



## Early Learning Academy February 2010 Newsletter

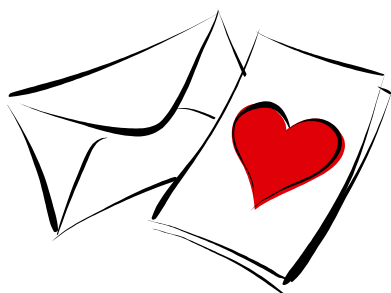


### Message from Mrs. Hao Welcome to February!

It may be cold and wet, but the sun is surely shining at Early Learning Academy. Our children are smiling, we have terrific teachers, and we have many things to celebrate: Valentine's Day, Lunar New Year, Black History Month, and the Presidents' Birthdays.

February will be a busy month! In the beginning of the month, the children will all look at their shadows, just like the groundhogs do, to see if we can guess how many more weeks there will be of winter. (We hope not too many, because it is awfully chilly!

As tax time approaches, many of you may need our Tax ID number: 200-00-5511. The school is registered under the company's name, Pinnacle Schools.



### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- February 11** Valentine's Day Parties  
(Dress in Red Day)
- February 12** Staff Development Day  
**School Closed**
- February 14** Lunar New Year  
"Year of the Tiger"
- February 15** Presidents' Day  
**School Closed**

### HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to  
Gaia Splendore!

### VALENTINE'S DAY DRESS IN RED DAY

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11. Your child is welcome to bring in cards and candies, chocolates, or any treat like stickers, pencils, etc. We ask that you or your child sign the cards with his/her name, but not address them to anyone in particular. That way your child will have an easier time giving them out.

**NO HARD CANDIES, PLEASE!**

# Learning Corner

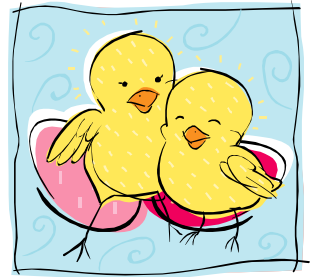
**Theme:** My Senses and Feelings

**Events:** Black History Month  
Lunar New Year  
Valentines Day  
Birthdays of Presidents  
Lincoln & Washington

**Shape:** Heart

**Color:** **Pink**

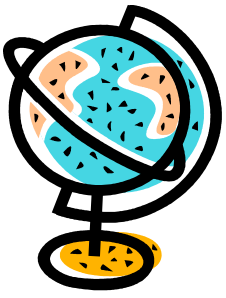
**Chicks (Toddlers):**  
Letters – P, Q, R  
Number – 4



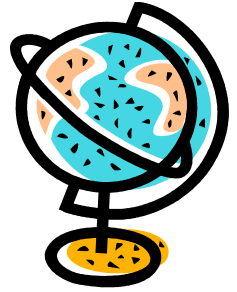
**Pandas (Preschool):**  
Letters –P, Q, R  
Number 7

**Caterpillars (Pre-K):**  
Letters – Review Ll-Nn, Oo, P, Qq  
Numbers – 13, 14





# PARENT'S CORNER



## Black History Month and Lunar New Year

Our country is becoming more and more multi-racial. Being tolerant and respectful of people of different ethnic backgrounds and race is essential in our society.

The staff at Early Learning Academy strives to respect the diversity of our families. We come from many diverse backgrounds. We are proud to have multi-lingual staff who are prepared to work with many of our families in their native languages, as well as to help them learn English.

Children form attitudes about race early in life, learning from the important adults in their lives. Our goal is to take advantage of children's natural curiosity and to help them see differences in individuals as interesting, exciting, and enriching. We will read stories about people from different places and introduce them to their traditions through food and art projects.

## CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Introduce your child to the history and heroes of the African-American culture by logging on to the interactive Kulture Kids site ([aakulturezone.com/kidz](http://aakulturezone.com/kidz)). You'll find children's book recommendations, A-to-Z bios (Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Jr., any many others), plus fun activities including word scrambles and searches.

## LUNAR NEW YEAR

Different countries and cultures celebrate the New Year in different ways. Many countries still follow the lunar calendar, meaning that their new year often starts in late January or in February. New Year celebrations for some countries (like China, Vietnam, and Korea) last not one day, but up to two weeks!

# **PARENT'S CORNER**

**The Lunar New Year for 2010**  
falls on the 14th of February.

**2010 is The Year of The Tiger!**

According to the Chinese Zodiac, the Year 2010 is the Year of the Tiger, which commences on February 14, 2010 and ends on February 2, 2011. The Tiger is the third sign in the Chinese Zodiac cycle, and it is a sign of bravery. This courageous and fiery fighter is admired by the ancient Chinese as the sign that keeps away the three main tragedies of a household. These are fire, thieves, and ghosts.

Tigers are physically powerful, gracious, independent, and brave, they are extremely bold animals. They are friendly and loving but can also be selfish and short tempered. Tigers seek attention and power. Frequently they are envious in a relation. Tigers live dangerously, which often leads to trouble. They are intolerant, take risks, and are always searching for excitement. Tigers are also instilled with a good dose of courage.