

**Room 4 Lower Elementary- Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Kinnari**



Hello Parents,

Happy February! Welcome to the shortest Month of the Year! This month we will be exploring the continent of Asia. Our tour will include a visit to India, Japan, & Korea. We will locate the countries on the world map as we learn about their physical features, the prominent landmarks, talk about the people and their culture. Learning about their customs, food and traditional clothing is everyone's favorite experience! We will also talk about animals unique to the continent.

Our study of science will be focused on understanding the process of photosynthesis and learning about the parts of a cherry blossom tree. I will also introduce the parts of a mammal for our zoology lesson. We will learn about the parts of a lion.

The children will be writing short stories with the help of sentence starters. This is a good way for young writers to express their thoughts easily and come up with a few lines on the subject. We will work on stories for the Lunar New Year, Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, & Presidents Day.

For Math, I will be introducing the study unit on money. The children will be introduced to recognition and value of coins and bills.

Our study of Spanish will be based on learning about the continents.

As for Physical Education, we will focus on balance and stretching. With that in mind we will be practicing our Yoga moves as well.

We will learn about different instruments, with special emphasis on the violin. I will introduce the music of Ravi Shankar and Yo-Yo Ma, prominent musicians from Asia. Our artist of the month is Jim Dine. I can't wait for the children to express their own techniques with Pop Art as they create their masterpieces. Have a great month ahead!

Thank you so much for all your support.

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**Important Dates:**

Lunar New Year Celebration: February 1st

Presidents Day: (No School Friday, Feb. 18 & Monday, Feb.21st)

