



March

Dear True Sunshine Families,

This year is flying by! Please save the date for our Second Parent Advisory Meeting on March 8th. This is a great way for you to meet other parents and to help shape the program at True Sunshine. We value your opinion and hope you can make it. This meeting will be worth 1 hour of volunteer credit.

Please note that this will be on the same day as the Baby Project culminating event at 4:30. If you are looking for other ways to volunteer at True Sunshine please consider helping out with our upcoming fundraiser. Our next fundraising meeting will be on March 21st. I am also looking for a volunteer to help purchase a picture frame for a print that I'd like to hang up. Please let me know if you can help with this. I am hoping to find someone who can make a trip to Ikea.

Finally, please check out our Facebook page to see what has been happening in the classroom and remember to like it. You might just see your child there if you've given us permission to use his or her image. Sonya's mom Claudia has been doing a great job of keeping it updated!

Sincerely,

Marianne Lam

Director

Special Requests and Announcements

- Gentle Reminders: Please bring your children to the bathroom to wash their hands each morning

and remember that the classroom bathrooms are for children only. If adults need to use the restroom please pick up a key at the front desk.

- There has been a rise in late pick-ups. Please note that you will receive a verbal warning on your first late pick-up. After that, you will be asked to sign a form to acknowledge the late pick-up and will be charged \$1 for each minute late.

Important Dates

- 3/2 Yi Wen's Birthday
- 3/8 Baby Project Culminating Event 4:30-5
- 3/8 2nd Parent Advisory Meeting 5:30-6:30
- 3/9 Library (Films)
- 3/10 Vision Screening

Special Acknowledgements

- Thank you to Jasmine's mom Ana Wong and Kiyoshi's mom Ana Durant for helping with Spanish translations during picture day.
- Thank you to Angelo's mom Carla for bringing Valentine's goodies for the children and for helping with the photo kiosk on picture day.
- Thank you to Daniel's mom (Catheryn) for baking a Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese frosting so we could celebrate all of the August to January birthdays.
- Thank you to Jenny's mom Connie for buying some goodies for the teachers to enjoy on Jenny's birthday.
- Thank you to all of the parents that brought Valentine's treats and snacks from their vacations for the teachers.



The Dragonflies

Teacher Julie, Teacher Anna, Teacher Bao Wen

Baby Project Field Study to Target

In February the whole class went to Target on a field study to explore the baby department and to find some of the baby products that they have seen in our school classroom environment. The children then drew a picture of an object of their choice to bring back to school for further discussion.

From this field trip the children used their observational skills to draw their observational drawings. Many of the children drew pictures that looked almost exactly like the actual object. After they finished their drawing the children were able to walk around the Baby Department to discover other baby objects. Some of the children observed that some baby pants are longer and some are shorter. Some children also noticed that some of the baby outfits had snaps on the bottom. Teacher Anna then introduced the word "onesie" to the children and many of them practiced saying the word out loud together.



The Butterflies:

Teacher Wendy, Teacher Mei Yi, Teacher Ming, Teacher Irene

Making Strawberry Jam Sandwiches

In February the Butterflies made heart shaped strawberry jam sandwiches during their small group time. First, the children chose white or wheat bread for their

sandwiches. Next, they placed either a heart-shaped cookie cutter on top of the bread or used a plastic knife to trace around a piece of heart shaped cardboard placed on the bread. Next, they used the knife to scoop and spread strawberry jam onto the bread. Finally, they used a piece of bread without jam to cover the jam to make a sandwich!

Through this activity, the children were introduced to the following new vocabulary words: wheat, spread, tap. They also used their fine motor skills to cut the bread around the cookie cutter and to carefully scoop and spread the jam onto the bread. In addition, they practiced their turn-taking skills, hand-eye coordination, and used their senses to enjoy the activity together.

Fundraising

Schoola

- To purchase children's and women's clothing do a search for clothing that benefits True Sunshine using the following link: www.scuola.com/coachdelise. True Sunshine will receive 40% of the purchase price. For a limited time you may use code ourschools for 50% of your used clothing purchase.

Amazon

- When making Amazon purchases use the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2242733>. True Sunshine will receive 0.5% of all of your purchase.

Food4Less

- Do you shop at Food4Less? If so, please visit www.food4less.com. There you may register to donate a portion of your purchases under the community rewards tab.