

## **Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Juliana**

Happy Lunar Year! The year started off with fun activities for the children. We traveled to Japan, Thailand, and China within the continent of Asia, where we learned about the culture and the flags of Asia. The children enjoyed learning about the parts of a horse, parts of a penguin, and parts of a tree. We had so much fun re-creating "The Great Wave" by Katsushika Hokusai with various sponge tools. Our art is beautifully displayed on our art wall.

Let's spread the love in February! I will set out some blank hearts, and I am requesting each parent write 2 to 3 short and sweet love notes to your child. Please return them to class so we can put these hearts on our class tree to make it a "love tree". We will read your messages in class during group time.

We will be learning all about parts of a frog and a fish. This month we will sail to the east to discover the fascinating countries in Asia! The beautiful architecture and beauty of The Taj Mahal in India, the gigantic, never ending Great Wall of China and the humongous Sigiriya Rock Fortress in Sri Lanka (also called the 8<sup>th</sup> wonder of the world) will be discovered during our journey. Our art project will be so much fun as we will be making Lunar New Year art.

The class will continue to learn about Asia's culture, landmarks, animals, and plants. For Spanish, in addition to learning the names of the animals from the Lunar Year Calendar, we will be learning about animals that live in the Middle East. We will also be making a fun Valentine's Day project this month. The class will be introduced to a variety of music from China and Vietnam, and we will also be making our own masks for the celebration of Lunar New Year!

The children will pass out valentines or treats they would like to share. We will decorate bags to hold their precious valentines. If your child would like to bring valentines for their friends, please write: "To my Friend" and "From: your child's name". Please remember our low sugar and no nut policy. All the presents will be sent home. This month will be filled with new adventures, fun, and lots of laughter!!!

### **A few of reminders:**

\*When bringing snack for your child's snack day, please remember to bring in two different food groups. The children enjoy crackers, popcorn, pretzels (something with carbs) along with a fruit, vegetable, cheese, or yogurt.