12

Group II: 20 valentines Wednesday, Feb.13

Group III: 19 valentines Thursday, Feb.14

Group IV: 20 valentines Thursday, Feb.14

Parent Teacher Conferences

Sign-ups are on the classroom windows. We prefer that conferences take place during the hours we have planned, however we realize some parents can't make the allotted times. We try to accommodate everyone. Each teacher has days she works in the office and you can come in during those hours. Let your teacher know if you need special arrangements.

Speech Screenings

We are scheduling an optional speech screening for the groups in early Feb. We'll keep you posted. You will get a permission slip, with a nominal fee, if you would like a licensed speech therapist to screen your child. Both therapists are wonderful alumni parents of FCNS and work for St. Jude.



Cell Phones

Seems like a good time to remind you of no cell phone policy while working in class. If you are taking photos of the kids, that's fine. Please give your full attention to the kids and duties required of you for the 3 hours you are with us. Tell your spouse, too, if they are working in class, to put the phone away! Thanks!



Membership

Hello FCNS families,

Registration for 2019-2020 is almost here! Please note these upcoming dates:

February 19th-20th Registration for current families, all groups

February 21st-22nd Registration for alumni families

February 25th, 9am-12pm Registration for new families

You will soon receive a registration card and letter in your child's cubby. Please be sure you're current with tuition and scrip to register. First come, first served begins Tuesday the 19th at 9:00am at the end of the hallway. We're also looking into the possibility of offering online registration this year. Stay tuned...

And we have some enrollment changes. Jovial has been updated online.

We're saying goodbye to:

Averie Lam from Group 4

We're welcoming:

Addison Tabata to Group 4 and Wesley Ward to Group 1

I'd also like to welcome our new Membership chairperson, Clare Steedman, Julia's mom from Group 3. A big thank you to Clare for taking on this position!

Thank you everyone for giving me the opportunity to be your Membership chairperson and serve on the board for the last few years, it's been a wonderful time. I'm forever grateful for the co-op spirit of FCNS

See you all soon,

Brooke Bohnhoff

Trevor's mom, Group 2

Maintenance & Housekeeping

MAINTENANCE

Thank you to the following families for completing their maintenance duty in December and January: Habermann, Salvador, Pizaro, Chen, Monnig, Cordero, Estrada, Pana, Blevins, Vonbargen, Kyle, Lozano! Thank you for making sure our kids are playing in a clean & safe yard!



If you forgot your scheduled day, please check the Sign-up sheet in the hallway. Remember that missing your maintenance day is a \$150 fine.

BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO MAINTENANCE DAYS

Saturday, February 2nd at 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Visnic (Grp 2) Lee (Grp 4) Castaneda (Grp 2) Freilich (Grp 2)

Saturday, February 16th at 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Murashige (Grp) Reta (Grp 3) Massaro (Grp 1) Sayao (Grp 2)

Thank you,

Rochelle Burcell, Lee/4 & Colt/3

Maintenance Chair

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Maintenance & Housekeeping

HOUSEKEEPING

Hi FCNS Families!

Everything is going well with housekeeping. I have one update regarding mopping. We are going to stop using Fabuloso (the purple cleaner) for mopping and switch over to an Alpha HP pre-diluted solution, which according to the company info will disinfect bacteria and viruses from hard surfaces. Sounds good to me! Miss Sally will have the solution all mixed and ready to

use in the mop bucket.

We are still needing families to sign up if they have not done so already.

We are short for the January 25th and February 25th housekeeping date. Please sign up on the master list in the hallway.

HERE IS A REMINDER FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE NEXT MONTH

Friday, January 25th @ 12 pm

Group 3- Yilin Tzeng, Sally Kyle, Silvia Wetch, **Opening for one more**

Group 4- Vivianne Kelly, Silvia Rey, Jessica Lynch, **Opening for one more**

Monday, February 25th @12 pm

Group 1- Shannon Massaro, Shannon Martinez, Jennifer Kohatsu

Group 2- Brooke Bohnhoff, Jacky Cordero, Grace Uribe, Betty Monnig

Keep in mind that if a member does not show up on the assigned day they will be fined and rescheduled.

