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#### **Reminders**:



Building Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm

#### Early Bird Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will be open on March 7th. Enrollment contracts will be sent out. Look out for the deadline to pay the early bird registration fee of \$250 + tax.

#### Parent Mailboxes

Please remember to check your child's folder and take their work home every Friday. Fully punched pizza cards will be sent home to be refilled as well.

# **Office News**

Our students have really taken off in their studies this semester and it has been a wonderful sight to see so much growth in each one.

With Spring around the corner, our teachers have been busy switching out works for the new unit of studies and are looking forward to the warm weather when they can spend more time outdoors.



Liam and Rhys working together to build a train track during before care.

We are ready and eager to see our parents for observations, presentations and conferences in March.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT MONTH

#### March

Important Dates to Remember:

- 2-4 Parent Observations 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- 3-6 Student Presentations 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>
- Early Bird Registration 2025-2026 School Year
- Parent/Teacher Conferences/No School 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
- Spring Break/No School 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

#### April

Important Dates to Remember:

- Field Trip/TBA
- Vernal Holiday/No School

#### May

Important Dates to Remember:

 Last Day of School/Graduation 21<sup>st</sup>

If Things Start Happening, Don't Worry, Don't Stew, Just Go Right Along And You'll Start Happening Too. ~Dr. Seuss

### PINON PINE CLASSROOM



During January, our lessons in Science and Zoology were about the solar system and Antarctica. We made planets out of paper plates and incorporated books, activities and songs about the solar system. We also have been hanging up some cool murals in our classroom that pertain to our unit of studies. The children really enjoy looking at them during class time.

During the unit of study on Antarctica, we decided to make an Igloo out of sugar cubes. We even made snow and made it a perfect home for our polar bears!



Prerana and Samantha working at their table.

In the month of **February**, we learned about ways to take care of our teeth and had a blast with our visitor from ABQ Pediatric Dentistry. The children really enjoyed participating in our Valentine's Card Exchange as well.



Ms. Lisa and students engaging in a science experiment.

As we head into the month of **March**, we will be exploring dinosaurs, volcanoes and the parts of a turtle. We have a **Science** experiment planned where we will build a volcano out of sand and use baking soda and vinegar to make it erupt.

The children have really grown in their life skills, and we are just amazed and proud of every one of them.



Lyla chocolate dipping a marshmallow with Ms, Erika.

#### CLASS MOTTO: Be Gentle and Kind

## CLASSROOM NEWS FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 MS. RENEE AND MS. RAVEN

The second semester is off to a great start. The children are getting back into a routine and continue to keep us on our toes. It's hard to believe that it will soon be March.

Our **Zoology** unit of study in **February** was about animals in the Arctic and Antarctica. The children enjoyed discovering all the interesting facts about both land and marine animals that live in these regions.

The Rockhopper Penguin was a focus of ours and the children had a lot of fun creating puppets and enjoyed learning different facts about different penguins that live in Antarctica. We learned how they work together to survive in the freezing cold as well as how they care for their young.

### JUNIPER CLASSROOM



Archie preparing ingredients to make Guotie (dumplings) in cooking class.

Our class did a cool Science experiment to learn about the layer of fat that the Arctic animals have that help keep them warm. We put Crisco into a gallon sized bag and then stuck a smaller quart sized bag inside of it. We filled two large bowls with ice water and had the children put one hand into the bag and then had them put both hands into the bowls of water to see the difference between the two. The children enjoyed making these comparisons and discussing the conclusion.

In Science, we are currently learning about the solar system, the sun, stars, planets, phases of the moon and the constellations. "IN I



Gavriel working with object box #4 in language.

In March, our units of study will be learning about reptiles and parts of a turtle, along with dinosaurs and volcanos. This is always a fun unit of study that is popular among the students.



Violet G., Oliver, Bryce and Benjamin, making Valentine's art.

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### DESERT WILLOW CLASSROOM

### CLASSROOM NEWS FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 MS. WENDY AND MS. ROSALBA



Anthony showing off his 100th day T-Shirt and art project.

February has been a short fun filled holiday month. We started with Groundhog Day. The class took a poll to find out if Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow or not. Will there be an early spring or six more weeks of winter?

Gong Hey Fat Choy! The Chinese New Year brought the year of the Snake. We discussed the preparation, traditional customs, and made different projects to bring in the Chinese New Year. We talked about Valentine's day and where it originated from and why we celebrate it. We also displayed the children's bags and boxes and delivered mail during our morning work period.

As an introduction to the Black History Month, we will be learning about Harriet Tubman, Ruby Bridges, and Jackie Robinson. We will also learn about Martin Luther King Jr. and talk about what his dream was and why we celebrate his birthday.

In **Science**, we studied our universe, and all matter. The children named our planets and had a discussion on what the Sun is and what Pluto was. We learned the name of our galaxy and explored the constellations. The kindergarteners also prepared and presented their Solar system projects to the class as well.



Dylan working on his life cycle of a polar bear worksheet.

In March, we are looking forward to celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday and are eager to move forward in our unit of studies with the following topics.

**Cultural**: South America and the rain forest

Science: Volcanoes and why they erupt or not. We will also be building our own volcano.

**Zoology**: Reptiles and parts of a turtle. Emphasis on dinosaurs and what period they lived in and what they ate?

**Botany**: Learning about the different parts of a tree.



Miles working with the bead stair to complete his math work.

Congratulations to Miles for learning his number recognition and independently working with addition with family equations 1 thru 10. He will be introduced to mixed equations next. Way to go Miles!

### End of Year Activities

### Birthdays



Pinon Pine 1/5 Rhys 2/1 Samantha 2/9 Lyla 3/17 Leilani

#### Juniper

1/14 Akoya 2/12 Lars 2/20 Mariana 3/7 Benjamin 3/19 Oliver

Desert Willow 1/23 LuAna 3/4 Ella



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### CLASSROOM NEWS February/March 2025 Ms. Emma

We started off 2025 by welcoming everyone back into the classroom with new activities. The students created winter themed crafts such as snowmen and penguins. The students also enjoyed showing off their creativity by decorating snowflakes.

Since the weather has been cold, we have been working on ways for the students to release their energy and move their bodies inside the classroom. We have played lots of games such as letter freeze dance and yoga.



### 3-6 AFTERCARE CLASSROOM



Kai and Dylan building a house out of giant legos.

**February** brought many fun Valentine crafts and activities. It was also a time for us to focus on small acts of kindness.

In March we will be focusing our attention on the environment and community. Our activities and experiments will be about our planet and the people who help run it.

"No act of kindness is ever wasted"- Aesop

Ella, Anthony, LuAna, Mariana and Ava showing off their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school art activity..