



Urban Arts Academy

February 2017 Preschool Newsletter

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Room 208 Spring

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No Preschool Room 208 Only

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Priority Registration and Open House



It's time to register for the 2017-2018 school year! We are giving current families priority registration from now through **February 28th**. The registration form can be found on our website, or by following this link: [2017-2018 Registration](#)

For your reference, here are the 2017-2018 [rates](#) and [calendar](#).

Our Preschool Open House for new families is also rapidly approaching. On February 23rd, we are inviting prospective new families to Urban Arts from 5-6:30 for information about our program and some hands-on art activities! If you know of any families who may be interested in attending Urban Arts next year, please pass along the Open House information



Urban Arts is preparing for our 15th annual Gala fundraiser, coming up on April 22nd. The Gala is our largest fundraiser, and the money we raise allows us to continue to provide quality programming to hundreds of students each year. This year, we need to increase our sponsorship base in order to continue to grow our Gala. Please consider asking your employer to become a sponsor of the 2017 UAA Gala and provide them with the [Sponsorship PDF!](#)

There are many different levels of sponsorship to fit all budgets, and all contributions are tax deductible due to UAA's status as a 501-c3 organization. Company sponsors are listed on all promotional materials, and each sponsorship level has benefits for the company such as priority seating at the Gala.

If your company would like to sponsor or has further questions about sponsorship,

to them - receive a \$50 tuition credit for each enrolled family you refer!

After our February 28th priority deadline, registration will be open to prospective families who attended our Open House, as well as the general public. We hope to see many of you returning next year!

Kate Casanova visits UAA!

After learning about Kate and her art during the month of January, students were thrilled to meet the Minneapolis artist in person! Kate talked about how she made some of her pieces, and students got to ask lots of questions. Kate also brought one of her recent art pieces to show the students.



Kate introducing herself to the preschoolers

they may call us at 612-827-1641 or email Tamar

Reminder: Keep Toys at Home!



Toys that are brought to school can be lost or broken, and cause a disruption in the classroom. **Please keep all toys at home.** If a toy is accidentally brought to school, we ask that the toy stay in your child's cubby until the end of the day.

Full day students are encouraged to bring a quiet time blanket or stuffed animal, which will remain in your child's cubby when it is not resting with your child.

Please contact Elizabeth or your child's teachers with any questions!

Happy February Birthday to our friends!



Students asked lots of questions about the video of Kate with hermit crabs crawling on her head, and what that felt like. Here Kate shows the students how to give themselves a similar tickling sensation on their own heads!



Kate shows her newest piece to the students and they talk about what they notice

Leif J. -- 2/1
Rose M. -- 2/6
Silas P. -- 2/7
Atticus M. -- 2/14
Viva W. -- 2/18



Students show Kate the sculpture installation piece they made (inspired by her artwork) and tell her about how they put it all together

Recall Information

Your family's safety is important to Urban Arts. In an effort to bring awareness to the latest safety hazards, information on products your family may use will be provided in each newsletter.

Infant Products:

[Baby and Child Mobiles](#)

Child Toys:

[Kids Toy Shovel and Garden Tools Set \(Sold on Amazon.com\)](#)

[Pulse Children's Scooters \(Sold at Target\)](#)

Household Items:

[Pre-Lit Christmas Trees](#)

Preschool Play The Lorax



Save the date, our Preschool Play is coming up on February 9th from 4:30-5:30! Students have been reading *The Lorax* in class and creating costumes and props. Each student will act out a role with their classmates during the play.

The play will start promptly at **5:00 pm**; refreshments will be provided.

[IKEA Beach Chairs](#)

[Linon Dressers](#)

Laptop Batteries:
[Toshiba Laptop Batteries](#)

[HP and Compaq Laptop Batteries](#)

For more information about specific recalls, please select the highlighted links above.

For a complete list of product recalls, please follow [this link](#).

For information about food recalls, please follow [this link](#).

Don't Forget!



Don't forget to sign your student in and out of their classroom, Early Care or After Care each day! Sign in sheets are located in each classroom by the door.

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If your family is unable to attend the play, your student can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall by 5:00, as **there is no After Care this day**.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Artist of the Month



Dr Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel (March 2, 1904 - September 24, 1991) was an American writer, cartoonist, animator, book publisher, and artist best known for authoring children's books under the pen name Dr. Seuss. His work includes several of the most popular children's books of all time, selling over 600 million copies and being translated into more than 20 languages by the time of his death.

Geisel received numerous awards throughout his career, but he won neither the Caldecott Medal nor the Newbery Medal. Three of his titles from this period were, however, chosen as Caldecott runners-up. In May 1954, Life magazine published a report on illiteracy among school children which concluded that children were not learning to read because their books were boring. William Ellsworth Spaulding was the director of the education division at Houghton Mifflin, and he compiled a list of 348 words that he felt were important for first-graders

Scholastic Book Club

Urban Arts participates in Scholastic Book Club! When you order books, we earn points that we can spend on books and resources for our classrooms.

To order, visit:
scholastic.com/readingclub

Please use the code
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when ordering so that Scholastic will know that you are an Urban Arts parent.

The deadline to place an order is **Friday, February 24th**.

Please see Elizabeth with questions!

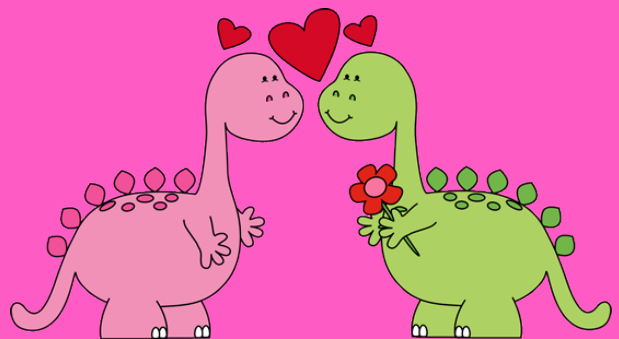
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We are a nut-free facility! Please do not send peanut or tree nut products with your child for snacks and lunches. Sunflower butter is a great alternative to peanut butter!

to recognize. He asked Geisel to cut the list to 250 words and to write a book using only those words. Nine months later, Geisel completed *The Cat in the Hat*, using 236 of the words given to him. It retained the drawing style, verse rhythms, and all the imaginative power of Geisel's earlier works but, because of its simplified vocabulary, it could be read by beginning readers. *The Cat in the Hat* and subsequent books written for young children achieved significant international success and they remain very popular today. In 2009, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* outsold the majority of newly published children's books

Geisel received the Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal from the professional children's librarians in 1980, recognizing his "substantial and lasting contributions to children's literature". He won a special Pulitzer Prize in 1984 citing his "contribution over nearly half a century to the education and enjoyment of America's children and their parents". In 1956, Dartmouth awarded Geisel with an honorary doctorate, finally justifying the "Dr." in his pen name.

Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is coming up! Teachers will provide an opportunity for a Valentine exchange in class. Valentines for your child's classmates are



welcome, but not required. If your child would like to bring valentines, please do not send food or candy. It is also recommended to address valentines to "my friend", instead of each child's individual name. For information about how many students are in your child's class, [email Elizabeth](mailto:Elizabeth).

Make a Difference!
DONATE

If you could donate any of these items, we would appreciate it!

underwear for 3-5 y.o.
watercolor paper
drawing/scrap paper
glue (tacky glue, school glue, etc)
pants for 3-5 y.o.
facial tissue
paper towels
newspaper
container lids/caps
air dry clay
plants
paint brushes
paint

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