If you have any questions you can reach me at bnlee000@gmail.com or 562-760-6941

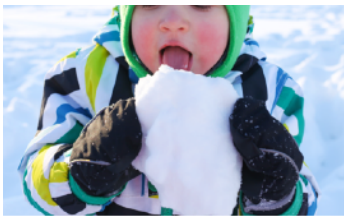
Bianca Lee



Miss Micky Groups 1 & 3

Happy Happy New Year!!!! I was so happy to see all my kiddos back. I hope all of you had a relaxing and joyous holidays. I did and was SO excited to have stayed healthy.

Well December ended with lots of fun activities like gingerbread cookies and reindeer sandwiches. Thank you snack parents for taking the extra effort to make these snacks special. We have accomplished cutie peeling YEAH!!!!!! SO please allow you kiddos time and patience so that they can show you .



January is has brought us the rain and SNOW!!! Thank you very much Allison's mom and Morrigan's dad. They were crazy loving the snow. We ate some before we played in it BUT I have to confess I did catch some sampling it later when it had some extra crunch sorry!!! We have been busy talking winter and revisiting hibernation. Also getting ready to have our breakfast at school with our dads. If dads can't make it you can have mom, uncle, or grandpa join us. It's a fun morning of breakfast, handprints, woodworking, taking pictures, and spending one on one with your loved one. Please join us.

We will also be having conferences so talk to you then.

February is a time to go on our second walking field trip to the post office to purchase our stamp and mail our family a Valentine . So please check the calendar for dates. We will be celebrating Valentine's day on on the 12th for group.I and 14th for GRP. III. WE can have something sweet for snack on these days but also provide something healthy . Thank you. If you would like to bring a Valentine for the class . Please only sign your child's name from. It helps when we pass them out. Thank you again.



We have a new friend in-group I her name is Wesley. We welcome you and your family.



I know this month is also LUNAR New Year. I would like to ask if anyone would like to share this holiday with us. Please let me know.

Sending you LOVE,

MISS MICKY

Miss Kelly Group 2

Winter greetings group 2!



Our Christmas sock drive was a huge success! I personally handed out over 50 socks to homeless individuals throughout North Orange County! Thank you for being the change! I also wanted to thank you for the sweetest birthday sentiments and gifts! I feel so loved and celebrated!



The rain this past week made for some creative problem solving and the kids were troopers! We pulled off snow day with ease and I think the kids enjoyed the cold. Speaking of cold, we have been discussing states of matter from liquid, solid to gas. We created hypotheses for our water balloon experiment. I placed water in 3 balloons and surveyed the class asking the question, "What will happen if I place our balloons in the freezer?" 13 of our students said the balloons will freeze and 7 said the balloons will pop in the freezer. And sure enough, the water balloons froze.

We've also been discussing seasons and the differences that each season brings. I've had a lot of fun with the winter theme, playing with the insta-snow in the sensory tub to the polar bear plunge. We've made snow people out of model magic and have been enjoying the story The Mitten. We read the Russian and Ukrainian version of the story and discussed the similarities and differences of the two. The kids also had an opportunity to sew their own mittens together and placed the animals from the Russian version inside their mittens.



I am looking forward to conferencing with you! I have been busy assessing your children in the area of shapes, colors, numbers, letters, cutting and writing their names. I have a really good idea of what I need to focus on as their teacher and what direction to take my lesson plans.

Thank you to Jen Kohatsu and Patricia Utvich for taking home projects to be cut and such! I really appreciate the help!!! Thank you to Kelsey Ridge- Clark for being my wing lady with the bulletin boards. She's so crafty!!!

We have lots of fun ahead with the Daddy and me Breakfast, Valentine's Day, and letters. Stay warm friends!

All my love,

Miss Kelly



Miss Sally Group 4

It's been awhile since I last filled you in on our activities! After our Stone Soup celebration we began reading nursery rhymes and fairy tales. Children love to hear silly rhyme and play with sounds. It is important in learning to read that children can hear the different sounds and that is why rhyming is so great. You can play with sound and it's fun AND beneficial! Break out the rhyming books at home and help your



child hear the sounds that rhyme. Fairy tales are also favorites for this age. When reading about the big, bad wolf, Goldilocks, and the troll in the Billy Goats Gruff it helps children process fear. We acted out the Billy Goats Gruff story, the Gingerbread Man, and Jack Be Nimble.

We also spent a few weeks making Christmas décor and gifts. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas gift from the children. Many thanks to Diana Saltzman who made gingerbread cookies with the kids. Unfortunately, when we went to get them out of the oven, they had all run away. The children followed the clues they left behind and found them ready to eat on the snack table! It was such a fun day for us, thanks, Diana!



Since returning from the break we spent 2 weeks exploring snow and cold. We did some predicting about what would happen to the water balloons we put in the freezer. I posted their answers on the bulletin board. Kind of funny to read. We made a little snowman out of the ice balls and then watched him melt. We had a snowball fight out of white pom poms- video on our Facebook page- thanks Annie! Snow day was fun. Lots of snow to throw around! Thanks to Silvia Galvez for picking it up. I'm making a poster so you can see the fun on the wall for the rest of the school year!

The rainy days are sad- the kids say, "Miss Sally, it's not raining now!" They are begging to be "let out!" If we get much more, I'm thinking of having a "Play in the Rain Day." It will be optional to go outside. It could be a mess. But it could be brilliant. Stay tuned.

We will spend some time exploring the five senses. Hearing games, smelling games, and touchy feely games! There may be a tasting in there, too!

We are now preparing for our Daddy and Me breakfast this week, making pictures of them and tablecloths to eat on. Hope all the daddies (or someone from the family) can make it!



We will do Pajama Day on Wednesday, January 30. Please send your child to school that day in his/her PJ's. I will be wearing mine, so if you are working that day, please join me! The kids can also bring their favorite blanket or stuffed animal if they have one. If you are scheduled for snack that day, please see me, thanks!

These are some other activities we are doing to get the kids ready for kindergarten:

- 1) The children are learning to read each other's nametags by beginning sounds. For example, when we pick turns for things I will hold up a nametag and say "It starts with an A", I make the A sound, and then they guess Avery, Allison, or Addison. They will get better and better at it and some already can read them!
- 2) We will continue with cutting practice. Cutting projects are important as they do a lot of cutting in kindergarten.
- 3) We are singing an alphabet song and learning the sounds the letters make.
- 4) We are doing counting songs, trying to get them to go beyond 10 to 30.
- 5) We will begin jump roping. This is a complicated skill, so if your child isn't ready for it, it's OK!
- 6) I will work with those kids who are not writing their name yet. Our goal is to get them able to write it by kindergarten.

You have probably seen me taking notes on my little clipboard. This is all in preparation for our parent conferences. We will talk about how your child is doing, if I feel they are going to be ready for kindergarten in 6 months, and/or what school you are going to be sending them to. If you have specific concerns you want me to watch for, please let me know. Sign up sheets are on the class window. If you can't make it on one of those days, I will try to make other arrangements with you.

In February we will talk about what love means, valentines, and we will learn about mail. This is a perfect opportunity to teach your child his/her address at home.

On a sad note, we lost Averie Lam from our class. She needed to go to school for longer hours, due to mom's job. We will miss her. Taking her spot is Addison Tabata. We welcome and look forward to getting to know her and reconnect with her parents, who were here years ago! Dad, Willie, teaches ceramics at the Muckenthaler- and fired our tiles last year!

Happy Winter,

Miss Sally